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Office of Education**

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TO: Educational Programs

FROM: Compliance Support Services

SUBJECT: **Compliance Information Bulletin Number 21
Written Permission by Parent for Assessments**

1. **Question:**

Can a parent give verbal permission for assessments at which time the service providers can begin assessing while awaiting the parent signature on a Permission to Assess form?

Response:

No.

California Ed. Code Section 56321(c) states:

No assessment shall be conducted unless the written consent of the parent is obtained prior to the assessment except pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56506 (Independent Assessment). The parent shall have at least 15 days from the receipt of the proposed assessment plan to arrive at a decision. Assessment may begin immediately upon receipt of the consent.

Reminder--An IEP meeting to discuss the assessments **MUST** be held within sixty (60) days from the time you received the signed PTA. If you go beyond that time, you **CANNOT** issue another PTA.