**Special Education LEGAL Links**

**FEDERAL**

1. **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act website**

<http://idea.ed.gov/>

* Has some q&a guidance type documents.
* Also has laws in a friendly font and large size (better than USC website)
* *Haven’t poked around on this in a while, seems to have been updated/changed since new administration.*

1. **US Department of Education (ED)**

<http://www.ed.gov/>

1. **United States Code (USC)**

<http://uscode.house.gov/search/criteria.shtml>

* Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Title 20, section 1400 (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.)
* Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Title 29, section 701 (29 U.S.C. § 701)
* Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II – Title 42, section 12101 (42 U.S.C. § 12101)

1. **Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)**

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse

* *Implement the laws under the United States Code*
* Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Title 34, part 300 (34 C.F.R. § 300.\_\_\_)
* Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Title 34
* Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II – Title 34

1. **Family Policy Compliance Office**

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/index.html>

* + Guidance and FAQs regarding FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)
  + See also: [https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/](https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/?src=fpco)

1. **Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) – IDEAs that Work Website**

http://ccrs.osepideasthatwork.org/

* + New website as of 11/2015 — resources for families and teachers. May have helpful links/info

1. **OSEP - Guidance Letters – By Topic**

http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/letters/revpolicy/index.html

1. **Office for Civil Rights – Guidance Letters – By Topic**

http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/topics.html?src=go

**CALIFORNIA**

* **California Statutes**

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml

* Search 🡪 Education Code (EDC)
  + Special education: 56000 et seq.
  + Discipline: 48000 et seq.
* Can also look up legislative bills
* **California Code of Regulations (CCR)**

<http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=CCR-1000&Action=Welcome>

* Education 🡪 Title 5
  + Special education eligibility: Title 5, section 3030
* **California Department of Education (CDE)**

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/>

* Lots of helpful resources, FAQs, links
* **CDE Special Ed Page**

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/>

* **CA Special Ed Laws and Policies Search**
  + http://policy.microscribepub.com/cgi-bin/om\_isapi.dll?clientID=3668483198&depth=2&infobase=casernl&softpage=PL\_frame
  + Special ed only Education Code, Government Code, California Code of Regulations, and other
* **Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), Special Ed Division [formerly SEHO]**

[**https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/Special-Education/Services/Decisions**](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/Special-Education/Services/Decisions)

* **CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing**

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/>

* + Use for credentialing information/requirements
* **National School Board Association (NSBA)**

<http://www.nsba.org/>

* + Sign up on their listserv for periodic legal updates
* **Charter schools**

<http://www.calcharters.org/>

* **CA School Board Assocation (CSBA)**

<http://www.csba.org/>

* + search for sample board policies/admin regs
* **California Educator’s Guide to School Law (OCDE)**
  + <http://www.ocde.us/LegalServices/Pages/The-California-Educators'-Guide-to-School-Law.aspx>
  + OCDE Docs and Forms: <http://www.ocde.us/LegalServices/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>