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## Board Cover Memorandum

**To** Board of Education

**From** Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent  
Sondra Aguilera, CAO  
Jenn Blake, Executive Director, Special Education

**Meeting Date** April 24, 2024

**Subject** Amendment to Board Policy BP 6159: Individualized Education Program

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**Ask of the Board** Approval by the Board of Education of the amendment to Board Policy 6159: Individualized Education Program related to the Oakland Unified 2024-2027 SELPA Part B Special Education Local Plan

**Background** The California Department of Education requires that each Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) create, adopt and implement a Local Plan, Annual Budget Plan, and Annual Service plan. The Local Plan must be revised every three years, and it contains detailed information about the operations, procedures and governance structures of the SELPA. Part B of the Local Plan requires review of board policies related to serving students with disabilities to assure conformity with Title 20 *United States Code (USC)* and in accordance with Title 34 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Section 300.201.

**Discussion** We ask that the Board approve the amendment to Board Policy 6159: Individualized Education Program to assure that Oakland Unified Board Policies align with language required by the California Department of Education (CDE) related to the Special Education Local Plan.

**Fiscal Impact** No Fiscal Impact. Will use existing Special Education funds. Funds can be withheld by the California Department of Education (CDE) if the plan is not adopted in a timely manner.

**Attachment(s)**

- BP 6159: Individualized Education Program Redline Version
- BP 6159: Individualized Education Program Clean Version

# OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board Policy

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### Instruction

#### Individualized Education Program

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- (cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)
- (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
- (cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
- (cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)
- (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
- (cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)
- (cf. 6159.1 - 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 Students)
- (cf. 6164.4 - Identification of Individuals for Special Education)
- (cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

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Legal Reference:

## EDUCATION CODE

51225.3 Requirements for high school graduation and diploma  
56055 Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster child's education  
56136 Guidelines for low incidence disabilities areas  
56195.8 Adoption of policies  
56321 Development or revision of IEP  
56321.5 Notice to include right to electronically record  
56340.1-56346 Instructional planning and individualized education program  
56350-56352 IEP for visually impaired students  
56380 IEP reviews; notice of right to request  
56390-56393 Certificate of completion, special education  
56500-56508 Procedural safeguards  
60640-60649 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program  
60850 High school exit examination, students with disabilities

## FAMILY CODE

6500-6502 Age of majority

## GOVERNMENT CODE

7572.5 Seriously emotionally disturbed child, expanded IEP team

## WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 Children subject to jurisdiction  
601 Minors habitually disobedient  
602 Minors violating law defined as crime

## CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

852-853 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, accommodations for students with disabilities

1216-1218 High School Exit Examination, accommodations for students with disabilities

3021-3029 Identification, referral and assessment

3040-3043 Instructional planning and the individualized education program

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1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

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## COURT DECISION

Shapiro v. Paradise Valley Unified School District, No. 69 (9th Circuit, 2003) 2003 US.App. LEXIS 1395

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Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

34 CFR 300.a Appendix A to Part 300 - Questions and Answers

34 CFR 300.a1 Attachment 1: Analysis of Comments and Changes

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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