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Kathleen Edwards, Chairperson
Juvenile Justice Commission

Dear Kathleen,

The San Diego County Office of Education is grateful for the collaboration and support of the Juvenile Justice Commission. We believe it is our collective responsibility to ensure the highest quality learning experience for every one of our students. Please see the SDCOE response to the 2015 JJC KMJDF Inspection Report below.

Response to 2015 JJC Juvenile Facility Inspection –KMJDF

The 2015 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the San Diego County Office of Education:

1. Eliminate current practice of requiring and/or permitting students to engage in work unrelated to school or academic pursuits during school hours.

SDCOE Response:

SDCOE agrees with the JJC recommendation and deplores the use of students for “KP” or any other work details during school hours. SDCOE has petitioned County Probation and has been assured this practice will cease at all institutions and camps.

2. Train school staff regarding “child find” requirements pursuant to the IDEA (the requirement that all children suspected of having a disability that interferes with his/her access to the general education curriculum be assessed in all areas of suspected disability.)

SDCOE Response:

All JCCS Special Education staff are fully trained, and annually updated on child find procedures and IDEA compliance regarding assessment to determine eligibility.

3. Train school staff regarding how to identify whether a student may have a disability that impedes his/her ability to access the general education curriculum.

SDCOE Response:

School staff are trained annually on the wide variety of handicapping conditions and how they manifest themselves in the classroom.

4. Implement a system for communicating referrals for special education evaluations to the school the student will enroll in upon exiting KM, if a referral has been initiated.

SDCOE Response:

JCCS has established a district liaison with all forty-two school districts in the County. All relevant documentation regarding active IEPs and initiated referrals are provided to the respective liaison.

5. Train school staff regarding student's rights to Educationally Related Mental Health Services, when required.

SDCOE Response:

The JCCS School Psychologist provides and annual training for all education staff regarding student disabilities and ERMHS. The training includes information regarding student and parent rights.

6. Train school staff regarding referrals for Educationally Related Mental Health Services Evaluations.

SDCOE Response:

The JCCS School Psychologist provides and annual training for all education staff regarding student disabilities and ERMHS. The training includes information regarding appropriate process for making an ERMHS referral.

7. Implement a system for communicating referrals for Educationally Related Mental Health Services Evaluations to the school the student will enroll in upon exiting KM, if a referral has been initiated.

SDCOE Response:

JCCS has established a district liaison with all forty-two school districts in the County. All relevant documentation regarding ERMHS referrals.

Best Regards,

Vicki DeNardo on behalf of Stacy Spector

Stacy Spector
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