

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF**

**Resource Specialists**

Education Code 56195.8 **mandates** entities providing special education to adopt a policy related to resource specialists. Education Code 56362 identifies services to be provided by resource specialists and the qualifications required for directors of resource specialist programs. Districts using the following material should revise it for consistency with the policy and regulations of the SELPA in which the district participates.

The Board of Trustees shall employ certificated resource specialists to provide services, where required by law, for students who have exceptional needs, their parents/guardians, and school staff.

The resource specialist program shall be directed by a resource specialist fully qualified in accordance with law.

Education Code 56195.8 provides that after the CDE issues guidelines relating to caseloads for programs for children with exceptional needs aged 3 through 5, entities providing special education will be mandated to adopt policy on caseloads. As yet, these guidelines have not been developed.

Caseloads for special day classes are not set by law and may be determined through certificated collective bargaining agreements. Other special education caseloads are specified in Education Code 56362 and 56363.3. Guidelines regarding caseloads may be included in the SELPA's plan.

*(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)*

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

*(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program (IEP))*

*(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)*

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

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

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

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

56195.8 *Adoption of policies*

56361 *Program options*

56362 *Resource specialist program, contents, direction; resource specialists, case-loads, assignments, instructional aide; pupil enrollment*

56362.1 *Caseload*

56362.5 *Resource specialist certificate of competence*

56362.7 *Bilingual-crosscultural certificate of assessment competence*

56363.3 *Average caseload limits*

56441.7 *Maximum caseload (programs for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five inclusive)*

56728.6 *Instructional personnel funding*

56728.8 *Instructional personnel funding; services to infants*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3051.1 *Language, speech and hearing development and remediation; appropriate credential*