

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 6159.3

Instruction

Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Student

~~The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent to represent a child with exceptional needs in accordance with law and shall develop procedures for recruiting, training and assigning adults to serve as surrogate parents. Before individuals are appointed as surrogate parents, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that they have had a criminal background screening and have demonstrated interest in working with children with disabilities, sensitivity to ethnic and cultural factors, and ability to work cooperatively with others.~~

In order to protect the rights of students with disabilities, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent to represent a student with disabilities as necessary in accordance with law. He/she shall develop procedures for recruiting, training and assigning adults to serve as surrogate parents.

Legal References:

Education Code

56028 Parent (definition includes surrogate)

56050 Surrogate parents

56055 Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster youth's education

Government Code

7570-7587 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to children with disabilities

7579.5 Surrogate parent; appointment; qualifications; liability

(cf. 6164.3 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education) (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Special Education Students)

(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Exceptional Needs))

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Individuals with Exceptional Needs)

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

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(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints)
(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special
Education)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification of Individuals with Exceptional Needs)

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