

SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

20 USC 1412 (a) (22)

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POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Sacramento County SELPA that data on suspension and expulsion rates will be provided in a manner prescribed by the State.

California has extensive law with regard to suspension and expulsion. Educational opportunities are provide all expelled students. The principal of each school is responsible for keeping detailed records and reporting each incident to the district and board of education. The district in turn is responsible to report annually to the Department of Education data on the numbers of students recommended for expulsion, the grounds for the recommendation, the action taken, the type of referral for education, and the disposition of the pupil at the end of the expulsion period. The Department of Education analyzes the data to determine if an LEA has a significant discrepancy from state averages. Failure to submit a timely report requires the state superintendent to withhold further apportionment of funds to the LEA. The California Code of Regulations requires LEAs to report annually to the Department all events requiring an “emergency behavioral report” indicating a student with a disability has had an event of serious behavior the nature of which could be grounds for suspension or expulsion. The Department is required annually to provide the data from these reports to the Commission on Special Education.

The Special Education Division is organized into geographic regions for providing focused monitoring and technical assistance and for the purpose of maintaining a close relationship with the LEAs and the performance of their students with disabilities. A database of key performance indicators (KPI) is kept and analysis is made on an ongoing basis to provide assistance whenever KPIs indicate a potential problem. In this mode, excessive suspension and expulsion rates will trigger an action for Department and SELPA staff to work with the LEA to determine the basis for and a resolution to the problem. Such an indicator may also target the LEA for an on-site review if a timely and satisfactory resolution has not been implemented.

PROCEDURES

In accordance with federal requirements: 20 USC 14121 (a) 22, shall be the policy of the SELPA that the state prescribed data rates on suspension and expulsion will be collected, at a minimum:

- On the LEA’s MIS system
- As reported to the SELPA for the annual CASEMIS report from each LEA

The data will be reported to the State Department of Education as directed by state guidelines.