



Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School
Alpha: Jose Hernandez School
Alpha: Cindy Avitia High School
Alpha: Cornerstone Academy

Alternative Format Plan

Alpha Public Schools

Purpose of the Alternative Format Plan: The purpose of this Alternative Format Plan is to provide information in Alternative Format to individuals with disabilities to have equal access to their school health information and communications. Federal law states that all organizations receiving federal funding must take steps to ensure that federal money is not used for a discriminatory purpose. Therefore, all public agencies providing Medi-Cal assistance in California must respect a consumer's rights and prohibit discrimination in the administration of Medi-Cal services (this includes the people and organizations determining Medi-Cal eligibility and Medi-Cal service providers).

Background: Under federal and state law including the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et. seq; 28 C.F.R. Part 35 et seq.) and section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794 (d)), discrimination against qualified members of the public participating in public programs based on disability is prohibited. All public agencies are required to provide auxiliary aids and services, free of charge, to ensure all qualified persons with speech, hearing, and/or vision disabilities can effectively communicate and participate in public programs, services, and/or activities.

Alternative Formats Available: There are several types of alternative formats available to students and families to assist with access to school health information and communications. The specific type of alternative format used will depend on the students' needs and preferences, as well as the type of information being communicated.

Examples of commonly used alternative formats:

- Braille
- Large Print (20-point Arial Font)
- Audio Format
- Accessible electronic format (such as a data CD)
- Closed Captioning
- Text to Speech
- Voice to text

Resources used available to convert documents into accessible formats:

- Request available documents from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- Reach out to Special Education Local Planning Agencies (SELPA) to discuss accessible formats
- Contact LEA internal staff and resources that may assist with the development of the accessible formats
- Contact local county health agencies to discuss potential resources

Coordination of Alternative Formats: The LEA/district will provide alternative formats in a timely manner and in a format that is accessible to the individual. To ensure compliance with state and federal civil rights laws, including laws related to accessibility and accommodations for individuals with disabilities, the LEA/district has designated the following department/staff as its Alternative Format Plan contact(s)/coordinator(s):

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