



AIMS Board Meeting Item Cover Letter

November 29, 2022

Item: Revision to 2022-23 AIMS K12 Student/Family Handbook

Submitted by: Deborah Woods, Director of Special Education

Purpose: For board action

Staff Recommendation: Revision of "Section 7.1 Students with Special Needs- Child Find Mandate" of the 2022-23 AIMS K12 Student/Family Handbook to address OUSDs Notice of Concern: Remedy 4.

Background: Current language is incomplete and should include ed code in addition to underserved populations who may also be determined eligible for special education and related services.

Current Language:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") includes the "Child Find" mandate, which requires AIMS K12 to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities enrolled in its schools. If AIMS K12 has knowledge that a student has a disability, or is suspected of having a disability and may need special education and related services, AIMS K12 must offer to assess the student. Indicators for when a student is suspected of having a disability, and AIMS K12 should thus offer an initial assessment.

Proposed Language:

“ Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et. seq) and relevant state law, AIMS K12 College Prep Charter District is responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating children enrolled at its school with known or suspected disabilities to determine whether a need for special education and related services exists. This includes children with disabilities who are homeless or are wards of the State. To ensure that eligible students are receiving the services to which they are entitled, we would like to request your assistance.

If you know of a child who has a disability or that you suspect may have a disability, you may refer that child's parent or guardian to AIMS K12 College Prep Charter District by calling Julia Li at 510-407-2550. Please note: All referrals are considered confidential. The parent, legal guardian, or surrogate parent retains the right to refuse services and other procedural safeguards under federal and state law. ”