

**CONCEPTS AND ROLES**

The County Board of Education affirms the important role of the County Office of Education in curriculum development and instructional improvement. Under the direction of the County Superintendent of Schools, the County Office of Education provides instructional programs and services for students in various programs including special education, juvenile court, regional occupation and community schools.

The County Superintendent, with County Board approval when required by law, may also provide coordination and direct services for school districts, such as providing and preparing courses of study, staff development, instructional materials and equipment, information services and other services that provide for the overall improvement of school district educational programs.

The County Superintendent, with County Board approval, may also provide audiovisual equipment and services to nonpublic institutions and schools. (Education Code 1251)

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**1240 General duties**1250 Power to contract with districts to provide audiovisual services**1251 Agreements with nonpublic institutions and school to provide audiovisual services**1700 et seq. County school service fund programs and services**1710 et seq. Special education program coordination and services**1720 et seq. Preparation of courses of study**1730 et seq. Supervision of elementary schools**1760-1762 Provision of guidance services**1770 et seq. Provision of library services**1780 et seq. Conservation and training programs**1790 et seq. Technical, agricultural and natural resource conservation schools**1830 et seq. Provision of audiovisual services**1850 et seq. Education of physically handicapped pupils**1900 Education of prisoners**1920 et seq. Emergency schools**1980 et seq. County community schools*