

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

SPECIAL EDUCATION - INSTRUCTION

ASSESSMENT

Responsibility for Assessment of Pupils Referred for Special Education

Pupils referred for Special Education within Santa Barbara County shall be assessed as follows:

- (1) Individuals referred within the ages of birth to 3 years are the responsibility of the County Education Office.
- (2) Assessment of individuals referred within the ages of 3 to 4.9 years shall be the responsibility of the County Education Office or the district of residence if they operate pre K programs for students with individualized education plans (IEPs) and "speech only" referrals which may be conducted by the district of residence or as agreed between the County Education Office and districts.
- (3) For those referrals where the expertise of assessment of a suspected disability exists with personnel in District operated programs, these District personnel shall be included in the assessment of the referred individual. Preschool children are to be reassessed prior to transitioning from a preschool program to kindergarten or first grade and monitored to determine a continuing need for special education.
- (4) Within the ages of 3 to 21, individuals referred who attend private schools (other than LCIs or certified non-public schools) shall be assessed by the district where the private school is located.
- (5) Individuals referred who reside in foster family homes or in group homes defined as licensed children's institutions are the responsibility of the non-direct service district in which the individual resides or the County Education Office if the individual resides in a direct service district of Santa Barbara County, except as covered in items 1, 2 and 3 above.
- (6) Assessment of referred individuals who have been placed in a Juvenile Court facility are the responsibility of the District of Residence in collaboration with the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

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- (7) Individuals attending public school programs while residing in LCIs become the responsibility of the District or County Education Office operating the program the individual attends.

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