



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENCE GUIDE

TITLE: Special Education Eligibility Name Change: Mental Retardation (MR) to Intellectual Disability (ID)

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Reference Guide is to inform all staff working with students with disabilities about the change from the special education eligibility term “mental retardation” (MR) to “intellectual disability” (ID).

MAJOR CHANGES: Not applicable.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with Rosa’s Law (Pub. L. 111-256), the Los Angeles Unified School District has updated our Welligent and other data systems to reflect the new eligibility terminology. The term “mental retardation” (MR) is changed to “intellectual disability” (ID) in all systems.

PROCEDURES: When determining eligibility for a student being considered for special education supports and services, the term intellectual disability (ID) will replace mental retardation (MR). The criteria that have been used for determining the mental retardation eligibility will continue to be used to determine if the intellectual disability (ID) eligibility is appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS: Not applicable.

RELATED RESOURCES: Public Law 111-256 – Rosa’s Law

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