

Out of Home Placement and Education

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•Today's Agenda

Overview of Special Education Process and CSA
Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness
Children and Youth in Foster Care
Navigating the Process

Virginia Department Of Education

Division of Special Education and Student Services

Office of Dispute Resolution and Administrative Services



VDOE'S ROLE

Supporting local school divisions in ensuring

- That students with disabilities receive:
 - *A free appropriate public education*
 - *In the least restrictive environment*

FAPE

LRE

• RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING FAPE IN THE LRE

Is vested in the student's IEP team. It determines the student's EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, including:

Present levels of Performance

Educational Goals

Accommodations and Modifications

Special Education and Related Services

ONLY AFTER THESE ITEMS ARE DECIDED
DOES THE TEAM DETERMINE THE
STUDENT'S LRE



•CSA POOL FUNDS

Can be used to pay for

Private Day School Placements

Private Residential Placements

All Special Education and Related Services Provided in Either of These Settings

Except for Transportation – The School Division is Responsible for This

•CSA FUND ARE NOT USED FOR:

Services in the public school setting

- Counseling
- Behavioral Aides
- Anything else in the IEP included for purposes of providing FAPE

NON-EDUCATIONAL RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS

- Students with IEPs may be placed in residential facilities by CSA for non-educational reasons. In that case, the school division is responsible for writing an IEP, but does not change the placement unless it determines that it is required for FAPE.

COMPARATIVE ROLES

IEP TEAM

- Determines placement.
- May or may not specify a facility

FAPT/CMPT

- FAPT may or may not review the IEP and placement, but FAPT/CMPT has no authority to revise the IEP.
- CMPT may have the latitude to place restrictions on which school is used, so long as it is consistent with the IEP.
- CMPT should review the IEP to ensure that the placement is eligible for funding (i.e., the IEP actually states that the student requires a residential or private day placement.)

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