

Fixing Special Education

Part 1:
Supremes' decision on special-ed sets higher standards for care
Called 'a recipe for financial disaster' by unhappy public-school admin groups

Part 2:
New, higher special-ed costs looming for State of Nevada
9th Circuit signals lack of patience with ploys districts have used to suppress costs

Part 3:
School systems have flouted special-ed law for decades
Los Angeles, Texas, New York exemplify noncompliance styles

Part 4:
CCSD asked for special-ed audit then attempted to hide results
Revealed: Records tampering, state and federal law violations, illegal IEP changes

Part 5:
2001: CCSD, State of Nevada lose precedent-setting Amanda J. case
Apparent shift in district's strategy follows: Fight until jury trial looms, then settle with parents

Part 6:
Special-ed has a fundamental problem: government rigidity blocks innovation
Leaves administrators stuck within a system-corrupting dilemma: kids vs costs

Part 7:
Autism, dyslexia, societal changes reveal a broken special-ed system
Foot-dragging school districts face future of increasingly costly settlements

Part 8:
'Right of exit' found key to genuine special-ed progress
School-choice programs for special-needs kids: Popular with parents, save states money

Special-Needs Families: Collateral Damage in the War against ESAs

The Story of Linda and Sara Chappelle, Ty'jahnae and Taliyah Isaiah and his Mothers