

Attachment 2: Waiver 7-10-2022 Hanford Elementary School District

California Department of Education

WAIVER SUBMISSION – Specific

CD Code: 1663917

Waiver Number: 7-10-2022

Active Year: 2022

Date In: 10/19/2022 2:30:04 PM

Local Education Agency: Hanford Elementary

Address: 714 North White St.

Hanford, CA 93230

Start: 9/12/2022

End: 9/12/2023

Waiver Renewal: N

Previous Waiver Number:

Previous SBE Approval Date:

Waiver Topic: Special Education Program

Ed Code Title: Child Specific/ NPA or NPS Certification

Ed Code Section: 56366.1(a)

Ed Code Authority: 56101

Ed Code or CCR to Waive: A nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency that seeks certification shall file an application with the Superintendent on forms provided by the department.

Outcome Rationale: Hanford Elementary School District (HESD) and Kings County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) are seeking placement for a junior high school student who meets the disability category of Emotional Disturbance. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This student also engaged in frequent elopements from foster care homes and short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) facilities.

The student was placed at a certified placement earlier in the year and within a two-and-a-half month period of time, the student engaged in behaviors that lead to the facility submitting a 20-day notice for removal.

HESD and Kings County SELPA have contacted multiple in- (8) and out-of-state (22) residential treatment centers which are identified as having the supports and services needed to provide the student with a FAPE. None of these placement options would accept the student due to lack of space or a belief that the facilities were not equipped to meet the student's comprehensive needs. The only facility that has accepted the student for placement is an uncertified, out-of-state placement in Enoch, Utah.

The District considers this uncertified NPS to be more appropriate to provide education and services for this student than other certified NPSs because no other facilities have identified that they have the space or capability of meeting the student's needs.

The SELPA Director along with a HESD District School Psychologist visited Renewed Hope Ranch to tour both the school and residential facility on September 6, 2022. A meeting was held with many staff members including staff who oversee the residential side, the school, the counseling services, and health services.

The facility has a well defined positive behavior intervention program to address the needs of the student. The educational program and the residential facility are both equipped to keep the student safe and secure. The counseling program uses evidence based therapeutic practices, including, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy, and Equine Therapy.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No other CDE certified RTC NPS facilities have indicated that they can meet the needs of our student.

Student Population: 1

City Type: Rural

Local Board Approval Date: 10/12/2022

Audit Penalty Yes or No: N

Categorical Program Monitoring: N

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