AGENDA - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Charter SELPA:
David M. Toston, Associate Superintendent  Vicki L. Barber, Retired EDCOE Supt. of Schools
Ginese Quann, Charter SELPA Director  Kathleen Hall, Administrative Assistant
Robert Steponovich, SELPA Business Services Director

Executive Committee Members:
Mary Searcy Bixby, Altus Schools  Lynne Alipio, Altus Schools
Cindy Petersen, Gateway Community Charters  Paul Keefer, Pacific Charter Institute
Pat Hill, Learn4Life  Josh Drake, Rocketship Education
Julie Mattoon, KIPP Bay Area Schools  Kim Damman, KIPP LA Schools
Tim Wolf, King-Chavez Charter Schools  Melissa Mora, ACE Charter School
Debi Gooding, The Learning Center  Karin Marsolais, Preuss School UCSD
Dawn Evenson, iLead Schools  Lisa Frecerro, ASPIRE
Jonathan Dean, The O’Farrell Charter School  DiAnne McClenahan, The Bay Group
J.J. Lewis, Compass Charter Schools  Patricia Dougherty, Phoenix Charter Academy
Mark Ryan, North Valley Military Institute  Wendy Sanders, Redding School of the Arts
Allegra Johnson, Da Vinci Schools  Kapil Mathur, Orange County Academy
Michael Martucci, Ingenium Schools

1. Membership Report
CEO Executive Committee will be updated on the current status of the Charter SELPA membership and applications for membership in 2019/20. Please see Attachment 1 for this update.

2. SELPA Policies and Administrative Regulations
Charter SELPA recommends revising and updating the following Charter SELPA Policies and Administrative Regulations to align with Ed Code.


2b. Charter SELPA Policy 24/AR No. 24 – Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education.

Information and recommendations regarding the revised policies are included in Attachments 2a and 2b.
3. **Administrative Fee Reduction**
   As the Charter SELPA grows and achieves further economies of scale, the administrative fee schedule is revisited. The Charter SELPA has increased to over 170 organizations operating 370 schools and representing approximately 17,000 students with disabilities, and SELPA leadership is proposing to reduce the administrative fee for new partners, as well as existing partners. Please see Attachment 3 for details on the proposed Administrative Fee Reduction.

4. **SELPA Leadership Report**

5. **Next Meeting Date**
   The March 7, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Charter SELPA Executive Committee has been rescheduled and will take place April 9, 2019 via Zoom.
2019/20 Charter SELPA Membership Report
February 2019

Current Members per our Local Plan (as of July 1, 2018)
- 175 Charter Partners
- 381 Charter Schools – Local Plan
- 380 Charter Schools - Operating

Current Active Members
- 380 Charter Schools (Since submitting our Local Plan Revision to the board, RISE High School notified us of their school closure.)

Effective July 1, 2019, the following changes will be made to the Charter SELPA Local Plan

Cohort 1:
- 1 school closed/exited the SELPA (reflecting the above-mentioned RISE High School)
  - Decreasing the partner count by 0
- 19 schools approved.
  - 1 school deferred
  - 18 schools added
  - Increasing the partner count by 9
- Total number of projected schools 398
- Total number of projected partners 184

Cohort 2:
- Opens on April 1, 2019 for new organizations.
- Deadline for new applications and expansions, April 5, 2019 at noon.

Projected Members for 2019-20
- 184 Charter Partners - 398 Charter Schools
Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students
Charter SELPA Policy 23/AR 23

Issue

Charter SELPA Policy 23 and Administrative Regulation (AR) 23 addressing behavioral interventions for special education students need to be updated to align with Ed Code. We have included both the redline version of Policy 23 and AR 23 highlighting the suggested revisions, along with the proposed Policy 23 and AR 23 incorporating the suggested revisions. The attachments are as follows:

2a.1 – Copy of Charter SELPA Policy 23 with suggested revisions highlighted in red.
2a.2 – Copy of recommended Charter SELPA Policy 23.
2a.3 – Copy of Charter SELPA AR 23 with suggested revisions highlighted in red.
2a.4 – Copy of recommended Charter SELPA AR 23.

Recommendation

Charter SELPA Executive Committee input is sought on bringing the revisions of El Dorado Charter SELPA Policy 23 and Administrative Regulation 23, Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students, to CEO Council for adoption at the May 2019 meeting.
Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students

A special education student's minor behavioral problems shall be subject to the disciplinary measures applicable to all students for such infractions.

When a child’s behavior impedes the child’s learning or that of others, the IEP team must consider strategies and supports, including positive behavioral interventions, to address that behavior consistent with the law and SELPA procedures. (20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(3)(B)(i); 34 C.F.R. § 300.346(a)(2)(i), (b); Ed. Code § 56341.1, subd. (b)(1).)

When a special education student’s serious behavioral problem significantly interferes with implementing the goals and objectives of his/her individualized education program, a functional analysis assessment shall be conducted with parental consent and a written behavioral intervention plan may be developed for the student in accordance with law and SELPA procedures.

The Charter CEO or designee shall ensure that staff is informed of the El Dorado County Charter SELPA’s policy and regulations governing the systematic use of behavioral and emergency interventions.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment
56321 Notice of parental rights; consent of parents
56500-56507 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights
56520-56524 Behavioral Interventions
56341.1

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3001 Definitions
3052 Designated positive behavioral interventions
Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students

A special education student’s minor behavioral problems shall be subject to the disciplinary measures applicable to all students for such infractions.

When a child’s behavior impedes the child’s learning or that of others, the IEP team must consider strategies and supports, including positive behavioral interventions, to address that behavior consistent with the law and SELPA procedures. (20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(3)(B)(i); 34 C.F.R. § 300.346(a)(2)(i), (b); Ed. Code § 56341.1, subd. (b)(1).)

The Charter CEO or designee shall ensure that staff is informed of the El Dorado County Charter SELPA’s policy and regulations governing the systematic use of behavioral and emergency interventions.

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49001  Prohibition of corporal punishment
56321  Notice of parental rights; consent of parents
56500-56507  Procedural safeguards, including due process rights
56520-56524  Behavioral Interventions
56341.1

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3001  Definitions
3052  Designated positive behavioral interventions
Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students Individuals with Exceptional Needs

A special education student’s behavior. Behavior of an individual with exceptional needs shall be subject to the disciplinary measures applicable to all students for such infractions unless the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student’s disability, it is a serious behavior problem as defined below.

More serious behavioral problems shall be addressed through the systematic use of behavioral and emergency interventions as provided below.

When a child’s behavior impedes the child’s learning or that of others, the IEP team must consider strategies and supports, including positive behavioral interventions, to address that behavior. (20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(3)(B)(i); 34 C.F.R. § 300.346(a)(2)(i), (b); Ed. Code § 56341.1, subd. (b)(1).)

The Charter LEA may employ a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (“BCBA”) to conduct behavior assessments and provide behavioral intervention services, but the law does not require that these services be provided by a BCBA. (Ed. Code, § 56525.)

Note: With the Repeal of the Hughes Bill, (Assembly Bill 86, effective July 1, 2013 (“AB 86”)) the law does not contain a specific definition of “behavioral intervention” and does not impose any specific requirements for how to conduct or implement a behavior assessment or behavior intervention plan. LEAs are no longer required to conduct a Functional Analysis Assessment (“FAA”) for students with serious behavioral problems. (Ed. Code, § 56523.)

Definitions

Serious behavioral problems are behaviors which are self-injurious, assaultive or cause property damage, and other severe behavior problems that are pervasive and maladaptive for which instructional/behavioral approaches specified in the student's individualized education program (IEP) are found to be ineffective. (5 CCR 3001)

Behavioral Intervention is a systematic implementation of procedures that result in lasting positive changes in the individual's behavior. "Behavioral intervention" means the design, implementation and evaluation of individual or group instructional and environmental modifications, including programs of behavioral instruction, to produce significant improvements in human behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of problematic behavior. Behavioral interventions are designed to provide the individual greater access to a variety of community settings, social contacts and public events and ensure the individual's right to placement in the least restrictive environment, pursuant to the student’s IEP. The use of behavioral interventions shall not cause pain or trauma, shall respect the individual's human dignity and personal privacy, and shall assure his/her physical freedom, social interaction and individual choice. (5 CCR 3001)

Behavioral Intervention plan (BIP) is a written document which is developed when the student exhibits a serious behavior problem that significantly interferes with the implementation of the student’s IEP.

Behavioral Intervention case manager (BICM) is a designated certificated Charter LEA staff member or other qualified personnel contracted by the Charter LEA, and trained in behavior analysis with emphasis
on positive behavioral interventions. (5 CCR 3001)

Note: 5 CCR 3001 specifies that the behavioral intervention case manager is not intended as a new staffing requirement and does not create new credentialing or degree requirements. Duties of this position may be performed by any appropriately trained, certificated staff member.

**Behavioral emergency** is the demonstration of a serious behavior problem which has not previously been observed and for which a behavioral intervention plan has not been developed, or for which a previously designed behavioral intervention is not effective. (5 CCR 3001)

**Functional Analysis Assessment**

When a special education student's serious behavioral problem significantly interferes with implementing the goals and objectives of his/her IEP, the student's IEP team shall determine whether the instructional/behavioral approaches specified in the student's IEP have proven ineffective. If the IEP team finds that these approaches have been ineffective, a functional analysis assessment shall be conducted. (5 CCR 3052)

Before a functional analysis assessment begins, parents/guardians shall be notified and consent obtained pursuant to Education Code 56321. No such assessment shall preclude a parent/guardian from requesting a functional analysis assessment on the basis of language and speech disorders or specific learning disabilities. (5 CCR 3052)

The functional analysis assessment shall be conducted by, or be under the supervision of, a person with documented training in behavior analysis with an emphasis on positive behavioral interventions. This staff shall:

1. Observe the targeted inappropriate behavior, its frequency, duration and intensity
2. Observe events immediately preceding the behavior
3. Observe the consequences of the behavior to determine the purpose it serves for the student
4. Analyze the environment in which the behavior most frequently occurs
5. Analyze records for medical and health factors which may influence behavior
6. Review the history of the behavior, including the effectiveness of interventions used in the past

The parent/guardian shall receive a complete written report of the assessment. The report shall include:

1. A description of the nature and severity of the targeted behavior(s) in objective and measurable terms
2. A description of the targeted behavior that includes baseline data and an analysis of the antecedents and consequences that maintain the behavior and a functional analysis of the behavior across all appropriate settings in which it occurs
3. A description of the rate of alternative behaviors, their antecedents and consequences
4. A proposed behavioral intervention plan for consideration by the IEP team.

**Behavioral Intervention Plan**

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Revision Pending CEO Council Approval 5-23-19
Note: As amended in Federal Register Vol. 64, No. 48, 34 CFR 300.520 requires that a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention plan be developed no later than 10 business days after a student is suspended for more than 10 school days in a school year or after a change of placement occurs. (34 CFR § 300.530; see SELPA Policy 16, and AR 16)

Within 10 business days after removing a student for more than 10 school days in a school year or commencing a removal that constitutes a change in placement, the Charter LEA shall implement a behavioral intervention plan in accordance with 34 CFR 300.520, Board SELPA policy and administrative regulations. (BP/AR 16)

Note re Terminology: BIP and BSP

The IDEA uses the term Behavior Intervention Plan ("BIP") to refer to a less intensive behavior plan developed by the IEP team. Previously, the Hughes Bill (repealed by AB 86) used the term "BIP" to refer to a more intensive behavior plan required whenever an FAA was performed. California also had previously used the term Behavior Support Plan ("BSP") to distinguish between the less intensive plan required by the IDEA and the more-intensive "BIP" required by the Hughes Bill. Now, with the repeal of the Hughes Bill by AB 86, it is recommended that member districts use only the term BIP for all types of behavior plans. (Ed. Code, § 56523.)

Based on the functional assessment, the IEP team shall meet to determine whether a behavioral intervention plan is needed. If such a plan is needed, the IEP team shall be expanded to include a behavioral intervention case manager, qualified staff knowledgeable of the student’s health needs, and others with expertise as deemed necessary by the parent/guardian, Charter LEA or Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). This team shall develop a written behavioral intervention plan which includes:

1. A summary of relevant and determinative information gathered from the functional analysis assessment
2. An objective and measurable description of the targeted maladaptive behavior(s) and replacement positive behavior(s)
3. The student’s goals and objectives specific to the behavioral intervention plan
4. A detailed description of interventions to be used and the circumstances for their use
5. Specific schedules for recording the frequency of intervention use and the frequency of the targeted and replacement behaviors, including specific criteria for discontinuing an intervention for lack of effectiveness or replacing it with a specified and identified alternative
6. Criteria by which the procedure will be faded or phased-out, or less intense/restrictive intervention schedules or techniques that will be used
7. Those behavioral interventions which will be used in the home, residential facility, work site or other non-educational settings
8. Specific dates when the IEP team will periodically review the efficacy of the program
9. The frequency of the consultation to be provided by the behavioral intervention case manager to the staff and parents/guardians who are responsible for implementing the plan

Based on the results of the functional analysis assessment, interventions specified in the plan may include: (5 CCR 3052)
Altering the identified antecedent event to prevent the occurrence of the behavior

1. Teaching the student alternative behaviors that produce the same consequences as the inappropriate behavior

1. Teaching the student adaptive behaviors which ameliorate negative conditions that promote the display of inappropriate behaviors

1. Manipulating the consequences for the display of inappropriate behaviors and alternative, acceptable behaviors, so that the alternative behaviors more effectively produce desired outcomes

Acceptable responses to targeted behavior may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: (5 CCR 3052)

0. The behavior is ignored, but not the student.
0. The student is verbally or verbally and physically redirected to an activity.
0. The student is provided with feedback.
0. The message of the behavior is acknowledged.
0. A brief physical prompt is provided to interrupt or prevent aggression, self-abuse or property destruction.

The behavioral intervention plan shall become a part of the student’s IEP and shall be sufficiently detailed so as to direct the plan’s implementation. (5 CCR 3052)

A copy of the behavioral intervention plan shall be provided to the person or agency responsible for implementation in non-educational settings. (5 CCR 3001)

At intervals scheduled by the IEP team, the behavioral intervention case manager, parent/guardian and others as appropriate shall evaluate the effectiveness of the behavioral intervention plan in accordance with law. This review may be conducted in meetings, by telephone conference, or by other means, as agreed upon by the IEP team. (5 CCR 3052)

If the IEP team determines that changes in the behavioral intervention plan are necessary, the teacher and behavioral intervention case manager shall conduct additional functional analysis assessments and, based on the outcomes, propose changes to the plan. (5 CCR 3052)

The parent/guardian and the behavioral intervention case manager or qualified designee may make minor modifications without an IEP team meeting. The parent/guardian shall be notified of the need for modification and shall be able to review the existing program evaluation data prior to implementing the modification. Parents/guardians shall be informed of their right to question any modification to the plan through the IEP procedures. (5 CCR 3052)

The IEP team also may include in the plan contingency schedules for altering specified procedures, their frequency or their duration, without reconvening the IEP team. (5 CCR 3052)

Emergency Interventions
Emergency interventions not specified in a student's behavioral intervention plan shall be used only when necessary to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior which poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the student, individual with exceptional needs, or others and others, and which cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a systematic behavioral intervention plan that is designed to change, replace, modify, or eliminate a targeted behavior. No emergency intervention shall be employed for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior. A situation that requires prolonged use of an emergency intervention shall require staff to seek assistance of the school site administrator or law enforcement agency, as applicable to the situation. (Ed. Code, § 56521.1(a) through (c))

Only emergency interventions approved by the El Dorado County Charter SELPA may be used. No emergency intervention shall be used for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior. Upon prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff shall seek assistance of the principal or law enforcement agency, as applicable to the situation. (5 CCR 3052) (Ed. Code § 56521.1)

The following emergency interventions, included in “Risk Behavior management of assaultive behavior” training, are approved by the El Dorado County Charter SELPA for use by CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) trained staff only and may only be used as a last resort when a person is in immediate danger to self or others:

a.) CPI’s Personal Safety Techniques Disengagement Skills
b.) Nonviolent Physical Crisis Intervention and Team Intervention:
✓ “Standing Position” utilizing one-two team members
✓ “Seated Position” utilizing two team members
✓ “Team Control Position” utilizing at least two team members
✓ “Children’s Control Position” for students who are considerably smaller than the staff person
✓ “team control position” utilizing at least two team members
✓ “transport position” utilizing at least two team members
✓ “interim control position”

Parents/guardians/residential care provider, if appropriate, shall be notified within one school day whenever an emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. A behavior emergency report shall immediately be completed, kept in the student’s file, and forwarded to the Charter CEO or designee for review. This report shall include: (5 CCR 3052)

1. The name and age of the student
2. The setting and location of the incident
3. The name of the staff or other persons involved
4. A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used
5. A statement of whether the student is currently engaged in a systematic behavioral intervention plan
6. Details of any injuries sustained by students or others, including staff, as a result of the incident (Ed. Code § 56521.1 (e)).
If the behavior emergency report is for a student who does not have a behavioral intervention plan, the Charter CEO or designee shall, within two days, schedule an IEP team meeting to review the emergency report, determine the necessity for a functional analysis behavioral assessment, and determine the necessity for an interim behavioral intervention plan. When applicable, the IEP team shall document the reasons for not conducting an assessment—a functional behavioral assessment and/or not developing an interim plan. (5 CCR 3052) (Ed. Code § 56521.1 (g.).)

If the behavior emergency report is for a student who has a positive behavioral intervention plan, any incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem or where a previously designed intervention is not effective shall be referred to the IEP team. The IEP team shall review the incident and determine whether the student’s behavioral intervention plan needs to be modified. (5 CCR 3052) (Ed. Code § 56521.1 (h.).)

All behavioral emergency reports shall immediately be forwarded to, and reviewed by, a designated responsible administrator. (Ed. Code § 56521.1(f.).) Note: 5 CCR 3052 requires the El Dorado County Charter SELPA to collect behavior emergency report data and annually report the number of such reports to the CDE and the Advisory Commission on Special Education.

Prohibited Interventions

The Charter LEA prohibits any use of the following: (5 CCR 3052)

1. Any intervention designed or likely to cause physical pain
2. Releasing noxious, toxic or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists or substances near the student's face
3. Any intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort or access to the bathroom
4. Any intervention that subjects the student to verbal abuse, ridicule, humiliation or excessive emotional trauma
5. Use of any material or objects which simultaneously immobilize all hands and feet, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained staff as a limited emergency intervention
6. Locked seclusion, unless in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by law to use a locked room
7. Any intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the student
8. Any intervention that deprives the student of one or more of his/her senses
9. Force exceeding what is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances

(Ed. Code, § 56521.2.)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
49001  Prohibition of corporal punishment
56321  Notice of parental rights; consent of parents
56341.1 Individualized Education Programs
56500-56508 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights
56520-565254 Behavioral Interventions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1412 State eligibility
1414 Individualized Education Programs
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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
300.1-300.818 Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER
Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, page 46539-46845
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When a child’s behavior impedes the child’s learning or that of others, the IEP team must consider strategies and supports, including positive behavioral interventions, to address that behavior. (20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(3)(B)(i); 34 C.F.R. § 300.346(a)(2)(i), (b); Ed. Code § 56341.1, subd. (b)(1).)

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Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER
Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, page 46539-46845
Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education
Charter SELPA Policy 24/AR 24

Issue

Charter SELPA Policy 24 and Administrative Regulation (AR) 24 addressing nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services for special education need to be updated to align with Ed Code. We have included both the redline version of Policy 24 and AR 24 highlighting the suggested revisions, along with the proposed Policy 24 and AR 24 incorporating the suggested revisions. The attachments are as follows:

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Recommendation

Charter SELPA Executive Committee input is sought on bringing the revisions of El Dorado Charter SELPA Policy 24 and Administrative Regulation 24, Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education, to CEO Council for adoption at the May 2019 meeting.
Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

Nonpublic, nonsectarian school (NPS) and agency (NPA) services shall be available to pupils in the El Dorado County Charter SELPA. When no appropriate public educational services are available within the El Dorado County Charter SELPA, neighboring counties or SELPAs, or state special schools, a designated member of the IEP team or a the El Dorado County Charter SELPA Administrator Director shall contact the Charter LEA CEO/designee if this type of placement might be considered at an upcoming IEP meeting.

The Charter LEA Governing board may contract with a state-certified nonpublic, nonsectarian schools NPS or NPA or agencies to provide special education services or facilities when an appropriate public education program is not available.

When entering into agreements with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies an NPS or NPA, the Charter LEA Board shall consider the needs of the individual student and the recommendations of the individualized education program (IEP) team. The Charter LEA IEP team shall remain accountable for monitoring the progress of any student placed in nonpublic, nonsectarian an NPS toward his/her IEP goals, programs towards the goals identified in each student’s IEP.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
56034-56035 Definitions of nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency
56042 Placement not to be recommended by attorney with conflict of interest
56101 Waivers
56163 Certification
56168 Responsibility for education of student in hospital or health facility school
56195.8 Adoption of policies
56360-56369 Implementation of special education
56711 Computation of state aid
56740-56743 Apportionments and reports
56760 Annual budget plan; services proportions
56775.5 Reimbursement of assessment and identification costs
GOVERNMENT CODE
757-7588 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to children with disabilities, especially:
7572.55 Seriously emotionally disturbed child; out-of-state placement
FAMILY CODE
7911-7912 Interstate compact on placement of children
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
362.2 Out-of-home placement for IEP
727.1 Out-of-state placement of wards of court
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3001 Definitions
3061-3069 Nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
300.129-300.148 Children with disabilities in private schools

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COURT DECISIONS

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Nonpublic, nonsectarian school (NPS) and agency (NPA) services shall be available to pupils in the SELPA. When no appropriate public educational services are available within the El Dorado County Charter SELPA, neighboring counties or SELPAs, or state special schools, a designated member of the IEP team shall contact the Charter LEA CEO/designee if this type of placement might be considered at an upcoming IEP meeting.

The Charter LEA governing board may contract with a state-certified NPS or NPA to provide special education services or facilities when an appropriate public education program is not available.

When entering into agreements with an NPS or NPA the Charter LEA board shall consider the needs of the individual student and the recommendations of the individualized education program (IEP) team. The Charter LEA IEP team shall remain accountable for monitoring the progress of any student placed in an NPS toward his/her IEP goals.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
56034-56035 Definitions of nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency
56042 Placement not to be recommended by attorney with conflict of interest
56101 Waivers
56163 Certification
56168 Responsibility for education of student in hospital or health facility school
56195.8 Adoption of policies
56360-56369 Implementation of special education
56711 Computation of state aid
56740-56743 Apportionments and reports
56760 Annual budget plan; services proportions
56775.5 Reimbursement of assessment and identification costs
GOVERNMENT CODE
757-7588 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to children with disabilities, especially:
7572.55 Seriously emotionally disturbed child; out-of-state placement
FAMILY CODE
7911-7912 Interstate compact on placement of children
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
362.2 Out-of-home placement for IEP

727.1 Out-of-state placement of wards of court
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3001 Definitions
3061-3069 Nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
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300.129-300.148 Children with disabilities in private schools
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Placement and Services

Note: As amended in Register 99, No. 13, 5 CCR 3060 and 3061 specify new requirements regarding special education classes offered in non-public, nonsectarian schools and agencies. These requirements detail the staffing requirements for instructors, including the credentials that instructors must hold; the eligibility requirements for such credentials; and the number of instructors required per school or agency. Pursuant to 5 CCR 30664, the California Department of Education may issue conditional certifications to allow agencies and schools time to comply with the new requirements.

Procedures specified in law shall govern the selection of appropriate nonpublic school or agency services.

Note: Additional requirements related to contracts and personnel with nonpublic schools or agencies are specified in Education Code 56366 and 56366.3

Contracts with an NPS or NPA nonpublic school or agency shall include an individual services agreement (“ISA”), negotiated for each student. Individual services agreements ISAs shall be for the length of time for which NPS and/or NPA services nonpublic, nonsectarian school services are specified in the student’s individualized education program (“IEP”), but not to exceed one year. Changes in educational instruction, services or placement shall be made only on the basis of revisions to the student’s IEP. (Education Code Ed. Code § 56366.)

The master contract shall specify the general administrative and financial agreements between the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency NPS or NPA and the Charter LEA to provide the special education and designated instruction and services, as well as transportation specified in the student’s IEP. The administrative provisions of the master contract shall also include procedures for record keeping and documentation, and the maintenance of school records by the contracting charter LEA to ensure that the NPS provides appropriate high school graduation credit to is received by the student. The contract may allow for partial or full-time attendance at the nonpublic nonsectarian school. (Education Code Ed. Code § 56366.)

Note: The nonpublic school or agency In order for a Charter LEA to contract with an NPS or NPA, the NPS and NPA must be certified as meeting state standards, pursuant to (Education Code § 56366.) A master contract may be terminated for cause with 20-days’ notice. 20 days’ notice; however, However, the availability of a public education program initiate during the period of the master contract cannot give cause for termination unless the parent/guardian agrees to transfer the student to the public program.

The master contract shall include a description of the process being utilized by the Charter LEA to oversee and evaluate placements in the NPS, nonpublic, nonsectarian schools. This description shall include a method for evaluating whether the student is making appropriate educational progress. (Ed.cation Code 56366)

The Charter CEO or designee of an elementary Charter LEA shall notify a high school district of all students placed in NPS or NPA nonpublic school or agency programs prior to the annual review of the
IEP for each student who may transfer to the high school district. *(5 CCR 3068)* *(5 CCR § 3069.)*

When a special education student meets the district requirements for completion of prescribed course of study as designated in the student’s IEP, the district which developed the IEP shall award the diploma. *(5 CCR 3069)* *(5 CCR § 3070.)*

**Out-of-State Placements**

Note: Government Code 7572.55 and Welfare and Institutions Code 362.2 and 727.1, as amended by SB 933 (Ch. 311, Statutes of 1998) relate to the out-of-state placement of children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and/or wards of the court. Such placements may be made only after in-state alternatives have been considered and found not to meet the child’s needs. *(Gov. Code § 7572.55; Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 362.2 and 727.1.)*

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Proposed Administrative Fee Reduction

Issue
As the Charter SELPA grows and achieves further economies of scale, the administrative fee schedule is revisited.

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As the Charter SELPA has increased to over 170 organizations operating 370 schools and representing approximately 17,000 students with disabilities, SELPA leadership is proposing to reduce the administrative fee for New Partners, as well as Existing Partners.

Recommendation
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Charter SELPA Formula
Prior to distribution of state and federal funding, the applicable administrative fee % is applied. The fee is calculated based on both state and federal funding sources, but only state dollars will be transferred.

Date of entry for purposes of the administrative fee is based on the date of the Organization Partner. For example, if the Organization Partner qualifies for a 3% fee based on five years of membership, the expansion charter would be treated the same and receive the 3% fee. The fee does not apply to other grant dollars received by the SELPA, however the SELPA may charge an appropriate indirect rate for specific grants that are administered by the SELPA.

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Specified Criteria for Administrative Fee in Year 3 and Year 5:

- Member in good standing
- Meets minimum CEO Council and Steering Committee participation requirements
- Timely submission of program reporting: e.g. IEP reporting, Pupil Count
- Timely submission of financial reports
- Meets Maintenance of Effort requirements
- No significant outstanding program compliance issues
Notification of fee eligibility
By March 1, prior to the start of a fiscal year, Charter SELPA shall notify partners entering their 3rd year or 5th year, if they are deemed to be eligible for the reduced administrative fee for the following fiscal year. Once a partner receives approval for the administrative fee in accordance with the schedule noted above, the fee continues unless changed by a failure to maintain good standing. Despite subsequent actions, e.g. failure to meet MOE in September, the lower fee will be honored for the entire fiscal year for which it was granted.

Failure to retain membership in good standing for lower administrative fee
By March 1 (if possible), but no later than June 1, prior to the start of a fiscal year, Charter SELPA shall notify partners if they are no longer in good standing or no longer eligible for the administrative fee rate previously established for the following fiscal year.

Failure to retain membership in good standing - termination from Charter SELPA membership
The Charter SELPA Participation Agreement, Local Plan, Allocation Plan, and Policies outline the responsibilities of Charter SELPA members. As noted above, failure to meet responsibilities can create ineligibility for the lower administrative fee. It should also be noted that failure to meet those responsibilities can result in termination of membership with the Charter SELPA.