

# CVUSD Board Policy

BP 6159.1

## Instruction

### Procedural Safeguards And Complaints For Special Education

\*\*\*Note: The following mandated policy and mandated administrative regulation reflect the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 USC 1400-1482), implementing federal regulations (34 CFR 300.1-300.818, as amended by 73 Fed. Reg. 231), and conforming state legislation. Note that in cases where state law provides greater protections to students, state law supersedes federal law.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 56195.8 mandates all entities providing special education to adopt policy on procedural safeguards and Education Code 56500.1 requires entities providing special education to establish and maintain all procedural safeguards granted by federal law. For California law related to due process rights and due process hearing rights and procedures, see Education Code 56501-56509 and 5 CCR 3082. For federal due process procedure requirements, see 34 CFR 300.500-300.520.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: This policy and accompanying administrative regulation should be revised for consistency with the policy and regulations of the special education local plan area (SELPA) in which the district participates.\*\*\*

The Governing Board desires to protect the rights of students with disabilities in accordance with the procedural safeguards set forth in state and federal law. Parents/guardians shall receive written notice of their rights in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education Students)

(cf. 6159.3 - Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students)

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 56195.8 authorizes the policy to include provisions for involving district Board members in any due process hearing procedure activities. The following optional paragraph designates the Superintendent or designee as the district representative at the hearing.\*\*\*

The Superintendent or designee shall represent the district in any due process hearing conducted with regard to district students and shall inform the Board about the result of the hearing.

\*\*\*Note: A compliance complaint, which can be made by anyone, is an allegation of a violation of state or federal law. A complainant may also file such complaints directly with the California Department of Education. These compliance complaints are different from the due process complaint detailed in the accompanying administrative regulation, which is a legal document that must be filed in order to initiate a due process hearing. \*\*\*

The Superintendent or designee shall address a complaint concerning compliance with state or federal law regarding special education in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56000 Education for individuals with disabilities

56001 Provision of the special education programs

56020-56035 Definitions

56195.7 Written agreements

56195.8 Adoption of policies for programs and services

56300-56385 Identification and referral, assessment

56440-56447.1 Programs for individuals between the ages of three and five years

56500-56509 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights

56600-56606 Evaluation, audits and information

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3000-3100 Regulations governing special education

4600-4671 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11434 Homeless assistance

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.10-99.22 Inspection, review and procedures for amending education records

104.36 Procedural safeguards

300.1-300.818 Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities, especially:

300.500-300.520 Procedural safeguards and due process for parents and students

COURT DECISIONS

Winkelman v. Parma City School District, (2007) 550 U.S. 516

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

Final Regulations, December 1, 2008, Vol. 73, No. 231, pages 73006-73029

## WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Special Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>

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