

REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*"Success isn't measured by the position you reach in life, but by the obstacles you overcome."
- Booker T. Washington, Educator*

An open letter to parents of children with disabilities in grades K-12 who are enrolled in private schools.

Dear Parents:

Changes in federal law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), have a direct impact on providing services to pupils in private schools. Specifically, while IDEA provides for services to be provided in private schools, the mandate only provides for the use of federal funds available per pupil. The type of service we provide is based solely on a decision of the SELPA, based upon input from our private schools. We will be providing consultation to private school teachers to support academic development as our Private School services for this school year. This is typically one hour per month of consultation time during the 10 month school year.

When assessments are completed, Redondo Beach Unified School District will schedule an Individual Evaluation Plan meeting to review the results. At this meeting, the district will determine if your child is eligible for special education services and develop a complete IEP. If you elect to enroll in the district's public school, then the IEP will be implemented. If you elect to enroll or continue to enroll your child in a private school, then the district will offer to develop a Private School Service Plan. Your child will be able to receive the services recommended on the IEP only if you decide to enroll him/her in the public school system.

Families retain their right to due process as it relates to the IEP, however federal protection and due process does not apply to the Private School Services Plan.

These new mandates have changed our focus in providing services. If you have questions regarding these issues, additional information is available via the Southwest Special Education Family Resource Center at 310-798-2965 or you may contact the Special Education Office at 798-8683.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Aaron P. Benton in black ink.

Aaron Benton,
Executive Director of Special Education

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