

Merced County SELPA

Policy 1.16

PARTICIPATION IN ASSESSMENTS

It shall be the policy of each LEA in the SELPA that students with disabilities are included in general State and district-wide assessments and reports relating to assessments. The IEP team determines how a student will access assessments with or without appropriate accommodations, or access alternative assessments, consistent with the state standards governing such determinations.

All special education students within the Merced County SELPA shall have access to state and/or LEA assessments and reports relating to assessments. Through the IEP process, each student's strengths and weaknesses will be evaluated to determine appropriate means of access to a LEA and/or state adopted assessment(s). Each LEA shall implement the use of the SELPA-wide IEP form to address individual student access to the statewide and LEA assessments. The State Assessment IEP form is updated as needed to reflect current federal and state laws as related to special education students' access to mandated assessments.

All special education students shall be tested with the designated state achievement test and the standards-based test, unless their individualized education program specifically identifies that the student will be tested with an alternative state adopted performance assessment(s).

Students receiving special education services through an Individualized Education Plan or students with a current Section 504 plan shall be assessed with the accommodations or modifications as identified in either the IEP or Section 504 document. Preschool age students receiving special education services will have access to the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP).

Special education personnel have a responsibility to ensure special education students have appropriate accommodation(s) and/or modification(s) to meet the individual needs of the students and allow access to all State and LEA assessments. Accommodation(s) and/or modifications(s) identified on the IEP for use during state assessments, must also be used regularly in the classroom. Each LEA shall follow and implement the California State Board of Education policies and administrative regulations related to assessment, data collection and waiver processes.

Legal References

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Federal References: 20 USC 1412 (a) (16)

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