TITLE: Clarified Procedures for Addressing Parental/Student (18-21) Consent or Non-Consent to the Individualized Education Program (IEP)

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Reference Guide is to provide schools and IEP teams with clarified procedures for addressing parental/student (18-21) consent or non-consent to the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Education (CDE) conducted an investigation of a complaint regarding failure to ensure the components of the IEP to which the parent has consented are implemented without delay, when the parent does not consent to all components of the IEP as required by California Education Code (EC) Section 56346(e).

INFORMATION: As part of a CDE required corrective action, the District’s procedures for addressing parent/student (18-21) consent or non-consent to the IEP have been clarified.

1. A parent/student (18-21) may consent to some, but not all, of the components of a proposed IEP.
2. The District will implement those portions of the IEP to which the parent/student (18-21) provides consent so as to not delay providing instruction and services.
3. A parent/student (18-21) is not required to initiate any form of dispute resolution as to components of the proposed IEP to which the parent/student does not consent.

This information must be memorialized on each student’s IEP in Part 4, Additional Discussion and also communicated to parents/students (18-21) during IEP team meetings until page 10 of the Welligent IEP, Section Q, Parent Participation and Consent, has been changed.
INFORMATION (cont.): These clarified procedures will be included in upcoming revisions to page 10 of the Welligent IEP, Section Q, Parent Participation and Consent, A Parent’s Guide to Special Education Services (Including Procedural Rights and Safeguards), and REF-1410.4 Special Education Dispute Resolution – Three Options for Parents with IEP Disputes: (1) Informal Dispute Resolution, (2) State Mediation Only, and (3) Formal Due Process Proceedings-Revised.

RELATED RESOURCES: None

ATTACHMENTS: Not applicable.

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