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Mission Statement

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EDMX 631: Foundations in Law, Ethics, and Procedures of Special Education
(3 credit units)

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I. Course Description

Introduction to state and federal special laws regarding special education, ethical issues in special education; procedures and forms used in California schools to identify and support children and youth eligible for special education; and the Individual Education Program planning, implementation, and evaluation process. Students practice principles of effective collaborative and interdisciplinary teaming and focus on best practices for inclusive educational programming. ***Prerequisites: Admission to the Level I Mild/Moderate & Moderate/Severe Disabilities Education Specialist Program***

II. Content and Performance Goals

Participants will:

- Goal 1. demonstrate knowledge of relevant and current federal and state laws, regulations, practices and due process procedural safeguards that pertain to California public education, students with disabilities, and their parents and care providers.
- Goal 2. demonstrate knowledge of professional ethical standards of practice (i.e., Council for Exceptional Children Code of Ethics @ www.cec.sped.org/ps/code.htm) and California Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Education Specialist competencies.
- Goal 3. demonstrate knowledge of the five critical elements of an effective collaborative team (i.e., PIGS Face) and awareness of their effective use of these elements in “base team” and other meetings.
- Goal 4. demonstrate understanding of the roles, rights, and responsibilities of special educators, related services personnel, classroom teachers, administrators, parents and students with disabilities in implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the Vocational

Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and related California special education laws and regulations.

- Goal 5. demonstrate knowledge of and competence in the Individual Education Program (IEP) development and implementation process (i.e., screening; nonbiased and family-centered assessment; eligibility determination; IEP development to access the core general education curriculum; development of goals and measurable objectives; identification of necessary modifications and accommodations to curriculum, instruction, and assessment; identification of needed supports and services, placement decision making; determination of accommodations for participation in school-wide, district-wide, and state assessments.
- Goal 6. demonstrate skills in developing meaningful IEP goals and appropriate accommodations and modifications to enable learner access to the core curriculum
- Goal 7. demonstrate knowledge of and skill in using strategies for working effectively and collaboratively with family members and others (e.g., educators, administrators, paraprofessionals, community agency and related service personnel) to design, implement, and evaluate IEPs for individual learners.

III. What I Need for Class

California Department of Education, Special Education Division (2005). California special education programs: A composite of laws (26th ed.). Sacramento: Author. (DE)

Community Alliance for Special Education and Protection and Advocacy, Inc. Special Education Rights and Responsibilities. San Francisco: Author. Accessible on the web from Jacqueline Thousand's web site: <http://www.csusm.edu/thousand> (P&A)

Rosenberg, M., O'Shea, L. & O'Shea, D. (2005). Student teacher to master teacher: A practical guide for educating students with special needs (4th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Merrill. (RO)

Villa, R., & Thousand, J. (2000). Restructuring for caring and effective education: Piecing the puzzle together (2nd ed.). Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes. (V&T)

Web Sites including:

Code of Ethics: www.cec.sped.org/ps/code.htm

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities @ www.nichcy.org

Special education forms for San Diego City Schools and North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) @ www.preschoolfun.com

CARS+ website @ www.carsplus.org

Rosenberg text website: www.prenhall.com/rosenberg (Jump to Topics)

Wrights Law website: www.wrightslaw.com

IV. Professional and Administrative Requirements

1. Attend all class sessions. Be on time. Please call the instructor when you are unable to attend class or when you will be late. It is the policy of the CSUSM College of Education that any student who misses 20% or more of class time or class sessions may not receive a passing grade for a course.
2. "Person-first" language (e.g., "Student with Down Syndrome" rather than "Down Syndrome student;" "Johnny who happens to have Down Syndrome" rather "My Down Syndrome student") must be used throughout all written and oral assignments and discussions.
3. Word process all written documents. Keep a copy of all of your work. You will want these copies for your records and for potential future use as professional portfolio entries.
4. Complete and hand in all assignments on the due dates for full credit. If you have extraordinary circumstances that impact completion of your assignments, please let the instructor(s) know. Any time that you have questions or concerns, please contact the instructor(s) immediately.
5. Participate in class discussions and group activities and demonstrate positive interpersonal skills with classmates and guests.
6. Select a class "buddy" to ensure that you receive handouts and information when you must miss class.
Buddy: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
e-mail: _____ Address: _____
7. Task Stream Electronic Portfolio. Students must register online for TaskStream access for a minimum of one year. Fees are paid online at www.TaskStream.com. This is a new requirement of every credential candidate. Candidates learn how to use this site in EDUC 422. Students will post selected assignments and make reflective comments in response to the Teacher Performance Expectations identified by the instructors.

Activities and instructional methods for realizing objectives:

class discussions	group work	lectures	readings in texts & custom reader
guest speakers	web site access		study guides
demonstrations	"quizzes"	videos	written reflections
"base team" meetings		role plays	observations

Evaluation of attainment of these knowledge bases and skills:

attendance	punctuality	participation in class
quizzes	collaborative activities	study guide responses
assessment outcomes	role play performance	web site hits
group presentation	"base team" meeting minutes and products	

V. Course Features

Authorization to Teach English Learners

This credential program has been specifically designed to prepare teachers for the diversity of languages often encountered in California public school classrooms. The authorization to teach English learners is met through the infusion of content and experiences within the credential program, as well as additional coursework. Students successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners.

Teacher Performance Expectation (TPE) Competencies

The course objectives, assignments, and assessments have been aligned with CTC standards for the Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Level I Education Specialist Credential. This course is designed to help teachers seeking a California teaching credential to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to assist schools and district in implementing effective programs for all students. A successful candidate will be able to merge theory and practice in order to realize a comprehensive and extensive educational program for all students. This course requires candidates to demonstrate competence for the following Multiple Subject TPEs and Level I standards:

TPEs

TPE 6D: Special Education

Articulating rationale for inclusive education for all students

Collaborating with others to plan, teach, and assess students with special characteristics

TPE 12: Professional, Legal, and Ethical Obligations – (Task Stream – Legal Brief)

Taking responsibility for student academic learning outcomes

Knowing and applying professional and ethical obligations

Knowing and applying legal obligations

TPE 13: Professional Growth (Task Stream – Institute Reflection)

Reflection and feedback to improve teaching practice and subject matter knowledge

TPE 15: Social Justice

Valuing socially equitable teaching, learning, and schooling in a variety of organizational settings

Incorporating pluralism and divergent perspectives on educating diverse students

Democratizing public education to achieve social justice and equity

Level I Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Standards

Standard 10: Professional, Legal, and Ethical Practices

Standard 11: Educational Policy and Perspectives

Standard 16: Effective Communication and Collaborative Partnerships

Standard 25: Characteristics and needs of Individuals with Mild to Moderate Disabilities

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Students must be approved for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disable Student Services (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 5205, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

VI. Scholastic Requirements

Class Attendance and Participation (40 maximum points)

This course consists of nine 3-hour (plus break) class sessions, four 1.5 hour Base team Meetings and attendance at the Involved Exceptional parents Day Conference to be held on Saturday, March 25th, 2006 at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego, OR another professional development conference or training *as approved by the instructor*. School site meetings/trainings will not be acceptable for this professional growth requirement. Attendance at and **active participation in each of the classes, base team meetings and 1 conference day** is worth approximately 3 points per class/meeting/day.

Regular and punctual attendance is required. This class is interactive in nature, and the in-class experiences and discussions are difficult if not impossible to recreate. Additionally, each class member is expected to practice exemplary collaborative teaming and participatory behavior. To reinforce the program's commitment to the development of professional interpersonal skills, students earn points each class for: a) arriving on time; b) returning from breaks on time; c) staying for all of the class; d) fully participating and cooperating with classmates, instructors, and guests in accordance with agreed-upon "base team" and class norms; and e) completing and sharing weekly reflections. Participants who arrive late, depart early, engage a "non-collaborative" behavior, or fail to have assignments/reflections prepared on time can expect to receive less than the maximum points for a class.

Professional Dev. Conference and Weekly Reading Reflection (20 maximum points)

Participants will prepare four written reading reflections (**10 points**). In addition, a written reaction to each of the keynotes and sessions attended at a conference is due on or before the 9th class meeting (**10 points**). The quality of this and all written work for this course will be judged according to at least the following criteria:

- a) use of respectful, professional, "person first" (i.e., Jacque who has Cerebral Palsy versus "the CP kid") language;
- b) correctness of spelling, punctuation, and grammatical usage of language;
- c) organization, comprehensiveness, and professional appearance of the product;
- d) evidence of higher order thinking (e.g., analysis, synthesis, application, evaluation); and
- e) connection with other readings, lectures, workshops, discussions, and experiences.

Base Team Meetings (20 maximum points)

Base Teams, formulated at the beginning of the course, meet regularly and use the "Team Meeting Worksheet" format to practice collaborative teaming skills, complete assignments, and generally support one another. Each team is required to create a team notebook (e.g., 3-ring binder with dividers) that compiles Team Meeting worksheets, team products, and group processing outcomes.

Participation in base team meetings *is mandatory*. Individually documented attendance and participation (via team meeting minutes and products) is worth **5 points per meeting**. Each

team is expected to hold a minimum of 4 meetings of at least one and one half hour in length independently during a regularly scheduled class time and follow the prescribed agenda. See each base team agenda to determine the products to be generated and the group process activities to be conducted.

Rights & Responsibilities Legal Brief via the World Wide Web (20 maximum points)

Each class participant creates a "Legal Brief" by reading the Rights and Responsibility manual which is accessed via the "Legal Brief" button @ www.csusm.edu/thousand. Here you will find the first link to the Protection and Advocacy, Inc. home page (www.pai-ca.org). From there you click on publications and then on the publications category of special education (PAI#4016.01) to find the complete manual, Special Education Rights and Responsibilities, and the January 2005 Insert. Your brief is comprised of three parts.

First, for 12 points, compose reactions to each of the 12 chapters and the January 2005 insert (504001.pdf and 504001Ins.pdf). For each chapter (inclusive of the 2005 changes indicated in the insert), select two questions, which you find to be the most compelling. For each of these two questions, describe why it is compelling. You may take the perspective of an educator, parent, community member, or a child with a disability. Your reaction to each question should be 1/2 page in length.

Second, for 4 points, scroll down the special education publications site (www.pai-ca.org/pubs/401601.htm) to each of the following four sites. Download and read each publication. Then compose a 1/2 to 1-page reaction to each link: a) 18 Tips for Getting Quality Special Education Services for your Child (513001.pdf or html), b) Special Education Rights & Responsibilities for Children with ADD/ADHD (512710.pdf or html), c) Special Education Rights of Non-Native English Speakers (519401.pdf or html), and d) the IEP Checklist (501201.pdf or html).

Third, for a final 4 points, scroll to the very bottom of the same website, click on the "Links" link, examine the available web sites. You may also access additional professional websites via your Rosenberg text site: www.prenhall.com/rosenberg by "jumping" to the eight topical options at the top of the home page. Select **four** web sites to analyze. Of the four, you must analyze at least **two** of the following websites:

- 1) www.cec.sped.org - be sure to examine public policy,
- 2) www.tash.org - be sure to go to governmental affairs (www.tash.org/govaffairs), and
- 3) www.nichy.org - be sure to go to nichcy.org/resources/IDEA2004resources.asp

For each of the four websites, the reaction/reflection should be approximately one page in length. The reaction/reflection at a minimum should summarize a) how each site can assist you as a special educator, b) what you found about the implications of the 2004 IDEIA reauthorization for school systems, and c) any other thoughts, opinions, feelings or learnings that resulted from your site review.

Course enrollees are assigned CSUSM e-mail accounts and have computer use privileges on campus. Participants also are encouraged to use home computers to access the web and download the Protection and Advocacy publications as well as other documents you wish to save. This assignment is due on or before the last day of class. Note that this is an individualistic (versus collaborative) assignment intended to evidence your technology application skills as well as develop your knowledge base regarding special education law.

EDMX 631 Reflection Prompts

Writing Criteria

Three reading reflections are due on the dates indicated in the syllabus schedule. Additionally, a 10-point post conference reflection is due on the 9th class meeting. The “Reflection Prompt” for each reflection is presented below.

The quality of reflections will be judged based upon at least the following criteria:

- use of respectful and professional “person first” language (i.e., “Rich who has Cerebral Palsy” versus “the CP child”);
- word processed with accuracy in spelling, punctuation, and grammar;
- organization, comprehensiveness, and professional appearance of the product
- connection with readings, class discussions, findings on the web, and;
- use of higher order thinking skills of application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

Reflection Prompts

Reflection #1 (4 points)

Pages 38 – 56 of Chapter 2 and ALL of Chapter 7 of Rosenberg et al., covers a huge amount of information regarding the legal aspects of special education and the procedures and paperwork all special educators must manage. Read these pages from the perspective of a brand new special educator responsible for ensuring that every communication, assessment, eligibility, placement, and IEP-development step occurs in a timely and student-centered manner for Sara. As Sara’s special education “service coordinator” (versus “case manager” – no child wants to be referred to as a “case”), construct a flowchart, table, mind map or other visual to help you remember each of the procedural steps in the sequence from “pre-referral” to “exit” for which you are responsible. Be very specific and include as much of the information from Chapter 7 as you can, as this is your personal “cheat sheet” to keep you out of “hot water” procedurally as a new special educator. Bring this reflection to the Carousel in Class #4 for public presentation.

Reflection #2 (4 points)

Read Chapter 1 of the Restructuring for Caring and Effective Education text. Read the Special Edge Issue on IDEIA 2004, and ALL of Chapter 2 of the Rosenberg text (including pages 32 – 37 not read for Reflection #1). Go to Resources on WebCT and download and read the IDEIA 2004 Update (pdf file). Finally, look at your notes from class lecture on IDEA 1997 and IDEIA 2004. First, from the perspective of a special education leader, identify your “baker’s dozen” (i.e., 13) list of changes in beliefs, practices, legislation, policies, and procedures that occurred prior to IDEIA 2004 that promoted a welcoming view of students with disabilities as a condition of human diversity. Then, again from this leadership perspective, compose a second “baker’s dozen” (i.e., 13) list of what YOU consider to be the most significant components of and changes resulting from the IDEIA 2004 reauthorization. For each item in these two lists, a) provide a rationale for your selection and b) indicate where you found the information by making reference to pages in the readings, websites, or lectures. Be prepared to defend your two lists in class.

Reflection #3 (2 points)

You will be assigned to read one section of Chapter 9 of Rosenberg et al. (pp. 296 – 304 + Figure 9.1 on pages 305 & 306, 305 -312, or 313-319). Carefully study your section's text, Boxes, Figures and Pause and Reflects. Based upon your reading, prepare a 1-page visual representation of the most salient points in your section. Bring 5 copies of your visual to the last class. Be prepared to teach this content (in 7 minutes or less) to a small group of classmates who have read other sections of Chapter 9. When teaching, you may direct your pupils to the text for illustrations of checklists, forms, and so forth.

Reflection #4 (10 points)

IEP Day Conference or other conference/professional institute Reflection (10 points)

Prepare a 5 to 6-page reaction to the keynotes and sessions attended at the Conference or Institute. Be sure your reflection makes reference to each and every one of the keynotes and sessions you attended, as this is an “authentic” attendance check. More importantly, this reflection is an opportunity for you to synthesize your experience of the institute with course and other past learnings and experiences. It also is an opportunity for you to formulate instructional and organizational strategies for your own future as a special education or classroom teacher. So, make connections and be creative in you analysis, synthesis, and evaluations. Make the experience count for you. Other than these instructions and the general writing criteria articulated above, you have free reign to express yourself in this culminating reflection.

GRADING SCALE (in percentages):

A = 94-100 A- = 92-93 B+ = 89-91 B = 86-88 B- = 84-86 C+ = 81-83

Criteria for Grading:

- A (Excellent): Performance at the highest level, showing sustained excellence in meeting all course requirements and exhibiting an unusual degree of intellectual initiative.
- B (Good): Performance at a high level, showing consistent and effective achievement in meeting course requirements.
- C (Satisfactory): Performance at an adequate level, meeting the basic requirements of the course.

NOTE: The minimum acceptable grade for a course in the professional education sequence is C+, and a B average must be maintained.

VII. Schedule of Classes, Readings, Activities, and Assignments

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Readings Due Today</u>	<u>P&A Chs.</u>	<u>Assignments Due</u>
01 Jan 17	Legal Brief Assignment on the World Wide Web Collaborative Teaming Principles and Processes; Person 1 st Language Formulate Base Teams; Meeting #1 Assignments	www.csusm.edu/thousand		Formulate Base Teams
02 Jan 24	Jargon Busting California Style Acronym Jargon Busting Assign Base Team Meeting #2 and Reflection #1	V&T, Ch. 10 (BT #1) V&T 389-393 & 493-502	1, 2, & 5	
Jan 31	Small Group Session—Base Team Meeting #1	Instruction/Docs in syllabus		
03 Feb 7	Purposes of Assessment & Confidentiality Family-Centered Assessment MAPs Guest: Lisa Houghtelin (?)	V&T, Chap. 4		Base Team #1 Docs
Feb 14	Small group Session—Base team Meeting #2			
04 Feb 21	Carousel: Hughes Bill, CA Composite of Law & The IEP Cycle (Share Reflection #1) Guest: Jan Israel(?)	RO Ch. 2 & 7 NCCSE/San Diego forms www.preschoolfun.com www.csusm.edu/thousand	3, 4, & 8	Reflection #1
05 Feb 28	IDEA 1997 & 2004 Procedurally Correct & Elegant IEP Goals Base Team #3 & #4 Preparation		6, 7, 11, & 12	Base Team #2 Docs
Mar 7	Small Group Session—Base Team #3			
06 Mar 14	Practice Writing Elegant Goals to the CA Standards – CARS+ Benchmarks vs. Objectives Line Dancing the Law		2 & 5	Base Team #3 Docs BT Notebook check

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Readings Due Today</u>	<u>P&A Chs.</u>	<u>Assignments Due</u>
07 Mar 21	IEP Meeting Gone Wrong Guidelines for Report Writing Writing & Interpreting Positive, Proactive Reports	RO 33 - 56, Special Edge V&T Ch. 1 Review RO Ch. 7	9 & 10	Reflection #2
Mar 25	IEP Day Conference Attend with your group!	http://www.iepday.org/events.htm		Other options approved by now
Mar 28-31	CSUSM Spring Break—no classes	V&T, pp 129-131, Chap 4, 23		--read/work ahead--
08 Apr 4	Managing the Paperwork War Guest: Deb Teudt	RO Ch. 9 (for Jigsaw)		Reflection #3
Apr 11	Small group Session—Base Team Meeting #4			
09 Apr 18	In-Class Base Team Meeting #5 Communicating Information to Others “Give One – Get One” Transition Planning Course Evaluation			Legal Brief Conference Reflection (#4) Base Team Notebook

Base Team Meetings

Mtg. #1: Norms, Names, & Collaboration
Mtg. #2: Problem Behaviors
Mtg. #3: IEP Analysis
Mtg. #4: California Code Scenarios
Mtg. #5: In-Class Meeting @ Final Class

Social Skills Processing Procedures

(Forming Checklist)
(Functioning Checklist)
(Formulating Checklist)
(Fermenting Checklist)
("Are we really a team?" Checklist; Yearbook)

CROSSCULTURAL, LANGUAGE, AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (CLAD) COMPETENCIES

COMPETENCIES ADDRESSED BY THIS COURSE ARE ITALICIZED, SHADED AND INDICATED WITH ***

PART 1: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE & FIRST- AND SECOND-LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	PART 2: METHODOLOGY OF BILINGUAL, ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, CONTENT INSTRUCTION	PART 3: CULTURE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY
I. Language Structure and Use: Universals and Differences (including the structure of English)	1. Theories and Methods of Bilingual Education	I. The Nature of Culture
A. The sound systems of language (phonology)	A. Foundations	A. Definitions of culture
B. Word formation (morphology)	B. <i>Organizational models: What works for whom? ***</i>	B. Perceptions of culture
C. Syntax	C. <i>Instructional strategies ***</i>	C. Intragroup differences (e.g., ethnicity, race, generations, and micro-cultures)
D. Word meaning (semantics)	II. Theories and Methods for Instruction In and Through English	D. Physical geography and its effects on culture
E. <i>Language in context ***</i>	A. <i>Teacher delivery for both English language development and content instruction***</i>	E. <i>Cultural congruence ***</i>
F. <i>Written discourse ***</i>	B. <i>Approaches with a focus on English language development***</i>	II. Manifestations of Culture: Learning About Students
G. <i>Oral discourse ***</i>	C. <i>Approaches with a focus on content area instruction (specially designed academic instruction delivered in English)***</i>	A. <i>What teachers should learn about their students **s</i>
H. <i>Nonverbal communication *** </i>	D. <i>Working with paraprofessionals***</i>	B. <i>How teachers can learn about their student ***</i>
II. Theories and Factors in First- and S Language Development	II. Language and Content Area Assessment	C. <i>How teachers can use what they learn about their students (culturally responsive pedagogy) ***</i>
A. Historical and current theories and models of language analysis that have implications for second-language development and pedagogy	A. <i>Purpose***</i>	III. Cultural Contact
B. <i>Psychological factors affecting first- and second-language development ***</i>	B. <i>Methods ***</i>	A. Concepts of cultural contact
C. Socio-cultural factors affecting first- and second-language development	C. <i>State mandates ***</i>	B. Stages of individual cultural contact
D. <i>Pedagogical factors affecting first- and second-language development***</i>	D. <i>Limitations of assessment ***</i>	C. <i>The dynamics of prejudice***</i>
E. <i>Political factors affecting first- and second-language development ***</i>	E. <i>Technical concepts ***</i>	D. <i>Strategies for conflict resolution***</i>

EDMX 631 TRACKING FORM

NAME: _____

BASE TEAM NAME & MEMBERS: _____

I. Attendance, Punctuality & Participation - 40 possible points

Class #1 _____ (4)
Class #2 _____ (4)
Class #3 _____ (4)
Class #4 _____ (4)
Class #5 _____ (4)
Class #6 _____ (4)
Institute #7 _____ (4)
Institute #8 _____ (4)
Institute #9 _____ (4)

Sub-Total I. _____ (40 maximum)

II. Base Team Meetings & Notebook – 20 possible points

Base Team Meeting #1 _____ (5)
Base Team Meeting #2 _____ (5)
Base Team Meeting #3 _____ (5)
Base Team Meeting #4 _____ (5)
Base Team Notebook _____

Sub-Total II. _____ (20 maximum)

III. Rights and Responsibilities Legal Brief – 20 possible points

Sub-Total III. _____ (20 maximum)

IV. Reading Reflections – 20 possible points

#1 _____ (4) #2 _____ (4) #3 _____ (2) #4 Conference _____ (10)

Sub-Total V. _____ (20 maximum)

GRAND TOTAL (100 POSSIBLE POINTS) = _____

Place of Meeting: _____
 Date: _____
 Time: _____

Base Team Meeting #1

<u>Persons Present:</u>	<u>Late:</u>	<u>Absentees:</u>	<u>Others Who Need to Know:</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

<u>Roles:</u>	<u>This Meeting</u>	<u>Next Meeting</u>
Recorder	_____	_____
Timekeeper	_____	_____
Jargonbuster	_____	_____
Equalizer	_____	_____
"But" watcher	_____	_____
Encourager	_____	_____

AGENDA

SUGGESTED ITEMS	SUGGESTED TIME LIMIT
1. Review agenda and assign roles for this and next meeting.	2 min
2. Setting Norms for Base Team Meetings:	2 min
Review 5 norms you consider most critical identified on the Study Guide for <u>Collaborative Teams: A Powerful Tool in School Restructuring</u>	
“Round robin” share norms of all members (Recorder records)	7 min
Agree upon at least 5 norms. Be sure to define so they are observable and measurable (Recorder records)	5 min
3. Individually, complete the bottom section of "What preferences do you have?"	3 min
4. As a team, complete the team summary chart and identify a personal and team growth goal.	10 min
5. COMPLETE QUESTIONS 3-8 OF THE STUDY GUIDE	20 min
6. Give your team a name (Go crazy!)	3 min
7. Group Processing:	8 min
With the activity or meeting just completed in mind, rate your team as a whole, on the Forming Skills of the <u>Individual and Group Assessment of Collaborative Skills</u> . Share and discuss your ratings with team members.	
Select one processing method from Table 1 of the <u>Collaborative Teaming</u> chapter that is least familiar to the group and use it to process the meeting.	
TOTAL TIME	60 min

Individual and Group Assessment of Collaboration Skills

Name: _____ Team Name: _____

Directions for Individual Assessment

Reflect on your behavior while working as a member of your team. On a 5-point scale (1 = I never do; 5 = I always do), rate yourself on the following skills. Select and place a star next to the 2 to 4 skills that you wish to improve.

Directions for Group Assessment

Reflect on your team's functioning. On a 5-point scale (1 = We never do; 5 = We always do), rate your entire team on the following skills. Compare your ratings with those of your teammates and jointly select 2 - 4 skills to improve. Place an arrow next to the skills your team has selected.

Forming Skills
(Trust Building)

SELF

GROUP

_____	I/we arrive at meetings on time	_____
_____	I/we stay for the duration of the meeting	_____
_____	I/we participate(d) in the establishment of the group's goals	_____
_____	I/we shared individual personal goals	_____
_____	I/we encourage everyone to participate	_____
_____	I/we use member's names	_____
_____	I/we look at the speaker	_____
_____	I/we do not use "put-downs"	_____
_____	I/we use an appropriate volume and voice tone	_____

GENERATE A TEAM ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION.

3. What does "parity" mean within a collaborative team?
4. Identify 3 strategies for promoting parity among members of a team.
5. In what ways does the distribution of leadership roles among team members promote healthy team functioning?
6. Aside from the roles of Recorder and Timekeeper, what 3 roles do you consider most critical to team functioning? Why?
7. Identify 3 ways the Collaborative Team Meeting Worksheet (Figure 2 at the very end of the chapter) structures face-to-face interaction.
8. Identify 2 ways the Collaborative Team Meeting Worksheet prompts team members to focus upon improving their "good team member" behaviors.

Study Guide
for
Collaborative Teams: A Powerful Tool in Restructuring
(CONTINUED)

COMPLETE AS A TEAM

Our Names _____ Team Name _____

3. What does "parity" mean within a collaborative team?
4. Identify 3 strategies for promoting parity among members of a team.
5. In what ways does the distribution of leadership roles among team members promote healthy team functioning?
6. Aside from the roles of Recorder and Timekeeper, what 3 roles do you consider most critical to team functioning? Why?
7. Identify 3 ways the Collaborative Team Meeting Worksheet (Figure 2 at the very end of the chapter) structures face-to-face interaction.
8. Identify 2 ways the Collaborative Team Meeting Worksheet prompts team members to focus upon improving their "good team member" behaviors.

Team Member: _____

WHAT PREFERENCES DO YOU HAVE?

What jobs do you prefer when you work with a team?

When working with a team, what jobs do you dislike?

Check, the team roles and tasks you find to be the most enjoyable and challenging.

*I enjoy
this*

*I find this
difficult*

- Being the Leader
- Following the Agenda
- Sharing My Turf and Control
- Listening
- Getting to the Specifics
- Being Diplomatic
- Analyzing Problems
- Expressing My Ideas When I Don't Agree
- Staying Positive When I Dislike the Task
- Organizing Meetings and Follow-Through Activities
- Following Through on Group Decisions
- Developing Trust in People to Do a Quality Job
- Following Routines and Procedures
- Changing the Way I Do Things
- Delegating Tasks and Decisions to Others
- Giving Others Recognition and Credit
- Weighing Pros and Cons Before Making a Decision
- Working with Open-Ended Activities
- Staying Aware of the Group's Feelings
- Being the Decision Maker
- Accepting Criticism of My Ideas
- Brainstorming
- Compromising
- Summarizing
- Dealing With Disagreements
- Being Creative

TEAM SUMMARY CHART

Here are functions of an effective team. List team members' names across the top of the grid. Have each member identify his/her areas of strength. If there are functions with no checks, decide how to fulfilled these functions. Use these results to establish both personal and team growth goals.

TEAM MEMBERS

FUNCTIONS OF EFFECTIVE TEAM MEMBERS						
Assuming Leadership						
Being a Decision Maker						
Record Keeping						
Accepting Criticism						
Staying on the Topic						
Brainstorming Creatively						
Sharing Turf and Control						
Compromising						
Listening Quietly						
Summarizing						
Planning Specifics and Details						
Dealing with Conflict						
Being Diplomatic						
Analyzing Problems						
Doing Research						
Expressing Opposing Ideas						
Staying Positive when Disliking the Task						
Organizing						
Following Through on Group Decisions						
Trusting in People to Do a Quality Job						
Following Routines and Procedures						
Changing the Way to Do Things						
Delegating Tasks and Decisions						
Giving Others Recognition and Credit						
Weighing Pros and Cons						
Working with Open-Ended Activities						
Staying Aware of the Group's Feelings						
Tolerating Delays						
Meeting Deadlines						
Serving as a Spokesperson						
Setting Goals						
Evaluating Results						
Encouraging Others to Participate						

Place of Meeting: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Team Name: _____
Base Team Meeting #2

<u>Persons Present:</u>	<u>Late:</u>	<u>Absentees:</u>	<u>Others Who Need to Know:</u>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

Rotating Roles:

- | | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Summarizer #1 | Birthday closest to today | _____ |
| Recorder #1 | First to the left of Summarizer | _____ |
| Timekeeper #1 | Second to the left of Summarizer | _____ |
| But Watcher #1 | Third to the left of Summarizer | _____ |
| Encourager #1 | Fifth to the left of Summarizer | _____ |

AGENDA

SUGGESTED ITEMS

**SUGGESTED
TIME LIMITS**

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| 1. Prior to Meeting #2 go to from WebCT Resource page.
Go to Base Teams.
Go to Meeting #2. Go to "Ten Common Problems....."
Download and print off this PDF file.
Bring pdf and agenda to Base Team Meeting #2 | 3 min |
| 2. Review the agenda for today and assign roles.
Be sure to review the definition and function of each role. | |
| 3. Complete the "Working Through Group Problems Activity"
(See the Steps on the next page.) | 60 min |

STEPS (12 minutes per behavior):

1. Circle problems #1,5,6,8 and 10 (1 min)
2. As a team, silently read #1. STOP at "How a Team Leader Can Deal With ... (2 min)
3. Describe what behavior sound or looks like on a team you have been on. (2 min)
4. Brainstorm at least 4 strategies to deal with the problem. Recorder # 1 records ideas (4 min)
5. Silently read "How a Team Leader Can Deal With ..." (2 min)
6. Each member completes the phrase "One strategy I am committed to using is ... (2 min)
7. Rotate roles clockwise. Repeat steps 2 - 7 for circled problems.
Problems Activity

3. OTHER?

4. Group Processing

Process by completing the "Functioning" Checklist as a group.

7 minutes

TOTAL TIME

70+ min

MINUTES OF OUTCOMES

Action Items:

Person(s) Responsible?

By When?

1. We will communicate outcomes to absent members and others who need to know by:
- 2.
- 3.

Individual Homefun:

Download and print Base Team Meeting #3 agenda and group processing. Bring district IEP and Transition forms to Base Team Meeting #3.

Team Homefun:

AGENDA BUILDING FOR NEXT MEETING

Date: _____

Location: _____

Time Start: _____

Time End: _____

Expected Agenda Items: See Base Team Agenda #3

Individual and Group Assessment of Collaboration Skills
Functioning Skills
(Communication & Distributed Leadership)

Name _____ Team Name: _____
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Directions for Individual Assessment

Reflect on your behavior while working as a member of your team. On a 5-point scale (1 = I never do; 5 = I always do), rate yourself on the following skills. Select and place a star next to the 2 to 4 skills that you wish to improve.

Directions for Group Assessment

Reflect on your team's functioning. On a 5-point scale (1 = We never do; 5 = We always do), rate your entire team on the following skills. Compare your ratings with those of your teammates and jointly select 2 - 4 skills to improve. Place an arrow next to the skills your team has selected.

SELF	GROUP
_____ I/we share ideas	_____
_____ I/we share feelings when appropriate	_____
_____ I/we share materials and resources	_____
_____ I/we volunteer for roles which help the group accomplish the task (e.g., timekeeper)	_____
_____ I/we volunteer for roles which help to maintain a harmonious working group (e.g., encourage everyone to participate)	_____
_____ I/we clarify the purpose of the meeting	_____
_____ I/we set or call attention to time limits	_____
_____ I/we offer suggestions as to how to effectively accomplish the task	_____
_____ I/we ask for help, clarification, or technical assistance when needed	_____
_____ I/we praise team members' contributions	_____
_____ I/we ask team members' opinions	_____
_____ I/we use head nods, smiles, and other facial expressions to show interest/approval	_____
_____ I/we offer to explain or clarify	_____
_____ I/we paraphrase other team members' contributions	_____
_____ I/we energize the group with humor, ideas, or enthusiasm when motivation is low	_____
_____ I/we relieve tension with humor	_____
_____ I/we check for others' understanding of the concepts discussed	_____
_____ I/we summarize outcomes before moving to the next agenda item	_____

Place of Meeting: _____
 Date: _____
 Time: _____

Base Team Meeting #3

<u>Persons Present:</u>	<u>Late:</u>	<u>Absentees:</u>	<u>Others Who Need to Know:</u>
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____

Roles:

Recorder	Birthday closest to New Year's Eve	_____
Timekeeper	First to the left of Recorder	_____
Jargonbuster	Second to the left of Recorder	_____
Equalizer	Third to the left of the Recorder	_____
Encourager	Forth to the left of the Recorder	_____

AGENDA

SUGGESTED ITEMS	SUGGESTED TIME LIMITS
1. Review agenda and assign roles. Identify the social skill(s)/norms that the team wishes to focus upon/practice at this meeting.	5 min
2. Review pages 236 – 245 of the Rosenberg et al. text. Examine the San Diego or North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) IEP form (www.preschoolfun.com) and identify where required components of an IEP (identified on pages 236-238) appear in this IEP format. (Highlight in some way components on the form itself.)	15 min
3. How does the NCCSE, San Diego, or your team's district IEP format <u>ensure</u> that the following topics are discussed and family/child input is assured. Highlight the prompt on the form in a different color. If the form does not prompt IEP team discussion of the following, what would you do (e.g., add to the form) to assure attention to the topic? Write a paragraph explaining your actions in a meeting to prompt discussion of each topic not addressed on the IEP. a) Participation in district & statewide assessments b) Transition from early childhood to school-age programs c) Transition planning and services from age 14	30 min

- d) Plan for behavior, if IEP team has a concern
 - e) Extended school year services, if determined as needed
 - f) Technological assistance
 - g) Frequency of progress reports to parents
 - h) IEP participation of general education teacher (who knows the child)
 - i) Assessments are done in the child's primary language
 - j) Parents/guardians provided translation in primary language in the meeting
 - k) For English learners, are goals and objectives "linguistically appropriate" (i.e., at the learner's level of English language development)
 - l) Inclusion of students as members and advocates on the IEP team
 - m) Discussion of continuum of options with IEP team members
 - n) Access to the core curriculum through provision of accommodations, adaptations, and modifications
 - o) Communication of supports and services and accommodations and modifications to the general education teachers
 - p) Parent concerns and desires regarding student education and extra curricular activity participation
4. With the activity and meeting just completed in mind, rate your team, as a whole, on the **Formulating Skills** (Creativity Skills) using the Individual and Group Assessment of Collaborative Skills form. Describe your creativity behaviors that helped you to generate ideas for dealing with the problems described in the activity. 5 min
5. Assign roles for next meeting. Be sure each person has a role they have not yet tried. 5 min

TOTAL TIME **60 min**

MINUTES OF OUTCOMES & HOMEFUN

<u>Action Items:</u>	<u>Person(s) Responsible?</u>	<u>By When?</u>
1. We communicate outcomes to absent mem		
<u>Individual Homefun:</u>	Download agenda and materials for Team Meeting #4. Bring Composite of Laws book to the meeting.	
<u>Team Homefun:</u>		

AGENDA BUILDING FOR NEXT MEETING

Date: _____ Location: _____

Time Start Items:
SEE AGENDA FOR MEETING #4

Individual and Group Assessment of Collaboration Skills
Formulating Skills
(Decision-Making & Creative Problem Solving)

Name: _____ Team Name: _____

Directions for Individual Assessment

Reflect on your behavior while working as a member of your team. On a 5-point scale (1 = I never do; 5 = I always do), rate yourself on the following skills. Select and place a star next to the 2 to 4 skills that you wish to improve.

Directions for Group Assessment

Reflect on your team's functioning. On a 5-point scale (1 = We never do; 5 = We always do), rate your entire team on the following skills. Compare your ratings with those of your teammates and jointly select 2 - 4 skills to improve. Place an arrow next to the skills your team has selected.

SELF

GROUP

_____	I/we seek accuracy of information by adding to or questioning summaries	_____
_____	I/we seek elaboration by relating to familiar events or asking how material is understood by others	_____
_____	I/we ask for additional information or rationale	_____
_____	I/we seek clever ways of remembering ideas and facts (e.g., posters, visuals, notes, mnemonic devices, public agendas)	_____
_____	I/we ask other members why and how they are reasoning	_____
_____	I/we encourage the assigning of specific roles to facilitate better group functioning (e.g., process observer)	_____
_____	I/we ask for feedback in a non-confrontational way	_____
_____	I/we help to decide the next steps for the group	_____
_____	I/we diagnose group difficulties regarding tasks	_____
_____	I/we diagnose group difficulties regarding interpersonal problems	_____
_____	I/we encourage the generation and exploration of multiple solutions to problems through the use of creative problem-solving strategies	_____

Place of Meeting: _____
 Date: _____
 Time: _____

Base Team Meeting #4

<u>Persons Present:</u>	<u>Late:</u>	<u>Absentees:</u>	<u>Others Who Need to Know:</u>
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____

AGENDA – PART 1

SUGGESTED ITEMS

SUGGESTED TIME LIMITS

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| <p>1. The focus of this meeting is to learn to maneuver your way through the "California Special Education Program: a Composite of Laws." By using this book, each team member will become familiar with the information that is contained within. Please use the index and table of contents to find the necessary information to answer the scenarios. Take the first scenario and locate the sections in the law that relate to and help determine the answer to the question posed by the scenario.</p> <p>We all came to the base team meeting prepared with answers to the questions that each of us had been assigned..</p> | <p>20 min</p> |
| <p>2. The remaining scenarios should be divided evenly among base team members. Each person is to locate the sections in the California State Law that address this particular scenarios issue or problem. Record the reference and page number so that you can easily locate and share with your other base team members.</p> <p>After discussing what each of us researched for each question, we integrated our answers into each question.</p> | <p>10 min</p> |
| <p>3. Agree upon a date prior to Class #4, reconvene to complete all scenarios. Prepare to share in Class #10.</p> | <p>5 min</p> |

AGENDA – PART 2

Reconvene to complete all scenarios. Prepare to share in Class #9.

Roles:

Recorder	Person who has the most brothers and sisters	_____
Timekeeper	First person to the right of the Recorder	_____
Jargonbuster	Second person to the right of the Recorder	_____
Equalizer	Third person to the right of the Recorder	_____
Encourager	Remaining Team Member	_____
Other?		

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|--|--------|
| 1. Review the agenda and assign roles. Identify 2 to 3 social skill(s)/norms for the team to focus upon or practice during this meeting. | 5 min |
| 2. For each scenario, the "discovery" of the relevant sections of the Composite is lead by the team member(s) responsible for locating information for that scenario. If a member was unable to locate all the sections to provide an adequate answer to the scenario, the team as a whole must locate the information. Team members must come to consensus as to responses. | 60 min |
| 3. Process by following the directions for "Self" and "Group" on the "Fermenting" checklist. Discuss how well the team members fulfilled their roles and social skills the group set at the beginning of the meeting. | 10 min |
| 4. Assign and create roles for the next meeting
Be sure that each person has a role that they have not yet experienced. | 5 min |

TOTAL TIME PART 2 80 min

Recorder	Birthday closest to New Year's Eve	_____
Timekeeper	First to the left of Recorder	_____
Jargonbuster	Second to the left of Recorder	_____
Equalizer	Third to the left of the Recorder	_____
Encourager	Forth to the left of the Recorder	_____

MINUTES OF OUTCOMES

- | <u>Action Items:</u> | <u>Person(s) Responsible?</u> | <u>By When?</u> |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. We will communicate outcomes to absent members and others by: | | |

Individual and Group Assessment of Collaboration Skills
Fermenting Skills
(Conflict Management)

Name: _____ Team Name: _____

Directions for Individual Assessment

Reflect on your behavior while working as a member of your team. On a 5-point scale (1 = I never do; 5 = I always do), rate yourself on the following skills. Select and place a star next to the 2 to 4 skills that you wish to improve.

Directions for Group Assessment

Reflect on your team's functioning. On a 5-point scale (1 = We never do; 5 = We always do), rate your entire team on the following skills. Compare your ratings with those of your teammates and jointly select 2 - 4 skills to improve. Place an arrow next to the skills your team has selected.

SELF

GROUP

_____	I/we communicate the rationale for ideas or conclusions.	_____
_____	I/we ask for justification of others' conclusions and ideas	_____
_____	I/we extend or build on other members' ideas or conclusions	_____
_____	I/we generate additional solutions or strategies	_____
_____	I/we test the "reality" of solutions by planning and assessing the feasibility of their implementation	_____
_____	I/we see ideas from other persons' perspective	_____
_____	I/we criticize ideas without criticizing people	_____
_____	I/we differentiate differences of opinions when there is a disagreement	_____

AGENDA BUILDING FOR NEXT MEETING

Date: Last Class

Location: Course Classroom

Time Start: TBD by Instructor

Time End: TBD by Instructor

Expected Agenda Items:

Are we really a team? Checklist completion

Yearbook signing

Secrets to our Name and Success

EDUCATION CODE – PART 30 Legislation (1980 + 119 bills)	CALIFORNIA CODE – TITLE 5 Regulations (1981 + amendments)
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CALIFORNIA SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS: A COMPOSITE OF LAWS

CASE SCENARIOS

Directions: For each question, use the Table of Contents and the Index (Section M) at the back of the Composite of Laws to locate relevant sections and pages of legislation (Ed Code 30) and regulations (Title 5) that offers answers to the questions posed. You will want to formulate and search for some key terms and concepts (e.g. continuum of services, FAPE) that relate to the question and then search for them in the Table of Contents and Index. If nothing seems to emerge, thumb through each of the two sections of the Composite for language that addresses the question. Identify the relevant sections and page numbers for each question and also answer in narrative any questions that ask for your suggestions, opinion, advice, or decisions based on the legislation and regulations. Word process your responses on a separate document, perhaps creating for each question a table such as modeled above along with a narrative for questions that require a narrative response. Be prepared to share this with classmates in class and to teach the content to those who did not study your sections of the Scenario assignment.

Sample Items A & B:

A. A potential new resident of the district requests assurance that the district schools will provide an appropriate special education program and related services to his middle school child who has some identified disabilities.

What in the laws and regulations helps the district provide such assurances?
Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

B. A district psychologist completes an evaluation on a child and decides the student should be eligible for and receive special education services because of serious emotional disturbance. He asks the child's team members individually to sign off on the statement of eligibility on the evaluation team report.

Is this the correct procedure? Why or why not?
Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

Homefun Items:

1. There is a question as to whether a surrogate parent should be at an IEP meeting.

Under what conditions is a school required to have a surrogate parent at a meeting?
Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

2. A parent of a child eligible for special education calls the Board of Education and asks to have her child's records, including all medical and psychological records, sent to the new school district where their family is moving.

What should be the school district's response?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

3. A parent walks into the school and demands to review all of the school's records on her child that day.

Which records must the district provide? In what time frame?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

4. Upon hearing that their 18-month old is experiencing developmental delays the child's parents call the school district for further evaluation and services.

How should the district respond? What services should the district provide?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

5. A child's parents read an Evaluation Team Report and disagree strongly with the section that describes the family's background. The parents insist that the child be reevaluated by a more competent psychologist. The parents also insist that the district fire the psychologist who evaluated their son and hire a new, more competent psychologist.

What can the school district offer the parent in place of this request?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

6. The mother of a preschool-aged child who attends a preschool in the community and asks for special education services for her child. She says that she was told by her preschool that her child would probably qualify for special education services because of his disability. The mother does not want her son to be moved from the preschool since he has made such a good adjustment there and because he has great difficulty making transitions.

What can you do for this mother?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

7. A school's Student Study Team is interested in initiating a comprehensive evaluation for a student. Without any other communication with the parents, a Parent Consent Form is sent home to be signed ASAP.

How does this procedure comply or not comply with the laws and regulations?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

8. During Kindergarten pre-registration, a five-year-old child is noticed as having significant delays in several areas of development.

What should the district personnel do regarding this child?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

9. An initial IEP meeting for placement of a child, a parent indicates he believes his child needs an extended school year.

What should be done about the extended year "request?"

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

10. A parent calls the building principal and asks for an impartial due process hearing tomorrow.

What should be done, by whom, and when?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

11. A parent and recent new resident of the district expresses to a teacher at a PTA meeting that her two children seem to be having difficulty in school. One of the children is a preschooler and the other is a third grader. The parent requests help for both of her children.

How should the school respond to this request?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

12. After receiving a written request for a due process hearing, the school district's superintendent responds in writing that a hearing will be held but only after a face to face conference with the parents and, if necessary, mediation with a State Department of Education-appointed mediator.

Is this procedure correct? Why or why not?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

13. A child who has been receiving preschool special education services for the past two years will be turning six in August.

What must her school district do for her?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?

14. At an assessment team meeting one of the team members disagrees with the eligibility determination.

Can such disagreements be handled? How?

What impact does this have on the ultimate determination of eligibility?

Where did you find the information? Which sections? Which page(s)?