



Identification and Evaluation for Special Education Policy

The Cottonwood School is committed to actively seeking out and evaluating the Charter School's residents from birth to age 21 who have disabilities in order to provide them with appropriate educational opportunities in accordance with state and federal law.

The purpose of The Cottonwood School Governing Board approving this Identification and Evaluation for Special Education Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Establish the Procedures for Identifying and Evaluating Individuals Eligible for Special Education.
2. Establish the Procedures for Notifying Parents of Individuals Eligible for Special Education.

1. Identification and Evaluation: The Executive Director or designee shall establish a comprehensive system that includes procedures for the identification, screening, referral, and regular and triennial assessment of individuals eligible for special education, as well as procedures for the planning, implementation, and review of the education and related services provided to such individuals. (Education Code 56301)

The charter's identification procedures shall include methods for utilizing referrals from parents/guardians, teachers, appropriate professionals, and others, and shall be coordinated with procedures for the referral of students whose needs cannot be met with modifications to the regular instructional program. (Education Code 56302)

2. Notification: The Executive Director or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review, including the right to consent to any assessment concerning their child. In addition, the Executive Director or designee shall notify parents/guardians of procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals who need special education services. (Education Code 56301)