

# Mt. Diablo USD

## Board Policy

### Special Education Infant Services/California Early Start

The Governing Board supports the implementation of the California Early Start programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

The superintendent or his/her designee will insure that eligible infants and toddlers have an annual Infant Family Service Plan (IFSP) that addresses the infant or toddler's needs and the needs of the family as they relate to the infant's developmental/educational needs. Each IFSP will be developed by the parents of each infant/toddler and a district infant service coordinator, as well as others providing services to the infant/toddler. The contents of the initial and all annual and other IFSPs will be fully explained and discussed with the parent/parents and the parent/parents shall receive a legible copy of the IFSP.

IFSP early intervention services are to be provided in the child's natural environment. This means in the home, childcare or other community setting where there are children with and without disabilities. Each IFSP will include a statement of the natural environments in which services will be delivered. Services can be provided outside the natural environment only when early intervention cannot be achieved in a natural environment. Should a service be provided outside of a natural environment, the IFSP must provide justification of the extent individual services will not be provided in a natural environment.

#### *Legal References:*

*20 USC*

*1435(a) (16) (B)*

*1436(d) (15), 34*

*CFR 34 303.167 (c)*

*303.342(e), 17*

*303.344(d) (1)(ii), 14 GC*

*95020 (d)(5), 17*

*17 CCR*

*52102(i)*

*17 CCR*

*52106(b)(6)(B)(1)*