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South Plains Educational Co-op (SPECO) is a shared services arrangement with nine school districts: Anton, Levelland, Meadow, Morton, Ropes, Smyer, Sundown, Whiteface, and Whitharral. SPECO makes available to all students with disabilities a free and appropriate public education, which includes special education and related services to meet the unique needs of each student. The Federal regulations and State Board of Education rules assure that this education to students with disabilities will be provided in the least restrictive environment, and the South Plains Educational Co-op abides by the Federal and State guidelines.

The support staff includes six educational diagnosticians, three instructional supervisors, three counselors, an LSSP, an OT, a PT, an autism specialist, an itinerant teacher for deaf education, six speech pathologists, one teacher of the visually impaired, one adaptive physical education teacher, and one school nurse. The program is funded by Federal funds (IDEA-B), local funds, and revenue from the nine districts participating in the Co-op.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Process

This site provides access to important legal information for parents and families of students with disabilities. It is a template that summarizes state and federal requirements for special education by topic. Important Documents included on this website include:

- Notice of Procedural Safeguards
- Aviso Sobre Procedimientos de Protecci3n
- A guide to the Admission, Review and Dismissal Process
- Gu3a para el Proceso de Admisi3n, Revisi3n, y Retiro
- Side-by-Side View of Special Education Rules & Regulations

<http://framework.esc18.net/display/Webforms/LandingPage.aspx>



OTHER SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Texas Project FIRST

<http://www.texasprojectfirst.org>

A project of the Texas Education Agency committed to providing accurate and consistent information to parents and families of students with disabilities.

Disability Fact Sheet

<http://nichcy.org/disability>

Defines individual disabilities, offers tips for parents and teachers, and provides links to other important resources and disability organizations.

Transition Resources

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147496883>

Provides detailed information and resources regarding the transition and graduation process for students with disabilities.

SPECO SUPPORT STAFF DIRECTORY