

Resource Specialists

The Local Education Agencies shall employ certificated resource specialists to provide services which shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 56362)

1. Instruction and services for students whose needs have been identified in an individualized education program (IEP) and who are assigned to regular classroom teachers for a majority of the school day.
2. Information and assistance to students with disabilities and their parents/guardians.
3. Consultation with and provision of resource information and material regarding students with disabilities to their parents/guardians and other staff members.
4. Coordination of special education services with the regular school programs for each student enrolled in the resource specialist program.
5. Monitoring of student progress on a regular basis, participation in the review and revision of IEPs as appropriate, and referral of students who do not demonstrate sufficient progress to the IEP team.
6. Emphasis at the secondary school level on academic achievement, career and vocational development, and preparation for adult life.

The resource specialist program shall be directed by a resource specialist who is a credentialed special education teacher or who has a clinical services credential with a special class authorization, and who has three or more years of teaching experience, including both regular and special education teaching experience. (Education Code 56362)

No resource specialist shall have a caseload which exceeds 28 students. As necessary and with the agreement of the resource specialist, the Board may request a waiver from the State Board of Education to increase the caseload to no more than 32 students, provided that an individual resource specialist does not have a caseload exceeding 28 students for more than two school years and has the assistance of an instructional aide at least five hours daily during the period of the waiver. (Education Code 56362; 5 CCR 3100)

Resource specialists shall not simultaneously be assigned to serve as resource specialists and to teach regular classes. (Education Code 56362)

Legal References:

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EC 44250-44279

EC 44256

EC 44265

EC 56195.8

EC 56361

EC 56362

EC 56362.1

EC 56362.5

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5 CFR 3100