

**TULARE COUNTY/DISTRICT SELPA      POLICY # 2505**

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***Independently Funded Special Education Programs***

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Districts with an ADA above 10,000 shall be eligible to operate severely handicapped (SH) programs under an independently funded model.

Funding of such districts shall be based on the base apportionment of the state Annual Special Education Funding Exhibit, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act ("IDEA"), otherwise referred to as PL 94-142, and property tax.

Districts shall receive funding based on the prior year P-2 ADA portion of special education funding.

The responsibility, including services to low incidence students, legal services, and transportation shall remain solely with the district selecting the independently funded model. Contracting services for low incident students from the Tulare County Office of Education shall be an available option.

SELPA regional services funding shall remain with the SELPA administrative unit. These funds are for the operation of SEIS and regional support services.

Program Specialist funding shall be allocated based on the current formula of regional services dollars, and shall be allocated to the independently funded district.

ALL districts shall have access to SELPA regional services regardless of funding status. Regional services include in-services, CALPERS reporting to CDE and participation in the Superintendents Governance Committee, Directors of Special Education Committee, and Community Advisory Committee.

Independently funded districts shall not be considered eligible for any additional reimbursement (i.e. legal fees, SH Inclusion funds) through the SELPA.

**References:**Title 20 U.S. C. 1400 et. al.; EC 56198.7(i), 56205(a)(12)(D)(ii)(II)