

**INSTRUCTION**

**Appointment Of Surrogate Parent For Special Education Students**

In order to protect the rights of students with disabilities, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent to represent a child with disabilities as necessary in accordance with law. He/she 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 passed a criminal background screening and have demonstrated interest and skill in working with children with disabilities, sensitivity to ethnic and cultural factors, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

Legal Reference:

Education Code

56028 Parent

56050 Surrogate parents

Government Code

7570-7588 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to disabled children, especially:

7579.5 Surrogate parent: appointment: qualifications: liability

Welfare and Institutions Code

300 Children subject to jurisdiction

601 Minors habitually disobedient or truant

602 Minors violating laws

United States Code, Title 20

1414-1487 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34

300.20 Definition "parent"

300.515 Surrogate parents

Policy

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