

Shasta County Special Education Local Plan Area
Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

As members of the Shasta County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), each district is considered an LEA (Local Education Agency) for purposes of special education. The Office of Civil Rights, not the SELPA, has oversight for students receiving services under Section 504.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Students shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized. (Education Code 56303)

Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504

An important responsibility of school districts is to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability against students with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504. These mandates do not fall under special education.

The Section 504 regulations require a school district to provide a “free appropriate public education” (FAPE) to each qualified student with a disability. Under Section 504, FAPE consists of the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services designed to meet the student's individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met.