Specialized Equipment and Services

Students with low incidence disabilities will receive special education and related services in the least restrictive environment as determined by the IEP Team. Specialized books, materials and equipment and specialized services required to support low incidence students in the least restrictive environment will be provided as indicated in the IEP. Funds provided by the California Department of Education for these purposes shall be provided through the SELPA.

Funds will only be approved for special education students with an IEP/IFSP indicating that the student meets the eligibility criteria for either severely orthopedically impaired, deaf, hearing impaired, deaf/blind, visually impaired or blind. Severely orthopedically impaired is defined as: “A severe orthopedic impairment that is persistent and significantly restricts an individual’s normal physical development, movement, and activities of daily living. As a result, this impairment may affect the pupil’s educational performance. Accompanying sensory, intellectual, learning, and medical problems often occur which may affect the pupil’s school performance.” Funding will be subject to the requirements outlined in the CDE publication, Funding for Specialized Books, Materials and Equipment for Low Incidence Students. Low incidence funds may only be used to supplement, not supplant base program funding sources.

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