



EL DORADO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

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GROWTH COMMITTEE

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In attendance: Amy Andersen, SELPA; Betsy Christ, EDCOE; Nancy Dickerson, Buckeye Unified; Karen Schrick, EDUHSD; Tammy Watson, SELPA.

Betsy presented her classes for the 2011-2012 school year. The committee reviewed enrollment and concerns were expressed over low numbers in both the full-inclusion preschool program and the ED classes. It is projected that the full-inclusion preschool classes will reach maximum enrollment by spring as infants transition out of the Early Start program.

The enrollment in the ED classes are lower than average this year. The committee agreed that traditionally these classes have a higher enrollment and that this could be a temporary dip. Betsy reported that she will be closely monitoring these numbers.

The County Charter program currently employs one teacher and one instructional assistant to work with 63 students. The committee agreed this staffing ratio was low for the number of students enrolled in this program.

The committee discussed the changes to the Lanterman Act that went into effect July 1st. These changes will adversely affect service delivery for students aged 18 – 22 years old. Historically, many of the students who were clients of ALTA Regional Center were exiting EDCOE programs and attending programs funded through ALTA. Because of the change in the law, this option is no longer available. As a result, more students will be attending the EDCOE program at Pac Street. The Pac Street program currently has an enrollment of 15 students. It is anticipated that 8 – 10 students will be enrolling at the Pac Street program for the upcoming school year. The need for additional instructional assistants to address this increased population was discussed.

At this point in time, the committee did not feel that any of the EDCOE programs should be cut and/or eliminated. Betsy shared that she will be reviewing program on an on-going basis and reviewing service delivery models. The on-going need for an Assistive Technology Specialist was discussed. The committee felt that this need may be addressed internally. SELPA will be hosting some Assistive Technology networking sessions after the first of the year to bring together those professionals within EDCOE and the districts who have this experience in hopes of developing a collaborative team to work together to provide these services throughout the county.

The Growth Committee respectfully makes the following staffing recommendations for the 2012-2013 school year:

1. The Charter Community school is understaffed. The SELPA growth committee recommends adding 1.0 FTE Certificated teacher to address student instructional need.
2. If the anticipated growth in enrollment occurs in the Pac Street program, the Growth Committee recommends the addition of 1 – 2 instructional assistants to address the increased enrollment.

The next step in the process is to determine if there is available funding for growth. The SELPA allocation plan provides for a standard rate of income to be provided when a class (teacher) or aide is added to a district or county office regional program. Rates are unchanged from 2011-12. The growth recommendations above would require over \$150,000 in income. Because of SELPA budget constraints, EDCOE will seek alternative solutions to fund any staffing increases for 2012-13 and will not request SELPA funding. EDCOE may request funding for in future years, through the growth committee annual process.

Approved Allocation Plan Rates for Regional Growth	2011-12	2011-12
	District	County Office
	2010-11 rate x PY COLA	
	-0- COLA in 2010-11	
NSH class/ no aide	74,226	83,378
NSH aide	30,099	34,032
SH class/No aide	76,196	91,063
SH aide	34,782	38,877
*NSH - non-severely handicapped		
NSH Teacher	83,378	
NSH aide	34,032	
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Total	151,442	