

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

SELPA Membership

(BP 2002)

In 1977, all school districts and county offices of education were mandated to form consortiums in geographical regions of sufficient size and scope to provide for all students with exceptional needs who reside within those local educational agencies (“LEAs”) to form a special education local plan area (“SELPA”). Subsequently, all charter schools that are deemed a local educational agency for purposes of special education pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 47640) of Chapter 6 of Part 26.8 of the California Education Code were added to the mandate to participate in a SELPA.

The current members of the Santa Barbara County SELPA include the Santa Barbara County Education Office; all of the school districts in Santa Barbara County; and LEA charter schools that have completed the process of becoming members.

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OTHER

California Special Education Local Plan Areas (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/as/caselpas.asp>)
March 27, 2019 Letter from Superintendent of Public Instruction to State Board of Education
(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gJu4C8mVKsSpV7taV5ompkDpN0Yo26lr/view>)