

Chapter 5: Information on Related Services

- (5.1) What are related services?
- (5.2) How does federal special education law define related services?
- (5.3) Does California provide the same related services that are available under federal law?
- (5.4) Are school districts responsible for the provision, care or replacement of a child's surgically implanted device such as a cochlear implant?
- (5.5) Do parents have to pay for related services?
- (5.6) What is the difference between "related services" and "designated instruction and services" (DIS)?
- (5.7) What does "required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education" mean?
- (5.8) What is an example of a needed service that is not "related" to education?
- (5.9) When can my child get transportation as a related service?
- (5.10) If my child is in a charter school, can she get transportation and all related services?
- (5.11) Can the district refuse to provide out-of-district transportation for my child?
- (5.12) Can the district stop providing transportation if my child attends regular classes?
- (5.13) Can a district limit transportation only to those students who live at least a specified minimum distance from their school site (for example, two miles)?
- (5.14) Can a district require parents to provide transportation if they are

able?

- (5.15) When can my child get occupational or physical therapy as a related service?
- (5.16) When can my child get psychological counseling or other mental health services as a related service?
- (5.17) Can the school district deny speech or language services to my child by using the speech and language eligibility criteria for special education serviced?
- (5.18) When can my child get speech or language therapy as a related service?
- (5.19) Can the district limit speech, occupational, or physical therapy sessions available per week because it only has one therapist on staff?
- (5.20) Can my child get communication services and equipment if she is non-oral or nonverbal?
- (5.21) Can my child receive vision therapy as a related service?
- (5.22) Can my child get counseling services?
- (5.23) Can my child get psychological services?
- (5.24) Are there any counseling or training services that a parent can get through the school district?
- (5.25) Does my child have to be identified as “emotionally disturbed” in order to receive psychological or counseling services?
- (5.26) What are school health services?
- (5.27) Who is responsible for providing health services?
- (5.28) My child needs a home health aide in order to attend school. Can she have the aide funded by a noneducational agency?
- (5.29) Must my child attend a certain specialized or designated school site in order to receive needed health care services at school?

- (5.30) My child needs health services in order to attend school, but the district told me it does not have to provide such services because they are “medical.” Is this true?
- (5.31) Can the district require me to attend school with my child to perform health-related services?
- (5.32) What must be written in my child’s IEP concerning related services?
- (5.33) If my child is placed full time in a regular classroom is she entitled to receive related services?
- (5.34) Are districts responsible for providing a student with a paraprofessional (instructional aide)?
- (5.35) What can I do if my child is not receiving a related service, as provided in the IEP, because the service provider is absent?
- (5.36) Are school districts responsible for providing nonacademic services?
- (5.37) Must my child be classified as emotionally disturbed before she is entitled to a residential placement?
- (5.38) My child is placed in a non-public school under an IEP. Can she receive related services from the school district if she needs these services to benefit from education, and the services are not available from the nonpublic school, including a religious school?
- (5.39) If I place my child in a nonpublic licensed school on my own, would the school district have to provide services?
- (5.40) My child has ongoing behavior problems. Does the district have any responsibility to address those problems?
- (5.41) Are school districts required to conduct a functional analysis assessment (FAA) and develop a positive behavior intervention plan (BIP)?
- (5.42) How do I get the behavioral and assessment services that my child

needs?

- (5.43) When can a school district use an emergency behavioral intervention such as restraint or seclusion on my child?
- (5.44) Are school districts prohibited from using any type of emergency behavioral interventions?
- (5.45) If a school district uses emergency behavior interventions such as physical restraint on my child, what must the school district do and what must I do?
- (5.46) Where else can I look for guidance on a school's duties to provide behavioral services?
- (5.47) What is assistive technology?
- (5.48) How can I determine if AT is needed as a related service?
- (5.49) Can my child use the AT equipment outside of the school day?
- (5.50) Who pays for AT devices?
- (5.51) My child is a special education student but must be educated at home for a while due to health issues related to her disability. The district says it will provide one hour of home instruction per day and no related services. Can the district do this?
- (5.52) Additional Resources: Sample Letters