

ADMINISTRATIVE
People First Language

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The Tuolumne County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Governing Board is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and supportive educational environment for all students, including those with disabilities.

The Tuolumne County SELPA shall ensure that all policies, communications, reports, and official documents incorporate People-First Language to the greatest extent possible. People-First Language places the person before their disability, fostering a more inclusive and respectful approach to communication.

The Tuolumne County SELPA shall provide training and guidance to educators, staff, and administrators on the importance of People-First Language and its integration into daily practice. SELPA shall work collaboratively with Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to encourage the consistent use of People-First Language in district-level communications, policies, and instructional materials.

The Tuolumne County SELPA shall also engage with students, families, and community stakeholders to promote awareness and understanding of the significance of People-First Language.

The policies and procedures of the SELPA shall be applied as policies and regulations of each member LEA, ensuring that all references to students with disabilities align with a respectful and humanistic perspective.

The SELPA shall periodically review and update this policy to align with best practices and evolving educational standards.