

Downey Unified School District

INSTRUCTION (Special Education)

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PLACEMENT

AR 3175.3

The District's first responsibility is to provide to all pupils an appropriate educational program within a public program operated by the District, by another school district, or by the County Superintendent of Schools. The District will seek nonpublic school placement only when one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. An individual's handicaps are compounded by other conditions so that the individual requires educational and related services and facilities that cannot be provided by the local education agency.
2. An individual's previous placement within the public school special education program has been determined by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team to be unsuccessful and further modification of the program or alternative public school placement is not possible.
3. Because of the uniqueness of the individual's educational needs the District is unable to meet the requirements of the IEP.
4. Because of the sparseness of population it would be unreasonable to initiate a program for a limited number of individuals.
5. No appropriate public special education program is available within 20 school days following the development of an IEP.

Prior to finalizing the IEP, the District shall take steps to find an appropriate special education or related service placement in a public program operated by another district or the County Superintendent of Schools.

The District will assume no educational or fiscal liability for handicapped students who have been placed in a nonpublic school prior to approval by the Board of Education.