

Parents Rights and Resources

School oversight is managed by a considerable group of federal and state laws, regulations and ordinances. California nonpublic, non-sectarian schools that are certified to contract with public school districts to educate students with special needs are regulated by many more laws, statutes and requirements. The Haynes Education Center is certified by the California Department of Education as a nonpublic, non-sectarian school and fully complies with an expansive scope of laws, regulations and ordinances.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation.

IDEA requires school districts to provide a “free appropriate public education” to eligible children with disabilities. A free appropriate public education means that special education and related services are to be provided as described in an individualized education program (IEP) and under public supervision to your child at no cost to you. Working in partnership with multiple Southern California area school districts, the Haynes Education Center is a free appropriate public education option for children with disabilities.

As a parent, you have a right to participate in any decision-making meeting regarding your child’s special education program. You have the right to participate in IEP team meetings about the identification (eligibility), assessment, or educational placement of your child and other matters relating to your child’s education.

The Haynes Education Center’s experienced and knowledgeable staff is always available to discuss student and parent rights and procedural safeguards.

Learn more about student and parent rights

The following web sites are provided as resources for learning more about the laws and regulations governing schools, which constitute student and parent rights:

- California Department of Education – www.cde.ca.gov
- CA State Board of Education – www.cde.ca.gov/be
- Office of Administrative Law: CA Code of Regulations – <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>
- CA Legislative Information – www.leginfo.ca.gov
- CA State Assembly – www.assembly.ca.gov
- CA State Senate – www.sen.ca.gov
- U.S. Department of Education – www.ed.gov

Special education student and parent rights — California

- CA Special Education Division: Information, Publications, etc. – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/sr
- Links to Sites Related to Special Education National and State Laws and Regulations – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/sr/selinks.asp
- CA Dept of Ed, Special Education Division – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se
- CA Special Education Programs: A Composite of Laws – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/sr/selinks.asp
- CA Advisory Commission on Special Education – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/as/acse.asp
- CA Quality Assurance Process – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/qa
- CA Focused Monitoring Technical Assistance Contact Information – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/qa/fmtacncnt.asp
- Transition to Adult Living: A Guide for Secondary Education – www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/sr/documents/transitiongde.pdf

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Special education student and parent rights – Federal

U.S. Department of Education – www.ed.gov

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services – www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers

Code of Federal Regulations – www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html

Related information

No Child Left Behind – www.cde.ca.gov/nclb

Western Regional Resource Center – www.rrfcnetwork.org/wrrc

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities – www.nichcy.org

Council for Exceptional Children – www.ideapractices.org