

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

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6100 IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL

6114 Referrals for Regionally Provided Occupational Therapy Services and Assessment

The following procedures shall apply to requests for assessment in the area of occupational therapy (OT) when OT services are deemed possibly necessary to assist a child to benefit from his or her special education. If the suspected area of need is deemed to be possibly medically necessary, the assessment request for OT should be forwarded to California Children Services (CCS) as per policy 6110.

If a written request for assessment in the area of occupational therapy is made, the following assessment procedures as specified in education code shall be followed.

A referral for assessment may be made by any of the following:

1. A parent or guardian of the individual.
2. A teacher or other service provider of the individual via an SST meeting or otherwise.
3. A foster parent of the individual, consistent with the limitations contained in federal law.

A proposed assessment plan shall be developed within 15 calendar days of referral for assessment, not counting calendar days between the pupil's regular school sessions or terms or calendar days of school vacation in excess of five school days, from the date of receipt of the referral, unless the parent or guardian agrees in writing to an extension, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56321.

A parent or guardian shall have at least 15 calendar days from the receipt of the proposed assessment plan to arrive at a decision, pursuant to subdivision © of Section 56321.

An individualized education program required as a result of an assessment of a pupil shall be developed within a total time not to exceed 60 calendar days, not counting days between the pupil's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five school days, from the date of receipt of the parent's or guardian's written consent for assessment, unless the parent or guardian agrees in writing to an extension, pursuant to Section 56344.

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If an LEA in the SBCSLEPA desires to make a referral for assessment to a regional OT, the LEA Special Education Administrator or designee shall complete the SBCSELPA OT referral packet (see Procedural Manual Forms).

30 EC 56043 – Primary Timelines Affecting Special Education Programs

30 EC 56029 – Definition of “Referral for Assessment”

L GC 7572 – Child Assessed I All Areas Related to Suspected Disability

1 GC 7575 – Responsibility for Provision of Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy

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