San Dieguito Union High School District INFORMATION REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF DELETION OF CURRENT

BOARD POLICY SERIES 6000, INSTRUCTION, AND REPLACE WITH ADOPTION OF REVISED BOARD POLICY SERIES 6000, INSTRUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

San Dieguito Union High School District is a member of the California School Boards Association (CSBA). CSBA provides guidance and board policy templates for member districts. The SDUHSD Board Policy Series 6000 - Instruction, was reviewed based on the CSBA templates and guidance. It is recommended that the Board delete the current Board Policy Series 6000 except for the following SDUHSD policies listed below, and replace with adoption of the revised series 6000, as presented. The remaining SDUHSD policies have, in some cases been retitled to be consistent with CSBA. The policies are shown in an editing format consistent with CSBA guidance; red strikeouts denote deletions and red italics denote insertions.

- BP 6171, Title I Programs
- AR 6171, Title I Programs
- BP 6174, Education for English Learners
- AR 6174, Education for English Learners
- BP 6178, Career Technical Education
- BP 6178.1, Work-Based Learning
- AR 6178.1, Work-Based Learning

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve deleting the current Board Policy Series 6000, Instruction, except for those policies listed above, and replace with adoption of the revised Board Policy Series 6000, as shown in the attached supplement.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Not applicable.

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Board Policy

Concepts And Roles

BP 6000

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that motivates every student to succeed. The district's educational program shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school and develop to their full potential.

Strategies for improving the educational program shall take into consideration the needs of individual students and subpopulations of students. Students who are failing or at risk of failing to meet academic standards shall may be provided with alternative programs and/or supplemental assistance designed to raise achievement.

Inasmuch as parents/guardians are critical partners in their children's education, parents/guardians shall-may be provided with opportunities to be meaningfully involved both in support of their children's education program at school and with learning at home.

The Board shall:

- 1. Establish standards of student achievement for core subjects at each grade level that are aligned with the district's vision for student learning, the specific needs and strengths of the students, the expectations of parents/guardians and the community, and available resources
- 2. Establish graduation requirements
- 3. Ensure that a process is in place, involving teachers, administrators, students, and parents/guardians, for the development and review of the district's curriculum
- 4. Adopt the district curriculum and courses of study to be offered
- 5. Adopt textbooks and other instructional materials
- 6. Support the professional staff's implementation of the curriculum by providing consistent policy direction, allocating resources based on educational program priorities, ensuring that collective bargaining agreements do not constrain the district's ability to achieve curricular goals, recognizing staff accomplishments, and including reasonable annual goals related to student learning in the Superintendent evaluation process
- 7. Provide a continuing program of professional development to keep instructional staff, administrators, and Board members updated about current issues and research pertaining to curriculum, instructional strategies, and student assessment
- 8. Review and evaluate the educational program on the basis of state and federal

accountability measures, disaggregated student achievement data, and other indicators and ensure that evaluation results are used to improve programs, curriculum, and/or instructional practices as necessary to enhance student achievement

9. Communicate clear information about district instructional goals, programs, and progress in student achievement to the community and media

The Superintendent or designee shall:

- 1. Review research related to curriculum issues
- 2. Select and/or develop curricula for recommendation to the Board in accordance with the district's curriculum development and review process
- 3. Ensure the articulation of the curriculum between grade levels and with postsecondary education and the workplace
- 4. Determine the general methods of instruction to be used
- 5. Assign instructors and schedule classes for all curricular offerings
- 6. Recommend instructional materials to the Board and direct the purchase of approved materials and equipment
- 7. Evaluate and report to the Board on student achievement as demonstrated through testing and other types of appraisal, and recommend necessary changes in curriculum, programs, and instruction as indicated by student performance data

Comparability in Instruction

The district shall provide comparable educational opportunities for all students. Instruction in the core curriculum shall be in no way diminished when students receive supplementary services funded by special governmental programs. Services funded by any categorical program shall supplement, not supplant, the district-provided core curriculum and any services which may be provided by other categorical programs.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
51000-51007 Legislative intent, educational program
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3940 Maintenance of effort
4424 Comparability of services
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6321 Fiscal requirements/comparability of services

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WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

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Board Policy

Academic Standards

BP 6011 Instruction

The Governing Board shall adopt high standards for student achievement which challenge all students to reach their full potential and specify what students are expected to know and to be able to do at each grade level and in each area of study. These standards shall reflect the knowledge and skills needed for students to be adequately prepared for postsecondary education, employment, and responsible citizenship.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with recommended standards using a process that involves teachers, school site and district administrators, students, parents/guardians, representatives from business/industry and postsecondary institutions, and/or community members. He/she shall ensure the proper articulation of standards between grade levels and the alignment of the standards with the district's vision and goals, graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and other desired student outcomes. He/she also shall ensure that the standards are easily understandable and measurable.

District content standards for English language arts, English language development, mathematics, science, health education, history-social science, physical education, visual and performing arts, world languages, career technical education, and preschool education shall meet or exceed statewide model content standards adopted by the State Board of Education or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as applicable.

District curriculum, instruction, student assessments, and evaluations of the instructional program shall be aligned with district content standards. In accordance with Education Code 44662, standards of expected student achievement also shall be used in evaluating teacher performance.

Teachers and school administrators shall-may receive ongoing professional development to inform them of changes in the standards and to build their capacity to implement effective standards-based instructional methodologies.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually communicate the applicable standards to students and their parents/guardians to inform them of the expectations for student learning at their grade level.

Staff shall continually assess students' progress toward meeting the standards, report each student's progress to the student and his/her parents/guardians, and offer remedial assistance in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district standards are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. At a minimum, district standards shall be reviewed whenever applicable statewide standards are revised and in response to changing student needs.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44662 Evaluation of certificated employees

51003 Statewide academic standards

60605-60605.9 Adoption of statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State academic standards and accountability for Title I, Part A

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Common Core Standards, Fact Sheet, August 2010

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, September 2013

California Common Core State Standards: English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, rev. March 2013

California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, January 2013

California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, rev. January 2013

California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 3, 2012

English-Language Development Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, November 2012

California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 2, 2010

Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, September 2010

World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, January 2009

California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 1, January 2008

Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, March 2008

Physical Education Model Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, January 2005

Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools, Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve, January 2001

History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, October 1998

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

Common Core State Standards Initiative: http://www.corestandards.org

Council of Chief State School Officers: http://www.ccsso.org

National Governors Association Center for Best Practices: http://www.nga.org/center

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

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Board Policy

Parent Involvement

BP 6020

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians and family members in the development of meaningful opportunities for them to be involved in district and school activities at all grade levels; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

The district's local control and accountability plan shall include goals and strategies for parent/guardian involvement, including district efforts to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and to promote parent/guardian participation in programs for English learners, foster youth, students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and students with disabilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians, family members, and school staff on the adequacy of involvement opportunities and on barriers that may inhibit participation.

Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members in establishing district expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family engagement in schools supported by Title I funding, developing strategies that describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318, as contained in the accompanying administrative regulation, and implementing and evaluating such programs, activities, and procedures. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct outreach to all parents/guardians and family members.

When the district's Title I, Part A allocation exceeds the amount specified in 20 USC 6318, the Board shall reserve at least one percent of the funding to implement parent/guardian and family engagement activities. The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent/guardian and family engagement activities and shall ensure that priority is given to schools in high poverty areas in accordance with law.

Expenditures of such funds shall be consistent with the activities specified in this policy and shall

include at least one of the following:

- Support for schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for 1. district and school staff regarding parent/guardian and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents/guardians and family members
- 2. Support for programs that reach parents/guardians and family members at home, in the community, and at school
- Dissemination of information on best practices focused on parent/guardian and family 3. engagement, especially best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents/guardians and family members
- 4. Collaboration with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent and family engagement
- 5. Any other activities and strategies that the district determines are appropriate and consistent with this policy

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds develops a school-level parent/guardian and family engagement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Non-Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

11500-11506 Programs to encourage parent involvement

48985 Notices in languages other than English

51101 Parent rights and responsibilities

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

54444.1-54444.2 Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children

56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education

64001 School plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs

LABOR CODE

230.8 Time off to visit child's school

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

18275 Child care and development programs, parent involvement and education

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State plan

6312 Local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

6318 Parent and family engagement

6631 Teacher and school leader incentive program, purposes and definitions

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services

35.160 Communications

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy

Family Engagement Framework: A Tool for California School Districts, 2014

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, Non-Regulatory Guidance, April 23, 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Family, School, Community Partnerships:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf

California Parent Center: http://parent.sdsu.edu California State PTA: http://www.capta.org

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: http://www.ncpie.org

National PTA: http://www.pta.org

Parent Information and Resource Centers: http://www.pirc-info.net Parents as Teachers National Center: http://www.parentsasteachers.org

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

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Administrative Regulation

Parent Involvement

AR 6020 Instruction

District Strategies for Title I Schools

To ensure that parents/guardians and family members of students participating in Title I programs are provided with opportunities to be involved in their children's education, the district shall:

1. Involve parents/guardians and family members in the joint development of a district plan that meets the requirements of 20 USC 6312 and in the development of school support and improvement plans pursuant to 20 USC 6311

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. In accordance with Education Code 52063, establish a district-level parent advisory committee and, as applicable, an English learner parent advisory committee to review and comment on the plan in accordance with the review schedule established by the Governing Board
- b. Invite input on the plan from other district committees and school site councils
- c. Communicate with parents/guardians through the district newsletter, web site, or other methods regarding the plan and the opportunity to provide input
- d. Provide copies of working drafts of the plan to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- e. Ensure that there is an opportunity at a public Board meeting for public comment on the plan prior to the Board's approval of the plan or revisions to the plan
- f. Ensure that school-level policies on parent/guardian and family engagement address the role of school site councils and other parents/guardians as appropriate in the development and review of school plans
- 2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent/guardian and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents/guardians and family members in education

The Superintendent or designee shall:

a. Assist parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the challenging state academic

content standards and academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

- b. Provide parents/guardians with materials and training, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement
- c. With the assistance of parents/guardians, educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools
- d. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent/guardian involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents/guardians in fully participating in their children's education
- e. Ensure that information related to school and parent/guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- f. Provide other such reasonable support for parent/guardian involvement activities as parents/guardians may request
- g. Inform parents/guardians and parent organizations of the existence and purpose of parent information and resource centers in the state that provide training, information, and support to parents/guardians of participating students

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Involve parents/guardians in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training
- b. Provide necessary literacy training, using Title I funds if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training
- c. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent/guardian involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions
- d. Train parents/guardians to enhance the involvement of other parents/guardians
- e. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or, when parents/guardians are unable to attend such conferences, conduct in-home conferences between parents/guardians and teachers or

other educators who work directly with participating students, in order to maximize parent/guardian involvement and participation

- f. Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent/guardian involvement
- g. Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent/guardian involvement in Title I programs
- h. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent/guardian involvement activities
- i. Make referrals to community agencies and organizations that offer literacy training, parent/guardian education programs, and/or other services that help to improve the conditions of parents/guardians and families
- j. Provide a master calendar of district activities and district meetings
- k. Provide information about opportunities for parent/guardian and family engagement through the district newsletter, web site, or other written or electronic means
- l. Engage parent-teacher organizations to actively seek out and involve parents/guardians through regular communication updates and information sessions
- m. To the extent practicable, provide translation services at school sites and at meetings involving parents/guardians and family members as needed
- n. Provide training and information to members of district and school site councils and advisory committees to help them fulfill their functions
- o. Provide ongoing district-level workshops to assist school site staff, parents/guardians, and family members in planning and implementing improvement strategies, and seek their input in developing the workshops
- p. Provide training for the principal or designee of each participating school regarding Title I requirements for parent/guardian and family engagement, leadership strategies, and communication skills to assist him/her in facilitating the planning and implementation of related activities
- q. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of staff development activities related to parent/guardian and family engagement
- r. Include expectations for parent/guardian outreach and involvement in staff job descriptions and evaluations
- s. Assign district personnel to serve as a liaison to the schools regarding Title I parent/guardian and family engagement issues

- t. Provide information to schools about the indicators and assessment tools that will be used to monitor progress
- 3. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate Title I parent/guardian and family engagement strategies with parent/guardian and family engagement strategies of other relevant federal, state, and local programs and ensure consistency with federal, state, and local laws

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Identify overlapping or similar program requirements
- b. Involve district and school site representatives from other programs to assist in identifying specific population needs
- c. Schedule joint meetings with representatives from related programs and share data and information across programs
- d. Develop a cohesive, coordinated plan focused on student needs and shared goals
- 4. Conduct, with meaningful involvement of parents/guardians and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent/guardian and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served by Title I, including identification of:
- a. Barriers to participation in parent/guardian and family engagement activities, with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
- b. The needs of parents/guardians and family members, so they can better assist with their children's learning and engage with school personnel and teachers
- c. Strategies to support successful school and family interactions

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this review and assessment through regular school communications mechanisms and shall provide a copy of the assessment to parents/guardians upon their request.

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Use a variety of methods, such as focus groups, surveys, and workshops, to evaluate the satisfaction of parents/guardians and staff with the quality and frequency of district communications
- b. Gather and monitor data regarding the number of parents/guardians and family members

participating in district activities and the types of activities in which they are engaged

- c. Recommend to the Board measures to evaluate the impact of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts on student achievement
- 5. Use the findings of the evaluation conducted pursuant to item #4 above to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent/guardian and family involvement and, if necessary, to revise the parent/guardian and family engagement policy
- 6. Involve parents/guardians in the activities of schools served by Title I, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents/guardians or family members served by the district to adequately represent the needs of the population served by the district for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent/guardian and family engagement policy

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include information about school activities in district communications to parents/guardians and family members
- b. To the extent practicable, assist schools with translation services or other accommodations needed to encourage participation of parents/guardians and family members
- c. Establish processes to encourage parent/guardian input regarding their expectations and concerns for their children

The district's Board policy and administrative regulation containing parent/guardian and family engagement strategies shall be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan in accordance with 20 USC 6312 and shall be distributed to parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs.

School-Level Policies for Title I Schools

At each school receiving Title I funds, a written policy on parent/guardian and family engagement shall be developed jointly with the parents/guardians and family members of participating students. Such policy shall describe the means by which the school will:

- 1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend, in order to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents/guardians to be involved
- 2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, for which related transportation, child care, and/or home visits may be provided as such services relate to parent/guardian involvement

3. Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy and, if applicable, the joint development of the plan for schoolwide programs pursuant to 20 USC 6314

The school may use an existing process for involving parents/guardians in the joint planning and design of the school's programs provided that the process includes adequate representation of parents/guardians of participating students.

- 4. Provide the parents/guardians of participating students all of the following:
- a. Timely information about Title I programs
- b. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging state academic standards
- c. If requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education, and, as soon as practicably possible, responses to the suggestions of parents/guardians
- 5. If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating students, submit any parent/guardian comments when the school makes the plan available to the district
- 6. Jointly develop with the parents/guardians of participating students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents/guardians will build a partnership to help students achieve state standards

This compact shall address:

- a. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating students to achieve the state's challenging academic achievement standards
- b. Ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, volunteering in the classroom, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and the positive use of extracurricular time
- c. The importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum:
- (1) Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the student's achievement

- (2) Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress
- (3) Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom, and observation of classroom activities
- (4) Regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand
- 7. Build the capacity of the school and parents/guardians for strong parent involvement by implementing the required activities described in item #2 in the section "District Strategies for Title I Schools" above
- 8. To the extent practicable, provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents/guardians and family members (including parents/guardians and family members with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians and family members with disabilities, and parents/guardians and family members of migrant children), including providing information and school reports required under 20 USC 6311(h) in a format and language such parents/guardians can understand

If the school has a parent involvement policy that applies to all parents/guardians, it may amend that policy to meet the above requirements.

Each school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy shall be made available to the local community. Parents/guardians shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents/guardians can understand.

Each school receiving Title I funds shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of its parent/guardian and family engagement policy. Such evaluation may be conducted during the process of reviewing the school's single plan for student achievement in accordance with Education Code 64001.

The school's policy shall be periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents/guardians and the school.

District Strategies for Non-Title I Schools

For each school that does not receive federal Title I funds, the Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum:

1. Engage parents/guardians positively in their children's education by helping them develop skills to use at home that support their children's academic efforts at school and their children's development as responsible members of society

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide or make referrals to literacy training and/or parent education programs designed to improve the skills of parents/guardians and enhance their ability to support their children's education
- b. Provide information, in parent handbooks and through other appropriate means, regarding academic expectations and resources to assist with the subject matter
- c. Provide parents/guardians with information about students' class assignments and homework assignments
- 2. Inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning, by providing them with techniques and strategies that they may use to improve their children's academic success and to assist their children in learning at home

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide parents/guardians with information regarding ways to create an effective study environment for their children at home and to encourage good study habits
- b. Encourage parents/guardians to monitor their children's school attendance, homework completion, and television viewing
- c. Encourage parents/guardians to volunteer in their child's classroom and to participate in school advisory committees
- 3. Build consistent and effective communication between the home and school so that parents/guardians may know when and how to assist their children in support of classroom learning activities

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Ensure that teachers provide frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress and hold parent-teacher conferences at least once per year with parents/guardians of elementary school students
- b. Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to observe classroom activities and to volunteer in their child's classroom
- c. Provide information about parent/guardian and family engagement opportunities through district, school, and/or class newsletters, the district's web site, and other written or electronic communications
- d. To the extent practicable, provide notices and information to parents/guardians in a format and language they can understand

- e. Develop mechanisms to encourage parent/guardian input on district and school issues
- f. Identify barriers to parent/guardian and family participation in school activities, including parents/guardians and family members who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
- g. Encourage greater parent/guardian participation by adjusting meeting schedules to accommodate parent/guardian needs and, to the extent practicable, by providing translation or interpreter services, transportation, and/or child care
- 4. Train teachers and administrators to communicate effectively with parents/guardians

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide staff development to assist staff in strengthening two-way communications with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians who have limited English proficiency or limited literacy
- b. Invite input from parents/guardians regarding the content of staff development activities pertaining to home-school communications
- 5. Integrate parent/guardian and family engagement programs into school plans for academic accountability

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include parent/guardian and family engagement strategies in school reform or school improvement initiatives
- b. Involve parents/guardians and family members in school planning processes

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Board Policy

School Calendar

BP 6111
Instruction

For each district school, the Governing Board shall adopt a school calendar that meets the requirements of law as well as the needs of the community, students, and the work year as negotiated with the district's employee organization(s). As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the proposed calendar is aligned with assessment and accountability schedules in order to support the district's goals for student achievement.

Each school calendar shall show the beginning and ending school dates, legal and local holidays, staff development days, orientation days, minimum days, vacation periods, and other pertinent dates.

The district shall offer a minimum of 175 days of instruction per school year, until it equals or exceeds the local control funding formula target established for it pursuant to Education Code 42238.02, at which time it shall offer 180 days or more of instruction per school year.

However, district schools on a multitrack year-round schedule may be maintained for a minimum of 163 instructional days in accordance with Education Code 37670.

Staff development days shall not be counted as instructional days.

Notification of the schedule of minimum days and student-free staff development days shall be sent to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year. If any minimum days or student-free staff development days are added to the schedule, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the affected students as soon as possible and at least one month before the scheduled minimum day.

If a school will be used as a polling place on an election day, the Board shall determine whether to continue school in session, designate the day for staff training and development, or close the school to students and nonclassified staff.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37200-37202 School calendar

37220-37223 Holidays

37600-37672 Continuous school programs: year-round schools, especially:

37618 School calendar

37700-37712 Four-day week

41420 Apportionment withholding, schools not maintained for 175 days

41422 Schools not maintained for 175 days

42238.02 Local control funding formula

46200-46208 Incentives for longer instructional day and year

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46300 Method of computing ADA
48980 Notice at beginning of term
ELECTIONS CODE
12283 School closures, election days
COURT DECISIONS
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Board Policy

School Day

BP 6112
Instruction

The Governing Board shall fix the length of the school day subject to the provisions of law.

The length of the school day shall apply equally to students with disabilities unless otherwise specified in the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan.

The schedule for elementary schools shall include at least one daily period of recess of at least 20 minutes in length in order to provide students with unstructured but supervised opportunities for physical activity.

In establishing the daily instructional schedule for each secondary school, the Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, and applicable legal requirements.

The Board encourages flexibility in scheduling so as to provide longer time blocks or class periods when appropriate and desirable to support student learning, provide more intensive study of core academic subjects or extended exploration of complex topics, and reduce transition time between classes.

Prior to implementing a block schedule program in which secondary students attend class for fewer school days, the Board shall consult with the certificated and classified employees of the school in a good faith effort to reach agreement and shall also consult with parents/guardians of the students who would be affected by the change and the community at large. Such consultation shall include at least one public hearing for which the Board has given adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8970-8974 Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten

37202 Equal time in all schools

37670 Year-round schools

46010 Total days of attendance

46100 Length of school day

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46140-46147 Junior high school and high school, day of attendance

46160-46162 Alternative schedule - junior high and high school

46170 Continuation schools, minimum day

46180 Opportunity schools, minimum day

46190-46192 Adult education classes, day of attendance

46200-46206 Minimum instructional time

48200 Compulsory attendance for minimum school day

48663 Community day school, minimum school day

48800-48802 Concurrent enrollment in community college

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Administrative Regulation

School Day

AR 6112 Instruction

Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten

Kindergarten and transitional kindergarten (TK) classes in district schools may be maintained for different lengths of time, either at the same or different school sites.

Except as otherwise permitted by law, the average school day established for kindergarten and TK students shall be at least three hours, including recesses but excluding noon intermissions, but no longer than four hours, excluding recesses.

Recess may be counted as instructional minutes for purposes of determining the maximum school day if it occurs under teacher supervision.

In any multitrack year-round school operating pursuant to Education Code 37670, the kindergarten school day may be up to 265 minutes, excluding recesses.

In any district school operating an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974, the kindergarten school day may exceed four hours, excluding recess, if both of the following conditions are met:—

- 1. The Governing Board has declared that the extended day kindergarten program does not exceed the length of the primary school day.
- 2. The extended day kindergarten program includes ample opportunity for both active and quiet activities within an integrated, experiential, and developmentally appropriate educational program.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the California Department of Education as to whether the district's kindergarten and TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both.

Grades 17-8

Except as otherwise provided by law, the school day for elementary and middle school students shall be:

- 1. At least 230 minutes for students in grades 1-3, unless the Board has prescribed a shorter school day because of lack of school facilities requiring double sessions, in which case the minimum school day shall be 200 minutes—
- 21. At least 240 minutes for students in grades 7-8

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In determining the number of minutes for purposes of compliance with the minimum school day for students in grades 1-8, both noon intermissions and recesses shall be excluded.

Grades 9-12

The school day for students in grades 9-12 shall be at least 240 minutes.

However, the school day may be less than 240 minutes when authorized by law. Programs that have a minimum school day of 180 minutes include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- 1. Continuation high school or classes
- 2. Opportunity school or classes
- 3. Regional occupational center
- 4. Work experience education program approved pursuant to Education Code 51760-51769.5

A student in grade 12 who is enrolled in work experience education and is in his/her last semester or quarter before graduation may be permitted to attend school for less than 180 minutes per school day if he/she would complete all requirements for graduation, except physical education courses, in less than 180 minutes each day.

- 5. Concurrent enrollment in a community college pursuant to Education Code 48800-48802 or, for students in grades 11-12, part-time enrollment in classes of the California State University or University of California, provided academic credit will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses
- 6. An early college high school or middle college high school, provided the students are enrolled in community college or college classes in accordance with item #5 above
- 7. Special day or Saturday vocational training program conducted under a federally approved plan for career technical education

8. Adult education classes

For an evening high school operated pursuant to Education Code 51720-51724, the number of days, specific days of the week, and number of hours during which the program shall be in session may be determined by the Board.

Students in grade 12 shall be enrolled in at least five courses each semester or the equivalent number of courses each quarter. This requirement shall not apply to students enrolled in regional occupational centers or programs, courses at accredited postsecondary institutions, independent study, special education programs in which the student's individualized education program establishes a different number of courses, continuation education classes, work experience

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education programs, or any other course of study authorized by the Board that is equivalent to the approved high school course of study.

Alternative Block Schedule for Secondary Schools

In order to establish a block or other alternative schedule or to accommodate career technical education and regional occupational center/program courses, the district may authorize students to attend fewer than the total number of days in which school is in session provided that students attend classes for at least 1,200 minutes during any five school day period or 2,400 minutes during any 10 school day period.

An early college high school or middle college high school may be scheduled so that students attend classes for at least 900 minutes during any five-school day period or 1,800 minutes during any 10-school day period.

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Board Policy

Ceremonies And Observances

BP 6115

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of having students observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural or historical significance, and acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals in society. On days designated by the Board, staff shall provide students with appropriate commemorative exercises so that they may acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, responsible citizenship in a democratic society.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37220-37222.18 Holidays and commemorative events

44015.1 Week of the School Administrator

45203 Paid holidays

45460 Classified Employee Week

52720 Daily performance of patriotic exercises in public schools

52730 Patriotic exercises, daily instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

430-439 Display of flags

3540-3549.3 Meeting and negotiating

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6 Time and occasion for display of flag

7 Position and manner of display of flag

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36

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Administrative Regulation

Ceremonies And Observances

AR 6115 Instruction

Holidays

District schools shall be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day January 1

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Third Monday in January or the Monday or Friday of the

week in which January 15 occurs

Lincoln Day The Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12

occurs

Washington Day Third Monday in February

Memorial Day Last Monday in May

Independence Day July 4

Labor Day First Monday in September

Veterans Day November 11

Thanksgiving Day

The Thursday in November designated by the President

Christmas Day December 25

In addition, the district has reached agreement with the district employee organizations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3 to close schools in observance of the following holidays:

Cesar Chavez Day March 31

Native American Day Fourth Friday in September

Holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. Holidays which fall on a Saturday shall be observed the preceding Friday. If any of the above holidays occurs under federal law on a date different from that indicated above, the Board may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above.

Commemorative Exercises

District schools shall hold exercises in accordance with law to commemorate the following special days:

U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day

On or near September 17

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Friday before the day schools are closed for this

holiday

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday The school day before the day schools are closed for

this holiday

Susan B. Anthony Day February 15

George Washington's Birthday

The Friday preceding the third Monday in February

Black American Day March 5

Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day March 7

Classified Employee Week Third week in May

Commemorative exercises shall be integrated into the regular educational program to the extent feasible.

Patriotic Exercises

Each school shall conduct patriotic exercises daily. These patriotic exercises shall consist of the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and may also include instruction that promotes understanding of the concepts of "pledge," "allegiance," "republic," and "indivisible" and understanding of the importance of the pledge as an expression of patriotism, love of country, and pride in the United States.

At elementary schools, such exercises shall be conducted at the beginning of each school day.

At secondary schools, such exercises shall be conducted during the homeroom period.

Individuals may choose not to participate in the flag salute for personal reasons.

Display of Flag

The flag of the United States and the flag of California shall be displayed during business hours at the entrance or on the grounds of every district school and on or near the district office. At all times, the national flag shall be placed in the position of first honor.

When displayed on a building or on a flagstaff in the open, the national flag shall be displayed only

from sunrise to sunset unless properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed during inclement weather unless an all-weather flag is used.

The national flag shall fly at half-staff on the following occasions:

- 1. For 30 days from the death of the President or a former President
- 2. For 10 days from the death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 3. From the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a secretary of an executive or military department, former Vice President, or the Governor of a state
- 4. On the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress
- 5. On Memorial Day, until noon only
- 6. On Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15), unless it falls on Armed Forces Day
- 7. Upon a proclamation from the Governor in the event of the death of a present or former official of the state government or a member of the Armed Forces from the state who has died while serving on active duty
- 8. On other occasions by order of the President and in accordance with presidential instructions or orders

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Administrative Regulation

Classroom Interruptions

AR 6116

Instruction

In order to allow students to take full advantage of learning opportunities while in the classroom, school staff shall ensure that interruptions are kept to a minimum. Strategies to reduce classroom interruptions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Keep announcements made through intercom or public address systems to a minimum, limit announcements to specific times during the day, and only use the intercom or public address systems for announcements that apply to all students or groups of students. Announcements that apply to individual students or staff members should be distributed in writing.
- 2. Establish a fixed time for the delivery of written messages to students and staff, except in cases of emergencies.
- 3. Schedule school maintenance operations involving noise or classroom disruption, as well as deliveries of equipment and supplies, to classrooms before or after school hours whenever possible.
- 4. Inform school visitors that, whenever possible, they should make appointments in advance, in accordance with district policy.
- 5. Notify parents/guardians that they should go to the school office rather than the classroom when they are dropping off their child late, picking him/her up early, or bringing by any forgotten items from home.
- 6. Notify school staff that they should refrain from conducting personal business during instructional time.
- 7. Provide professional development in classroom management as needed to enable staff to more effectively reduce interruptions caused by inappropriate student conduct in the classroom.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 32211 Restricting access to school grounds based on threatened disruption or interference
- 32212 Classroom interruptions
- 44810-44811 Disruptions; misdemeanor
- 48901.5 Authority to regulate use of electronic devices
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Board Policy

Year-Round Schedules

BP 6117 **Instruction**

Optional policy not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Response To Instruction And Intervention

BP 6120 **Instruction**

Optional policy not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Curriculum Development And Evaluation

BP 6141
Instruction

The Governing Board desires to provide a research-based, sequential curriculum which promotes high levels of student achievement and emphasizes the development of basic skills, problem solving, and decision making. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board shall adopt a written district curriculum which describes, for each subject area and grade level, the content objectives which are to be taught in all district schools.

The district's curriculum shall be aligned with the district's vision and goals for student learning, Board policies, academic content standards, state curriculum frameworks, state and district assessments, graduation requirements, school and district improvement plans, and, when necessary, related legal requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for curriculum development, selection, and/or adaptation which utilizes the professional expertise of teachers, principals, and district administrators representing various grade levels, disciplines, special programs, and categories of students as appropriate. The process also may provide opportunities for input from students, parents/guardians, representatives of local businesses and postsecondary institutions, and other community members.

The selection and evaluation of instructional materials shall be coordinated with the curriculum development and evaluation process.

When presenting a recommended curriculum for adoption, the Superintendent or designee shall provide research, data, or other evidence demonstrating the proven effectiveness of the proposed curriculum. He/she also shall present information about the resources that would be necessary to successfully implement the curriculum and describe any modifications or supplementary services that would be needed to make the curriculum accessible to all students.

The Board shall establish a review cycle for regularly evaluating the district's curriculum in order to ensure continued alignment with state and district goals for student achievement. At a minimum, these reviews shall be conducted whenever the State Board of Education adopts new or revised content standards or the curriculum framework for a particular subject or when new law requires a change or addition to the curriculum.

In addition, the Board may require a review of the curriculum in one or more subject areas as needed in response to student assessment results; feedback from teachers, administrators, or parent/guardians; new research on program effectiveness; or changing student needs.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 221.5 Equal opportunity

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35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51050-51057 Enforcement of courses of study

51200-51263 Required courses of study

51500-51540 Prohibited instruction

51720-51879.9 Authorized classes and courses of instruction

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Administrative Regulation Curriculum Development And Evaluation -

Curriculum Development And Evaluation -AR 6141 Instruction

Optional administrative regulation, not recommended for adoption.

Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs

BP 6141.2 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that students' education would be incomplete without an understanding of the role of religion in society. As appropriate for a particular course, teachers may objectively discuss the influences of various religions, using religious works and symbols to illustrate their relationship with culture, literature or the arts. The Board expects that such instruction will identify principles common to all religions and foster respect for the diversity of religions and customs in the world.

In order to respect each student's individual right to freedom of religious practice, religious indoctrination is clearly forbidden in the public schools. Instruction about religion shall not promote or denigrate the beliefs or customs of any particular religion or sect, nor should a preference be shown for one religious viewpoint over another. Staff members shall be highly sensitive to their obligation not to interfere with the religious development of any student in whatever tradition the student embraces.

Staff shall not endorse, encourage or solicit religious or anti-religious expression or activities among students during class time. As part of their official duties, staff shall not lead students in prayer or other religious activities. However, staff shall not prohibit or discourage any student from praying or otherwise expressing his/her religious belief as long as this does not disrupt the classroom.

Students may express their beliefs about religion in their homework, artwork and other class work if the expression is germane to the assignment. Such work shall be judged by ordinary academic standards.

While teaching about religious holidays is a permissible part of the educational program, celebrating religious holidays is not allowed in the public schools. School-sponsored programs shall not be, nor have the effect of being, religiously oriented or a religious celebration. School and classroom decorations may express seasonal themes that are not religious in nature.

Music, art, literature or drama programs having religious themes are permitted as part of the curriculum for school-sponsored activities and programs if presented in an objective manner and as a traditional part of the cultural and religious heritage. The use of religious symbols that are part of a religious holiday is permitted as a teaching aid or resource provided that such symbols are displayed as an example of cultural and religious heritage of the holiday and are temporary in nature.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
38130-38138 Civic Center Act
46014 Absences for religious purposes

51511 Religious matters properly included in courses of study

51938 Right of parent/guardian to excuse from sexual health instruction

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

4071-4074 Equal Access Act

6061 School prayer

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Administrative Regulation

Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs

AR 6141.2

Instruction

Staff shall make every effort to schedule one-time events, such as examinations, school-sponsored trips, special laboratories, picture taking days and class parties, to minimize conflicts with major-religious holidays of all faiths.

Programs and Exhibits

When school programs and exhibits are in any way related to instruction about religion or religious holidays, the following guidelines shall be observed:

- 1. The principal or designee shall ensure that school-sponsored programs are presented in an objective manner, consistent with Board policy.
- 2. The principal or designee shall be kept informed of the program's development.
- 3. Program or exhibit planners shall take into consideration the diverse religious faiths represented in the community, student body and staff.

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International Baccalaureate Program

BP 6141.4

Instruction

To encourage district students to challenge themselves academically, develop intercultural understanding and respect, and be more competitive when applying for admission to postsecondary institutions, the district shall offer opportunities for students to participate in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. The Superintendent or designee shall provide a challenging, cross-disciplinary curriculum that provides the knowledge, concepts, skills, attitudes, and action that district students need to equip them for successful lives. The district's IB program shall provide structured, purposeful inquiry that engages students in their own learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district students of all ability levels are offered the opportunity to participate in the program if it is available at their school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers and administrators are engaged in the planning process for the IB program to construct a rigorous and challenging curriculum. He/she shall coordinate implementation of the IB program with any other advanced learning opportunities offered by the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development and support to teachers of IB courses. Such professional development may include, but is not limited to, mentoring for prospective teachers of IB courses, opportunities for teachers to obtain information on the curriculum of specific courses through online workshops, webinars, blended learning and e-learning resources, and opportunities for district staff to share course syllabi and teaching practices.

IB Diploma Program or IB Career-related Program

The district's IB Diploma Program shall offer a comprehensive, rigorous two-year program for students. To earn the IB diploma, students shall:

- 1. Complete a specific, intensive, balanced liberal arts course of study
- 2. Pass examinations in six curricular areas, including language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, sciences, mathematics, and the arts
- 3. Demonstrate an understanding of the theory of knowledge through an oral presentation and extended essay on an externally assessed, independent research project
- 4. Demonstrate creativity, action, and service through involvement in a minimum of 150 hours of artistic activities, physical activities, and community service

The district shall offer a two-year, rigorous IB Career-related Program to high school students-

pursuing vocational or career and technical education (CTE). Students participating in the IB-Career-related Program shall take a minimum of two IB courses and meet other diploma-level-requirements, including performing community service and completing a final project related to their vocational or CTE field.

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee may adjust the number of courses taken and hours of community service performed by students depending on the IB program in which they are participating.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop support systems to encourage students to participate in IB courses and take IB course examinations. Support systems may include, but are not limited to, resource centers, programs to recognize student accomplishments, and parent involvement through an IB parent organization group. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may explore partnerships with colleges and universities to encourage students to pursue postsecondary education.

To the extent feasible, the district shall reduce the cost of IB examination fees for eligible low-income students. The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the availability of funds for this purpose and shall provide information on how students may apply for funding.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually apply to the California Department of Education for federal funds to support the reimbursement of fees for low income students. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may recommend the use of district funds, when available and appropriate, to provide additional support for the fee assistance program.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the number of students participating in the IB program and, as applicable, the percentage of participating students who pass the IB examination in each curricular area. Such reports shall include the participation and outcomes of numerically significant student subgroups as defined in Education Code 52052.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

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52920-52922 International Baccalaureate Diploma program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6534 Advanced Placement exam fee program

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U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

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Advanced Placement

BP 6141.5 **Instruction**

To encourage district students to challenge themselves academically, develop college-level skills, and be more competitive when applying for admission to postsecondary institutions, the Governing Board shall offer opportunities to high school students to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses and pass AP examinations.

The Board desires to provide at least four AP courses at each high school. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend subject areas for AP courses at each school based on student interest and the availability of qualified certificated staff, instructional materials, and other resources. The Superintendent or designee shall also explore alternative methods of delivering AP courses, such as online courses or distance learning.

The Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with feeder schools to ensure that students are offered the opportunity to take coursework that will prepare them for AP courses.

All students who meet course prerequisites shall have equal access to AP courses.

Grades for AP courses shall be assigned in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall make efforts to encourage students to participate in AP courses and to take end-of-course AP exams by creating support systems for AP students, such as resource centers and programs to recognize student accomplishments. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may explore partnerships with colleges and universities to help encourage students to pursue postsecondary education.

To increase the capacity of district schools to offer AP courses, the Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development and support to teachers of such courses. This professional development may include, but is not limited to, opportunities for teachers to obtain information on the curriculum of specific courses, instructional methods, and data-driven decision making; mentoring for prospective teachers of AP courses; and opportunities for staff within the district to share course syllabi and practices.

The Board desires that every district AP course receive authorization to use the AP designation by the College Board. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the process for submitting courses for approval as part of the College Board AP course audit.

Examination Fee

To the extent feasible, the district shall reduce the cost of AP examination fees for eligible low-income students. At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall

notify parents/guardians of the availability of funds for this purpose and shall provide information on how income eligible students may apply for funding.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
52240-52242 Advanced Placement program
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
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Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

BP 6142.1

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to provide a well-planned, integrated sequence of medically accurate and inclusive instruction on comprehensive sexual health and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention. The district's educational program shall provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect them from sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy and to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors. The district's educational program shall also promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development and the development of healthy attitudes and behaviors concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family.

Comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education shall be offered to all students in grades 7-12, including at least once in junior high or middle school and at least once in high school.

The district's curriculum shall support the purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act as specified in Education Code 51930-51939, be unbiased and inclusive of all students in the classroom, and be aligned with the state's content standards. The district shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values regarding human sexuality to their children.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a coordinator and/or an advisory committee regarding the district's comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention curriculum. The advisory committee shall represent a divergence of viewpoints and may participate in planning, implementing, and evaluating the district's program.

Parent/Guardian Consent

Annually, parents/guardians shall be notified, in the manner specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, that they may request in writing that their child be excused from participating in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education. Students so excused by their parents/guardians shall be given an alternative educational activity.

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive the instruction.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 Prohibition of discrimination

33544 Inclusion of sexual harassment and violence in health curriculum framework

48980 Notice at beginning of term

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51210.8 Health education curriculum

51225.35 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation

51240 Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs

51513 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices

51930-51939 California Healthy Youth Act

67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

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1255.7 Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby

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Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

AR 6142.1 **Instruction**

Definitions

Comprehensive sexual health education means education regarding human development and sexuality, including education on pregnancy, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections.

HIV prevention education means instruction on the nature of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), methods of transmission, strategies to reduce the risk of HIV infection, and social and public health issues related to HIV and AIDS.

Age appropriate refers to topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents, based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group.

Medically accurate means verified or supported by research conducted in compliance with scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, where appropriate, and recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field, such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

General Criteria for Instruction and Materials

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention instruction and materials:

- 1. Are age appropriate
- 2. Are factually and medically accurate and objective
- 3. Align with and support the following purposes as specified in Education Code 51930:
- a. To provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and from unintended pregnancy
- b. To provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family
- c. To promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development

- d. To ensure students receive integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention instruction and provide educators with clear tools and guidance to accomplish that end
- e. To provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors
- 4. Are appropriate for use with students of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds; students with disabilities; and English learners
- 5. Are available on an equal basis to a student who is an English learner, consistent with the existing curriculum and alternative options for an English learner as otherwise provided in the Education Code
- 6. Are accessible to students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, the provision of a modified curriculum, materials, and instruction in alternative formats and auxiliary aids
- 7. Do not reflect or promote bias against any person in protected categories of discrimination pursuant to Education Code 220
- 8. Affirmatively recognize that people have different sexual orientations and, when discussing or providing examples of relationships and couples, shall be inclusive of same-sex relationships
- 9. Teach students about gender, gender expression, and gender identity, and explore the harm of negative gender stereotypes
- 10. Encourage students to communicate with their parents/guardians and other trusted adults about human sexuality and provide the knowledge and skills necessary to do so
- 11. Teach the value of and prepare students to have and maintain committed relationships such as marriage
- 12. Provide students with knowledge and skills they need to form healthy relationships that are based on mutual respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion, and intimidation
- 13. Provide students with knowledge and skills for making and implementing healthy decisions about sexuality, including negotiation and refusal skills to assist students in overcoming peer pressure and using effective decision-making skills to avoid high-risk activities
- 14. Do not teach or promote religious doctrine

Components of Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Education

The district's comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education for students in

grades 7-12, in addition to complying with the criteria listed above in the section "General Criteria for Instruction and Materials," shall include all of the following:

- 1. Information on the nature of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and their effects on the human body
- 2. Information on the manner in which HIV and other sexually transmitted infections are and are not transmitted, including information on the relative risk of infection according to specific behaviors, including sexual behaviors and injection drug use
- 3. Information that abstinence from sexual activity and injection drug use is the only certain way to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy

The instruction shall provide information about the value of delaying sexual activity while also providing medically accurate information on other methods of preventing HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy.

- 4. Information about the effectiveness and safety of all federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved methods that prevent or reduce the risk of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, including use of antiretroviral medication, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 5. Information about the effectiveness and safety of reducing the risk of HIV transmission as a result of injection drug use by decreasing needle use and needle sharing
- 6. Information about the treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, including how antiretroviral therapy can dramatically prolong the lives of many people living with HIV and reduce the likelihood of transmitting HIV to others
- 7. Discussion about social views on HIV and AIDS, including addressing unfounded stereotypes and myths regarding HIV and AIDS and people living with HIV

This instruction shall emphasize that successfully treated HIV-positive individuals have a normal life expectancy, all people are at some risk of contracting HIV, and that testing is the only way to know if one is HIV-positive

- 8. Information about local resources, how to access local resources, and students' legal rights to access local resources for sexual and reproductive health care such as testing and medical care for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy prevention and care, as well as local resources for assistance with sexual assault and intimate partner violence
- 9. Information about the effectiveness and safety of FDA-approved contraceptive methods in preventing pregnancy, including, but not limited to, emergency contraception. Instruction on pregnancy shall include an objective discussion of all legally available pregnancy outcomes, including, but not limited to:

- a. Parenting, adoption, and abortion
- b. Information on the law on surrendering physical custody of a minor child 72 hours of age or younger, pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1255.7 and Penal Code 271.5
- c. The importance of prenatal care
- 10. Information about sexual harassment, sexual assault, adolescent relationship abuse, intimate partner violence, and sex trafficking

Professional Development

The district's comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education shall be provided by instructors trained in the appropriate courses who are knowledgeable of the most recent medically accurate research on human sexuality, healthy relationships, pregnancy, and HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperatively plan and conduct in-service training for all district personnel who provide HIV prevention education, through regional planning, joint powers agreements, or contract services.

In developing and providing in-service training, the Superintendent or designee shall cooperate and collaborate with the teachers who provide HIV prevention education and with the California Department of Education (CDE).

The district shall periodically conduct in-service training to enable district personnel to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of HIV. In-service training shall be voluntary for personnel who have demonstrated expertise or received in-service training from the CDE or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Superintendent or designee may expand HIV in-service training to cover the topic of comprehensive sexual health education for district personnel teaching comprehensive sexual health education to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of sexual health.

Use of Consultants or Guest Speakers

The Superintendent or designee may contract with outside consultants or guest speakers, including those who have developed multilingual curricula or curricula accessible to persons with disabilities, to deliver comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education or to provide training for district personnel. All outside consultants and guest speakers shall have expertise in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education and knowledge of the most recent medically accurate research on the relevant topic(s) covered in the instruction. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any instruction provided by an outside speaker or consultant complies with Board policy, administrative regulation, and Education Code 51930-51939.

Parent/Guardian Notification

At the beginning of each school year or at the time of a student's enrollment, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians about instruction in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education, as well as research on student health behaviors and risks, planned for the coming year. The notice shall advise parents/guardians:—

- 1. That written and audiovisual educational materials to be used in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education are available for inspection
- 2. That parents/guardians have a right to excuse their child from comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, or research on student health behaviors and risks, provided they submit their request in writing to the district
- 3. That parents/guardians have a right to request a copy of Education Code 51930-51939
- 4. Whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants

If the district chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to deliver comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, the notification shall include:

- a. The date of the instruction
- b. The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker
- c. Information stating the right of the parent/guardian to request a copy of Education Code 51933, 51934, and 51938

If the arrangements for instruction by outside consultants or guest speakers are made after the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians by mail or another commonly used method of notification no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is given.

Nonapplicability to Certain Instruction or Materials

The requirements of Education Code 51930-51939 pertaining to instructional content, teacher training, and parental notification and consent shall not apply to the following:

- 1. A description or illustration of human reproductive organs that may appear in a textbook, adopted pursuant to law, if the textbook does not include other elements of comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education
- 2. Instruction or materials that discuss gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual-

orientation, discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, relationships, or family and do not discuss human reproductive organs and their functions

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World/Foreign Language Instruction

BP 6142.2 **Instruction**

In order to prepare students for global citizenship and to broaden their intercultural understanding and career opportunities, the Governing Board shall provide students with opportunities to develop linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy in one or more world languages in addition to English.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend world languages to be taught in the district's educational program based on student interest, community needs, and available resources. He/she shall also consider providing English learners the opportunity to study their heritage language, when such a course is available, in order to continue developing skills in that language. American Sign Language courses shall be open to all students regardless of hearing status.

The district shall offer a sequential curriculum aligned with the state content standards, state curriculum framework, and, as applicable, California university admission requirements for languages other than English.

Instruction in world languages shall be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 7 and shall be designed to develop students' skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the language.

Students shall obtain credit toward high school graduation requirements for completion of a one-year course in a world language or American Sign Language during grades 9-12.

The district may establish a dual-language immersion program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding.

The Board shall ensure that students have access to high-quality instructional materials in world languages. In accordance with Board policy, teachers shall be encouraged to identify and use supplemental resources, such as literature, technology, newspapers and other media, dictionaries, and volunteers from the community to enhance the world language instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to ensure that teachers of world languages have the knowledge and skills they need to implement an effective instructional program that helps students attain academic standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide periodic reports to the Board regarding the effectiveness of the district's world language program which may include, but not be limited to, a description of the district's curriculum and the extent to which it is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework, student achievement of district standards for world language instruction, and student participation rates in each language course. Program evaluation shall be

used to identify needed improvements and may be considered in determining the world languages to be taught in the district.

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44253.1-44253.11 Qualifications of teachers of English learners

44256-44257 Credential requirements, including teachers of foreign language

48980 Parental notifications

51212 Legislative intent to encourage foreign language instruction in grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51243-51245 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school

60119 Public hearings, instructional materials

60605.3 Content standards for world language instruction

60605.5 Revision of state standards for world language instruction

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Guiding Principles for Dual Language Education, Second Edition, 2007

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

CL-622 Serving English Learners

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PUBLICATIONS

A-G Guide

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CSBA: http://www.csba.org

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: http://www.actfl.org

California Association for Bilingual Education: http://www.gocabe.org

California Department of Education, Foreign Language: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl

California Foreign Language Project: http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP

California Language Teachers' Association: http://www.clta.net

Center for Applied Linguistics: http://www.cal.org

University of California, a-g Course Approval: http://www.ucop.edu/agguide

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Administrative Regulation

World/Foreign Language Instruction

AR 6142.2 **Instruction**

Content of Instruction

The district's instructional program for world languages shall be designed to help students gain knowledge about new language systems and use that knowledge to communicate. Students shall receive instruction which is aligned with state academic standards appropriate to their age and stage of linguistic and cultural proficiency in the following categories:

- 1. Content: Students shall be presented with a wide variety of content that is age and stage appropriate and increases in complexity.
- 2. Communication: Students shall be taught to effectively convey and receive messages by engaging in or interpreting written, spoken, and/or signed languages.
- 3. Cultures: Students shall receive instruction that allows them to make connections and comparisons between language and culture.
- 4. Structures: The curriculum shall address components of grammar, syntax, and language patterns appropriate to the language being taught.
- 5. Settings: To help students comprehend meaning and use language that is culturally appropriate, students shall develop knowledge of the context or setting in which language is used, such as common daily settings, interpersonal settings, and informal and formal settings.

Dual-Language Immersion Programs

The district's dual-language immersion programs may be based on either or both of the following models:

- 1. A 50:50 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language for 50 percent of the time and in English for 50 percent of the time, throughout the duration of the program
- 2. A 90:10 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language for 90 percent of the time and in English for 10 percent of the time during the first year of the program, decreasing the percentage of time in the non-English language in each subsequent year until there is a 50:50 balance of languages

Native English speakers shall generally be admitted into the program only during the first grade-level at which the program is offered, and English learners during the first or second grade level at which the program is offered. Bilingual students may enter the program at any time. On a

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case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may admit a student later in the program if he/she determines that the student is adequately prepared for and will benefit from the program.

In enrolling students for the program, the district shall strive to maintain a ratio of half native English speakers and half English learners, and such ratio shall not fall below one-third for either language group except under exceptional circumstances.

Any dual-language immersion program offered in grades K-3 shall comply with class size requirements specified in Education Code 42238.02.

At the beginning of each school year or upon a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be provided information on the district's dual-language immersion program and other language acquisition programs available to students enrolled in the district, including, but not limited to, a description of each program.

Whenever one or more English learners are enrolled in a dual-language immersion classroom, the class shall be taught by a teacher who possesses the appropriate authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

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Board Policy

Civic Education

BP 6142.3 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that involvement in civic and political institutions is essential to a democratic government and desires to provide a comprehensive civic education program to help students acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, engaged, and responsible citizenship.

The Board shall approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, academic standards and curriculum in civics and government that are aligned with state academic standards and curriculum frameworks.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine specific courses within the K-12 curriculum in which civic education and government may be explicitly and systematically taught. He/she shall also encourage the integration of civic education into other subjects as appropriate.

The district's civic education program shall provide students with an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in American democracy and the workings of federal, state, and local governments. As appropriate, instruction should include an examination of fundamental American documents, including, but not limited to, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and other significant writings and speeches. Instruction should also promote a student's understanding of shared democratic principles and values, such as personal responsibility, justice, equality, respect for others, civic-mindedness, and patriotism, and enable students to make their own commitment to these civic values.

Service learning, extracurricular and cocurricular activities, class and school elections, simulations of government, student-led debates, voter education, and observation of local government processes may be used to reinforce classroom instruction by linking civic knowledge to practical experience and encouraging civic involvement.

Whenever civic education includes topics that may be controversial due to political beliefs or other influences, instruction shall be presented in a balanced manner that does not promote any particular viewpoint. Students shall not be discriminated against for expressing their ideas and opinions and shall be encouraged to respect different points of view.

Constitution/Citizenship Day

Each year on or near September 17, in commemoration of Constitution and Citizenship Day, the district shall hold an educational program for students in grades K-12 pertaining to the United States Constitution which shall include exercises and instruction in the purpose, meaning, and importance of the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights.

Student Voter Registration

To encourage students to participate in the elections process when they are of voting age, the Superintendent or designee shall provide high school students with voter registration information, including information regarding the state's online voter registration system.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify an employee at each high school whom the California Secretary of State may contact to facilitate the distribution of voter registration forms to eligible students. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the business address, phone number, and email address of each contact person to the Secretary of State.

The designated employee shall determine the most effective means of distributing voter registration forms provided by the Secretary of State, which may include, but are not limited to, distributing the forms at the start of the school year with orientation materials, placing voter registration forms at central locations, including voter registration forms with graduation materials, and/or providing links and the web site address of the Secretary of State's online voter registration system on the district's web site and in email notices sent to students.

The principal or designee may appoint one or more students enrolled at each high school to serve as voter outreach coordinators at that school. The voter outreach coordinator(s) may coordinate voter registration activities at the school to encourage eligible persons to register to vote. With the approval of the principal or designee, the voter outreach coordinator(s) may also coordinate election related activities on campus, including voter registration drives, mock elections, debates, and other election-related student outreach activities.

During the last two full weeks in April and September, in areas on each high school campus that are reasonably accessible to all students as designated by the principal or designee, the county elections official shall be allowed to register students and school personnel to vote.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

54 Student service on boards and commissions

233.5 Teaching of principles

33540 Standards for government and civics instruction

37221 Commemorative exercises including anniversary of U.S. Constitution

48205 Absence from school for jury duty or precinct board service

49040-49041 Student voter registration

51210 Courses of study, grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51470-51474 State Seal of Civic Engagement

ELECTIONS CODE

2146 Student voter registration

2148 Student voter registration, contact person

12302 Precinct boards, appointment of students

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6711-6716 Education for Democracy Act

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History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools

CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Education for Democracy: California Civic Education Scope & Sequence, 2003

National Standards for Civics and Government, 1994

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Civics Assessment

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American Bar Association: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public education.html

American Political Science Association: http://www.apsanet.org Bill of Rights Institute: http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org

California Association of Student Leaders: http://www.casl1.org California Council for the Social Studies: http://www.ccss.org

California Secretary of State Online Voter Registration: http://registertovote.ca.gov

Center for California Studies: http://www.csus.edu/calst Center for Civic Education: http://www.civiced.org

Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement:

http://www.civicyouth.org

Constitutional Rights Foundation: http://www.crf-usa.org

National Assessment of Educational Progress, Civics Assessment:

http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/civics

National Council for the Social Studies: http://www.ncss.org

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Service Learning/Community Service ClassesLearning Through Community Service

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Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that student involvement in community service enhances academic outcomes, helps students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become informed and responsible citizens, and aids in individual career development. The district shall offer separate community service classes and/or service learning opportunities that are integrated into other courses. Such classes and activities shall be designed to link academic content, practical skills, and meaningful service contributions to the community.

Service Learning

The Superintendent or designee shall integrate service learning opportunities into one or more courses at appropriate grade levels.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve administrators, students, teachers, parents/guardians, and community members in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the district's service learning program. He/she shall also collaborate with local public agencies and nonprofit organizations to identify and develop service learning opportunities that meet educational and civic learning objectives, align with state and local academic standards, and address the needs of the community.

When service learning activities occur off campus, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for transportation when necessary and shall ensure that students receive appropriate guidance and supervision.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with regular reports on the district's progress in meeting its goals for service learning.

Community Service Classes

The district may offer community service classes in any of grades 7-12 and/or through the district's adult education program. Such classes shall be designed to:

- 1. Acquaint students with the historical basis for volunteer service, its importance and relevance, and its connection to a wide range of identified school and community needs
- 2. Include volunteer opportunities that support and strengthen students' understanding of the academic instruction and how it relates to their community
- 3. Contribute to the physical, mental, moral, economic, and/or civic development of students
- 4. Provide students with an awareness of potential careers

If off-campus activities are included, the Superintendent or designee shall determine how students will be transported to the off-campus location and shall ensure adequate supervision of students during the activity.

The district's community service course shall be required for high school graduation. On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may allow students to fulfill the community service graduation requirement by performing alternative academic tasks.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine criteria and methods of assessing students and awarding credits for the class.

Notifications

Parents/guardians shall receive information about service learning and any community service opportunities offered by the district and the benefits of such activities to the community and the student. The district shall ask parents/guardians to acknowledge this information and provide consent before their child participates in any off-campus service activities.

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EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Teaching of principles

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

37220.6 Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning

51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

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Board Policy

Environmental Education

BP 6142.5 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that schools play a crucial role in educating students about the importance of the environment and in preparing them to be stewards of natural resources. The Board believes that students should value the environment, respect all life forms, understand the basic ecological principles which support the planet, and live an ecologically responsible life-style.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop an environmental education program that is aligned with state academic standards and curriculum frameworks. The Superintendent or designee shall determine how the district's environmental education program will be integrated into the district's science curriculum and other subjects and courses in which the concepts may be explicitly and systematically taught.

The goal of the district's environmental education program shall be to provide students with an understanding of the interactions and interdependence of human societies and natural systems, people's dependence and influence on natural systems, the ways that natural systems change and how people can benefit and influence that change, the fact that there are no boundaries to prevent matter from flowing between systems, and the fact that decisions affecting resources and natural systems are complex and involve many factors.

The district's program shall emphasize a coordination of instructional resources with active student participation in onsite resource conservation and management programs and the promotion of service learning partnerships.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8700-8707 Environmental education

8720-8723 Conservation education service

8760-8773 Outdoor science, conservation, and forestry

33541 Science requirements

51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

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PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

71300-71305 Statewide environmental education

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California Department of Education, Environmental Education:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/sc/oeeintrod.asp
California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, Education and Assistance:
http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Education
California Regional Environmental Education Community: http://www.creec.org

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Visual And Performing Arts Education

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Instruction

The Governing Board believes that visual and performing arts are essential to a well-rounded educational program and should be an integral part of the course of study offered to students at all grade levels. The district's arts education program shall provide opportunities for creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts.

The Board shall adopt academic standards for dance, music, theatre, and visual arts that describe the skills, knowledge, and abilities that students shall be expected to possess at each grade level. The district's standards shall meet or exceed state standards for each of these disciplines.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a sequential curriculum for dance, music, theatre, and visual arts which is consistent with the state curriculum framework and includes the following strands:

- 1. Artistic perception: processing, analyzing, and responding to sensory information through the use of language and skills unique to each arts discipline
- 2. Creative expression: composing, arranging, and performing a work and using a variety of means to communicate meaning and intent in one's own original works
- 3. Historical and cultural context: understanding the historical contributions and cultural dimensions of an arts discipline
- 4. Aesthetic valuing: analyzing and critically assessing works of dance, music, theatre, and visual arts
- 5. Connections, relationships, and applications: connecting, comparing, and applying what is learned in one arts discipline to learning in the other arts, other subject areas, and careers

The Board shall adopt standards-based instructional materials for visual and performing arts in accordance with applicable law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, which may incorporate a variety of media and technologies.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a standards-based professional development program designed to increase teachers' knowledge of and ability to teach the arts and to implement adopted instructional materials.

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage the integration of community arts resources into the educational program. Such resources may include opportunities for students to attend musical and theatrical performances, observe the works of accomplished artists, and work directly with artists-in-residence and volunteers. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may collaborate

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with community organizations to share resources and seek grant opportunities.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the implementation of arts education at each grade level and report to the Board regarding its effectiveness in enabling students to meet academic standards.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8950-8957 California summer school of the arts

32060-32066 Toxic art supplies

35330-35332 Field trips

51210 Course of study, grades 1-6

51220 Course of study, grades 7-12

51225.3 Graduation requirements

58800-58805 Specialized secondary programs

60200-60210 Instructional materials, elementary schools

60400-60411 Instructional materials, high schools

99200-99206 Subject matter projects

Management Resources:

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California Alliance for Arts Education: http://www.artsed411.org

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California Art Education Association: http://www.caea-arteducation.org California Dance Education Association: http://www.cdeadance.org

California Department of Education, Visual and Performing Arts: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/vp

California Educational Theatre Association: http://www.cetoweb.org California Music Educators Association: http://www.calmusiced.com

The California Arts Project: http://csmp.ucop.edu/tcap

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Physical Education And Activity

BP 6142.7 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes the positive benefits of physical activity on student health and academic achievement. The district shall provide all students the opportunity to be physically active on a regular basis through high-quality physical education instruction and may provide additional opportunities for physical activity throughout the school day. The district's physical education and activity programs shall support the district's coordinated student wellness program and encourage students' lifelong fitness.

The district's physical education program shall provide a developmentally appropriate sequence of instruction aligned with the state's model content standards and curriculum framework.

For grades 9-12, the overall course of study shall include the effects of physical activity upon-dynamic health, the mechanics of body movement, aquatics, gymnastics and tumbling, individual and dual sports, rhythms and dance, team sports, and combatives.

The Board shall approve the courses in grades 9-12 for which physical education credit may be granted.

The district's physical education program shall engage students in moderate to vigorous physical activity, as defined in the accompanying administrative regulation, for at least 50 percent of class or session time. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to monitor the amount of moderate to vigorous physical activity that takes place in the physical education instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's program provides students with equal opportunities for instruction and participation regardless of gender in accordance with law.

Students with disabilities shall be provided instruction in physical education in accordance with their individualized education program or Section 504 accommodation plan.

During air pollution episodes, extreme weather, or other inclement conditions, physical education staff shall make appropriate adjustments to the program or shall seek alternative indoor space to enable students to participate in active physical education.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to supplement physical education instruction with additional opportunities for students to be physically active before, during, and after the school day.

Staffing

Physical education instruction shall be delivered by appropriately credentialed teachers who may

be assisted by instructional aides, paraprofessionals, and/or volunteers.

The district shall provide physical education teachers with continuing professional development, including classroom management and instructional strategies designed to keep students engaged and active and to enhance the quality of physical education instruction and assessment.

Physical Fitness Testing

The Superintendent or designee shall annually administer the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education (FITNESSGRAM) to students in grades 5, 7, and 9.

Temporary Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a temporary exemption from physical education under either of the following conditions:

- 1. The student is ill or injured and a modified program to meet his/her needs cannot be provided.
- 2. The student is enrolled for one-half time or less.

Two-Year Exemptions

With the student's consent, the Superintendent or designee may exempt a student from physical education courses for any two years during grades 10-12 provided that the student has satisfactorily met at least five of the six standards of the FITNESSGRAM in grade 9.

Upon request by students and/or their parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee may administer the FITNESSGRAM to students in grades 10-12 who need to pass the test in order to qualify for a two-year exemption from physical education courses.

Students in grades 10-12 who have been granted a two-year exemption shall be offered a variety of elective physical education courses of not less than 400 minutes each 10 school days.

Such students shall not be permitted to attend fewer total hours of courses and classes than they would have attended if enrolled in a physical education course.

Permanent Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a permanent exemption from physical education under any of the following conditions:

1. The student is age 16 years or older and has been enrolled in grade 10 for one or more academic years. However, such a student shall not be permitted to attend fewer total hours of courses and classes than he/she would have attended if enrolled in a physical education course.

- 2. The student is enrolled as a postgraduate student.
- 3. The student is enrolled in a juvenile home, ranch, camp, or forestry camp school with scheduled recreation and exercise.

Other Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student an exemption from physical education under the following special circumstances:

- 1. When the student is in any of grades 10-12 and is excused for up to 24 clock hours in order to participate in automobile driver training. However, any such student shall attend a minimum of 7,000 minutes of physical education instruction during the school year.
- 2. When the student is in any of grades 10-12, attends a regional occupational center or program, and, because of the travel time involved, would experience hardship to attend physical education courses. Any such student shall have a minimum school day of 180 minutes.
- 3. When the student is in high school and is engaged in a regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours.

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board each school's FITNESSGRAM results for each applicable grade level. He/she shall also report to the Board regarding the number of instructional minutes offered in physical education for each grade level, the number of two-year and permanent exemptions granted pursuant to Education Code 51241, and any other data agreed upon by the Board and the Superintendent or designee to evaluate program quality and the effectiveness of the district's program in meeting goals for physical activity.

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- 51220 Course of study, grades 7-12
- 51222 Physical education
- 51223 Physical education, elementary schools
- 51241 Temporary, two-year or permanent exemption from physical education
- 51242 Exemption from physical education for athletic program participants
- 52316 Excuse from attending physical education classes
- 60800 Physical performance test
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3051.5 Adapted physical education for individuals with exceptional needs

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80046.1 Added authorization to teach adapted physical education

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Administrative Regulation

Physical Education And Activity

AR 6142.7 **Instruction**

Definitions

Physical education is a sequential educational program that teaches students to understand and participate in regular physical activity for developing and maintaining physical fitness throughout their lifetime, understand and improve their motor skills, enjoy using their skills and knowledge to establish a healthy lifestyle, and understand how their bodies work.

Physical activity is bodily movement that is produced by the contraction of skeletal muscle and that substantially increases energy expenditure, including exercise, sport, dance, and other movement forms.

Moderate physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, walking briskly, dancing, swimming, or bicycling on level terrain. A person should feel some exertion but should be able to carry on a conversation comfortably during the activity.

Vigorous physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, jogging, participating in high impact aerobic dancing, swimming continuous laps, or bicycling uphill. Vigorous physical activity may be intense enough to result in a significant increase in heart and respiration rate.

Instructional Time

Instruction in physical education shall be provided for at least the following minimum period of time:

- 1. For students in grades 1-6, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recesses and the lunch period
- 2. For students in grades 7-8 attending an elementary school, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recesses and the lunch period
- 31. For students in grades 7-8 attending a middle school or junior high school, 400 minutes each 10 school days
- 42. For students in grades 9-12, 400 minutes each 10 school days

If the instructional minute requirement cannot be met during any 10-day period due to inclement

weather, a school assembly, field trip, student assessment, or other circumstance, the school shall make up those minutes on another day in order to satisfy the instructional minute requirement.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine a method to document compliance with the required number of instructional minutes. Such documentation may include, but not be limited to, a master schedule, teacher roster, or log for staff or students to record the number of physical education minutes completed.

Any complaint alleging noncompliance with the instructional minute requirement for elementary schools may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE). If the district or the CDE finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians.

Monitoring Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity

To monitor whether students are engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity for at least 50 percent of physical education class or session time, the Superintendent or designee may:

- 1. Develop methods to estimate the amount of time students spend in moderate to vigorous physical activity or the number of students who are inactive during physical education classes
- 2. Provide physical education teachers with staff development, self-monitoring tools, stopwatches, and/or heart rate monitors to assist them in planning and assessing the level of activity in their classes

Physical Fitness Testing

During the annual assessment window between the months of February through May, students in grades 5, 7, and 9 shall be administered the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education (FITNESSGRAM).

The Superintendent or designee may provide a make-up date for students who are unable to take the test based on absence or temporary physical restriction or limitations, such as students recovering from illness or injury.

On or before November 1 of each school year, the Superintendent may designate an employee to serve as the district's physical fitness test coordinator and so notify the test contractor. The test coordinator shall serve as the liaison between the district and California Department of Education for all matters related to the physical fitness test. His/her duties shall be those specified in 5 CCR 1043.4, including, but not limited to, overseeing the administration of the test and the collection and return of all test data to the test contractor.

Students shall be provided with their individual results after completing the FITNESSGRAM. The test results may be provided in writing or orally as the student completes the testing and shall be included in his/her cumulative record.

Each student's test results shall also be provided to his/her parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall report the aggregate results of the FITNESSGRAM in the annual school accountability report card required by Education Code 33126 and 35256.

Testing Variations

All students may be administered the FITNESSGRAM with the following test variations:

- 1. Extra time within a testing day
- 2. Test directions that are simplified or clarified

All students may have the following test variations if they are regularly used in the classroom:

- 1. Audio amplification equipment
- 2. Separate testing for individual students provided that they are directly supervised by the test examiner
- 3. Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present directions for test administration

Students with a physical disability and students who are physically unable to take all of the test shall undergo as much of the test as their physical condition will permit.

Students with disabilities may be provided the following accommodations if specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan:

- 1. Administration of the test at the most beneficial time of day to the student after consultation with the test contractor
- 2. Administration of the test by a test examiner to the student at home or in the hospital
- 3. Any other accommodation specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan for the physical fitness test

Identified English learners may be allowed the following additional test variations if regularly used in the classroom:

- 1. Separate testing with other English learners, provided that they are directly supervised by the test examiner
- 2. Test directions translated into their primary language, and the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the test directions in their primary language

Additional Opportunities for Physical Activity

The Superintendent or designee shall implement strategies for increasing opportunities for physical activity outside the physical education program, which may include, but not be limited to:

- 1. Training recess and lunch supervisors on methods to engage students in moderate to vigorous physical activity
- Encouraging teachers to incorporate physical activity into the classroom
- 3. Establishing extracurricular activities that promote physical activity, such as school clubs, intramural athletic programs, dance performances, special events, and competitions
- 4. Incorporating opportunities for physical activity into before- or after-school programs and/or child care and development programs
- 5. Exploring opportunities for joint use of facilities or grounds in order to provide adequate space for students and community members to engage in recreational activities
- 6. Developing business partnerships to maximize resources for physical activity equipment and programs
- 7. Developing programs to encourage and facilitate walking, bicycling, or other active transport to and from school

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Board Policy

Comprehensive Health Education

BP 6142.8 **Instruction**

The Governing Board believes that health education should foster the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that students need in order to lead healthy lives and avoid high-risk behaviors. The district's health education program shall be part of a coordinated school health system which supports the well-being of students and is linked to district and community services and resources.

Goals for the district's health education program shall be designed to promote student wellness and shall include, but not be limited to, goals for nutrition education and physical activity.

The district shall provide a planned, sequential, research-based, and developmentally appropriate health education curriculum for students in grades K-12 which is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework. The Superintendent or designee shall determine the grade levels and subject areas in which health-related topics will be addressed, in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall involve school administrators, teachers, school nurses, health professionals representing various fields of health care, parents/guardians, community-based organizations, and other community members in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the district's health education program. Health and safety professionals may be invited to provide related instruction in the classroom, school assemblies, and other instructional settings.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as needed to ensure that health education teachers are knowledgeable about academic content standards and effective instructional methodologies.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide periodic reports to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the district's health education program which may include, but not be limited to, a description of the district's program and the extent to which it is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework, the amount of time allotted for health instruction at each grade level, and student achievement of district standards for health education.

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51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs

51210 Areas of study

51210.8 State content standards for health education

51220.5 Parenting skills; areas of instruction

51260-51269 Drug education

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51880-51881.5 Health education, legislative findings and intent

51890-51891 Comprehensive health education programs

51913 District health education plan

51920 Inservice training, health education

51930-51939 Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention education

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Administrative Regulation

Comprehensive Health Education

AR 6142.8 **Instruction**

Content of Instruction

The district's health education program shall include instruction at the appropriate grade levels in the following content areas:

- 1. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
- 2. Human growth, development, and sexual health
- 3. Injury prevention and safety

Instruction related to injury prevention and safety may include, but is not limited to, first aid, protective equipment such as helmets, prevention of brain and spinal cord injuries, violence prevention, topics related to bullying and harassment, and Internet safety.

- 4. Mental, emotional, and social health
- 5. Nutrition and physical activity
- 6. Personal and community health

Instruction in personal and community health may include, but is not limited to, oral health, personal hygiene, sun safety, hearing protection, transmission of germs and communicable diseases, symptoms of common health problems and chronic diseases such as asthma and diabetes, emergency procedures, and the effect of behavior on the environment.

Within each of the above content areas, instruction shall be designed to assist students in developing:

- 1. An understanding of essential concepts related to enhancing health
- 2. The ability to analyze internal and external influences that affect health
- 3. The ability to access and analyze health information, products, and services
- 4. The ability to use interpersonal communication skills, decision-making skills, and goal-setting skills to enhance health
- 5. The ability to practice behaviors that reduce risk and promote health

6. The ability to promote and support personal, family, and community health

Exemption from Health Instruction

Upon written request from a parent/guardian, a student shall be excused from any part of health instruction that conflicts with his/her religious training and beliefs, including personal moral convictions.

Students so excused shall be given an alternative educational activity.

Involvement of Health Professionals

Health care professionals, health care service plans, health care providers, and other entities participating in a voluntary initiative with the district are prohibited from communicating about a product or service in a way that is intended to encourage persons to purchase or use the product or service. However, the following activities may be allowed:

- 1. Health care or health education information provided in a brochure or pamphlet that contains the logo or name of a health care service plan or health care organization, if provided in coordination with the voluntary initiative
- 2. Outreach, application assistance, and enrollment activities relating to federal, state, or county-sponsored health care insurance programs

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Board Policy

Reading/Language Arts Instruction

BP 6142.91

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that reading and other language arts constitute the basic foundation for learning in other areas of study. The Board desires to offer a comprehensive, balanced reading/language arts program that ensures all students have the skills necessary to read fluently and for meaning and develops students' appreciation for literature. The program shall integrate reading and oral and written language arts activities in order to build effective communication skills.

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt academic standards that meet or exceed Common Core State Standards in the following strands:

- 1. Reading: Foundational skills, text complexity and analysis, and the growth of comprehension
- 2. Writing: Text types, responding to reading, production and distribution of writings, and research
- 3. Speaking and listening: Oral language development, comprehension, flexible communication, and collaboration
- 4. Language: Conventions, effective use, knowledge of language, and vocabulary

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's reading/language arts program offers sufficient access to standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials. The program shall provide instructional materials of varying levels of difficulty, including fiction and nonfiction works, so that students are continually reading at an appropriate level. In addition, technology should be available to support all areas of literacy.

Teachers are expected to use a variety of instructional strategies to accommodate the needs of beginning readers and the varying abilities of more advanced readers. The program shall provide ongoing diagnosis of students' skills and, as needed, may provide supplementary instruction during the school day and/or outside the regular school session to assist students who are experiencing difficulty learning to read.

The Superintendent or designee shall make available professional development opportunities that are designed to provide instructional staff with knowledge about how students develop language skills, the ability to analyze students' literacy levels, and mastery of a variety of instructional strategies and materials.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with data from state and district reading assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

Legal Reference:

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51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

60119 Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials

60200.4 Fundamental skills

60207 Curriculum frameworks

60350-60352 Core reading program instructional materials

60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas

60605.8 Common Core standards

99220-99221 California Reading Professional Development Institutes

99230-99242 Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program (AB 466 trainings)

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Board Policy

Mathematics Instruction

BP 6142.92

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to offer a rigorous mathematics program that progressively develops the knowledge and skills students will need to succeed in college and career. The district's mathematics program shall be designed to teach mathematical concepts in the context of real-world situations and to help students gain a strong conceptual understanding, a high degree of procedural skill and fluency, and ability to apply mathematics to solve problems.

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt academic standards for mathematics that meet or exceed the Common Core State Standards. The Superintendent or designee shall develop or select curricula that are aligned with these standards and the state curriculum framework.

The district's mathematics program shall address the following standards for mathematical practices which are the basis for mathematics instruction and learning:

- 1. Overarching habits of mind of a productive mathematical thinker: Making sense of problems and persevering in solving them; attending to precision
- 2. Reasoning and explaining: Reasoning abstractly and quantitatively; constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others
- 3. Modeling and using tools: Modeling with mathematics; using appropriate tools strategically
- 4. Seeing structure and generalizing: Looking for and making use of structure; looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning

In addition, the program shall be aligned with grade-level standards for mathematics content.

For grades K-8, content shall address, at appropriate grade levels, counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, number and operations in base ten, fractions, measurement and data, geometry, ratios and proportional relationships, functions, expression and equations, the number system, and statistics and probability. Students shall learn the concepts and skills that prepare them for the rigor of higher mathematics.

For higher mathematics, the district shall offer a pathway of courses through which students shall be taught concepts that address number and quantity, algebra, functions, modeling, geometry, and statistics and probability.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and are not required to repeat a course that they have successfully completed in an earlier grade level. Placement decisions shall be based on consistent protocols and multiple academic

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measures.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that certificated staff have opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to increase their knowledge and skills in effective mathematics teaching practices.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to sufficient instructional materials, including manipulatives and technology, to support a balanced, standards-aligned mathematics program.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with data from state and district mathematics assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

51224.5 Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12

51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas

60605.8 Common Core standards

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Board Policy

Science Instruction

BP 6142.93

Instruction

The Governing Board believes that science education should focus on giving students an understanding of the biological and physical aspects of science, key scientific concepts, and methods of scientific inquiry and investigation. Students should become familiar with the natural world and the interrelationship of science, mathematics, technology, and engineering. As part of science instruction, students should learn how to apply scientific knowledge and reasoning.

Philosophical and religious theories that are based, at least in part, on faith and are not subject to scientific test and refutation shall not be discussed during science instruction.

The district's academic standards for science instruction shall meet or exceed the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA-NGSS). The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that curricula used in district schools are aligned with these standards and the state curriculum framework.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to and are enrolled in a broad course of study including science courses.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide certificated staff with opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to enhance their knowledge of district-adopted academic standards, instructional strategies for teaching science, and changes in scientific theories.

The Superintendent or designee shall may develop and implement appropriate safety measures for science laboratory classes, including, but not limited to, staff and student safety training, use of eye safety devices, hearing protection, first aid procedures, regular equipment maintenance, safe use of heat sources, safe use and disposal of hazardous chemicals, proper ventilation, prevention of exposure to bloodborne pathogens from sharp instruments, fire prevention and control, an emergency response plan, and evacuation procedures. Parents/guardians shall be informed of the types of science laboratory activities that will be conducted and encouraged to sign consent forms for their child's participation.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the science curriculum at each grade level. At a minimum, each report shall-address the extent to which the program is aligned with the CA-NGSS, any applicable student-assessment results, and feedback from students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding the program.

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51210 Areas of study, grades 1 through 6

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52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

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Board Policy

History-Social Science Instruction

BP 6142.94 **Instruction**

The Governing Board believes that the study of history and other social sciences is essential to prepare students to engage in responsible citizenship, comprehend complex global interrelationships, and understand the vital connections among the past, present, and future. The district's history-social science education program shall include, at appropriate grade levels, instruction in American and world history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

The Board shall adopt academic standards for history-social science which meet or exceed state content standards and describe the knowledge and skills students are expected to possess at each grade level.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and submit to the Board for approval a comprehensive, sequential curriculum aligned with the district standards and consistent with the state's curriculum framework for history-social science. The curriculum shall be designed to develop students' core knowledge in history and social science and their skills in chronological and spatial thinking, research, and historical interpretation. History-social science instruction shall also include an explicit focus on developing students' literacy in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and other language skills.

The Board shall adopt standards-aligned instructional materials for history-social science in accordance with applicable law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. In addition, teachers are encouraged to supplement the curriculum by using biographies, original documents, diaries, letters, legends, speeches, other narrative artifacts, and literature from and about the period being studied.

Personal testimony from persons who can provide first-hand accounts of significant historical events is encouraged and may be provided through oral histories, videos, or other multimedia formats. If oral history is used for instruction related to the role of Americans in World War II or the Vietnam War, such testimony shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate in the war, provide views and comments concerning reasons for participating in the war, and provide commentary on the aftermath of the war in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a standards-based professional development program designed to increase teachers' knowledge of adopted instructional materials and instructional strategies for teaching history-social science.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the history-social science curriculum at each grade level,

including, but not limited to, the extent to which the program is aligned with state standards, any applicable student assessment results, and feedback from students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding the program.

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51008-51009 Instruction on farm labor movement

51204 Course of study designed for student's needs

51204.5 History of California; contributions of men, women, and ethnic groups

51210 Course of study, grades 1-6

51220 Course of study, grades 7-12

51220.2 Instruction in legal system; teen or peer court programs

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51226.7 Ethnic studies

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Board Policy

Courses Of Study

BP 6143
Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that a well-aligned sequence of courses fosters academic progress and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The district's course of study shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school, college, and the workplace.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district. As necessary, he/she also shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts and postsecondary institutions to ensure articulation of courses with other institutions to which district students may matriculate. The sequence of courses shall be designed to ensure that each course provides adequate preparation for the next course in the sequence, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

Elementary Grades

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary course of study.

Secondary Grades

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in grades 7-12 a course of study that prepares them, upon graduation from high school, to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry.

In addition, the course of study for students in grades 9-12 shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life, career technical training, and a timely opportunity for all otherwise qualified students to enroll, within four years before graduation, in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses that meet college admission criteria (referred to as "a-g" course requirements) are submitted to the University of California for review and certification. He/she shall maintain an accurate list of all current high school courses that have been so certified, shall ensure that the list is provided annually to each student in grades 9-12, and shall make updated lists readily available.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage

33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies

48980 Parental notifications

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs

51204 Course of study designed for student's needs

51204.5 Social science instruction; history of California; contributions of various groups

51210-51212 Course of study for grades 1-6

51220-51229 Course of study for grades 7-12

51241 Exemption from physical education

51911-51921 Comprehensive health education

51930-51939 Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction

51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention

60040-60052 Requirements for instructional materials

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 Definition of dangerous drugs

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Administrative Regulation

Courses Of Study

AR 6143 **Instruction**

Administrative Regulation not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Controversial Issues

BP 6144

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's educational program may sometimes include instruction related to controversial issues that may arouse strong reactions based on personal values and beliefs, political philosophy, culture, religion, or other influences. Instruction concerning such topics shall be relevant to the adopted course of study and curricular goals and should be designed to develop students' critical thinking skills, ability to discriminate between fact and opinion, respect for others, and understanding and tolerance of diverse points of view.

The Board expects administrators and teachers to exercise professional judgment when deciding whether or not a particular issue is suitable for study or discussion. They shall consult with the Superintendent or designee as necessary to determine the appropriateness of the subject matter, guest speakers, and/or related instructional materials or resources.

When providing instruction related to a controversial issue, the following guidelines shall apply:

- 1. The topic shall be suitable to the age and maturity of the students.
- 2. Instruction shall be presented in a balanced manner, addressing all sides of the issue without bias or prejudice and without promoting any particular point of view.
- 3. In the classroom, teachers act on behalf of the district and are expected to follow the adopted curriculum. In leading or guiding class discussions about issues that may be controversial, a teacher may not advocate his/her personal opinion or viewpoint. When necessary, the Superintendent or designee may instruct teachers to refrain from sharing personal views in the classroom on controversial topics.
- 4. Students shall be assured of their right to form and express an opinion without jeopardizing their grades or being subject to discrimination, retaliation, or discipline, provided the viewpoint does not constitute harassment, threats, intimidation, or bullying or is otherwise unlawful.
- 5. Students shall be informed of conduct expected during such instruction and the importance of being courteous and respectful of the opinions of others.
- 6. Adequate factual information shall be provided to help students objectively analyze and evaluate the issue and draw their own conclusions.
- 7. The instruction shall not reflect adversely upon persons because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, religion, or any other basis prohibited by law.
- 8. The subject matter of the instruction shall not otherwise be prohibited by state or federal law.

When a guest speaker is invited to make a presentation related to a controversial issue, the Superintendent or designee shall notify him/her of this policy and the expectations and goals regarding the instruction. If the guest speaker is presenting only one point of view on an issue, the teacher shall be responsible for ensuring that students also receive information on opposing viewpoints.

When required by law, such as in regards to comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education, parents/guardians shall be notified prior to instruction that they may request in writing that their child be excused from the instruction. Students whose parents/guardians decline such instruction may be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value.

A student or parent/guardian with concerns regarding instruction about controversial issues may communicate directly with the teacher or principal and/or use appropriate district complaint procedures.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 Prohibition of discrimination

48950 Freedom of speech

51240 Excuse from health instruction due to religious beliefs

51500 Prohibited instruction or activity

51510 Prohibited study or supplemental materials

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Board Policy

Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities

BP 6145

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development of students and enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity. No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic listed as a prohibited category of discrimination in state or federal law, nor shall any student's participation in an extracurricular or cocurricular activity be required or refused on those bases.

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in the district's extracurricular or cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Unless specifically authorized by law, no student shall be charged a fee for his/her participation in educational activities, including extracurricular and cocurricular activities and materials or equipment related to such activities.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7-12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled classes
- 2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period not to exceed one semester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation.

Any decision regarding the eligibility of a homeless student, foster youth, or child of an active duty military family for extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

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The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities on or off campus, district students are subject to district policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate district policies and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

Annual Policy Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35145 Public meetings

35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation

35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia

35181 Students' responsibilities

48850 Participation of homeless students and foster youth in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports

48930-48938 Student organizations

49010-49013 Student fees

49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate

49700-49703 Education of children of military families

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 9, Section 5 Common school system

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350 Fees not permitted

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

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Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities

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Definitions

For purposes of applying eligibility criteria for student participation, extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be defined as follows:

- 1. Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit, do not take place during classroom time, and have all of the following characteristics:
- a. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
- b. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
- c. Students exercise some degree of freedom in the selection, planning, or control of the program.
- d. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
- 2. Cocurricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

An activity is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity if either of the following conditions applies:

- 1. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.
- 2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

Eligibility Requirements

The grade point average (GPA) used to determine eligibility for extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be based on grades of the last previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. If a student was not in attendance for all, or a majority of, the grading period due to absences excused by the school for reasons such as serious illness or injury, approved travel, or work, the GPA used to determine eligibility shall be the grading period immediately prior to the excluded grading period(s).

When a student becomes ineligible to participate in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in the upcoming grading period, or when he/she is subject to probation, the principal or designee shall provide written notice to the student and his/her parent/guardian.

Supervision

All extracurricular activities conducted under the name or auspices of a district school or any class or organization of the school, regardless of where the activities are held, shall be under the direct supervision of certificated employees.

Any noncertificated person working with students in a district-sponsored extracurricular student activity program shall possess an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or shall have cleared a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check prior to beginning his/her duties, in accordance with BP 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches.

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Board Policy

Athletic Competition

BP 6145.2 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The district's athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

Any complaint alleging discrimination in the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

California Interscholastic Federation

Any district school that participates in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall conduct its athletic activities in accordance with CIF bylaws and rules and any applicable district policy and regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.

The Board shall annually designate a representative to the local CIF league from each school that participates in CIF sports. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a candidate for the position who demonstrates an understanding of the district's goals for student learning and interscholastic activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the district, and interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

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The designated representative(s) shall vote on issues that impact interscholastic athletics at the league and section levels, perform any other duties required by the CIF league, and report regularly to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues related to athletic programs.

Student Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for student participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement, shall be the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program, including, but not limited to, a fee to cover the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, or athletic equipment.

Sportsmanship

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship and the Code of Ethics adopted by CIF.

Students and staff shall be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

Health and Safety

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in interscholastic athletic programs. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written emergency action plan that describes the location of automated external defibrillator(s) and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency related to the athletic program's activities or events. The plan shall be posted in accordance with guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

In the event of a serious injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health during or immediately after an athletic activity, the coach or any other district employee who is present shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

Whenever a serious injury or illness is suffered by a student athlete, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the date, time, and extent of any injury or illness suffered by the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

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17580-17581 Football equipment

32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams, especially:

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program

33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

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49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic program

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49700-49701 Education of children of military families

51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program

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5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

5590-5596 Employment of noncertificated coaches

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California Interscholastic Federation: http://www.cifstate.org

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National Federation of State High School Associations: http://www.nfhs.org

National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: http://www.nocsae.org

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Administrative Regulation

Athletic Competition

AR 6145.2 **Instruction**

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

No student shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be denied equivalent opportunity in, or otherwise be discriminated against in interscholastic, intramural, or club athletics on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic specified in law and BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

The Superintendent or designee may provide single-sex teams when selection for the teams is based on competitive skills

Each student shall be allowed to participate in any single-sex athletic program or activity consistent with his/her gender identity and for which he/she is otherwise eligible to participate, irrespective of the gender listed on the student's records.

When a school provides only one team in a particular sport for members of one sex, but provides no team in the same sport for members of the other sex, and athletic opportunities in the total program for that sex have been previously limited, members of the excluded sex shall be allowed to try out and compete with the team. The same standards for eligibility shall be applied to every student trying out for the team, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or other protected group status.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent opportunities are available to both sexes in athletic programs by considering, among other factors:

1. Whether the offered selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes

The athletic program may be found to effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes using any one of the following tests:

- a. Whether the interscholastic-level participation opportunities for male and female students are provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments
- b. Where the members of one sex have been and are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes, whether the district can show a history and a continuing practice of program expansion that is demonstrably responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the members of that sex
- c. Where the members of one sex are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes and the district cannot show a history and continuing practice of program expansion as required in item #1b above, whether the district can demonstrate that the interests and abilities of the members of

that sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program

- 2. The provision and maintenance of equipment and supplies
- 3. Scheduling of games and practice times, selection of the season for a sport, and location of the games and practices
- 4. Travel and per diem allowances
- 5. Opportunities to receive coaching and academic tutoring
- 6. Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors
- 7. Provision of locker rooms, practice facilities, and competitive facilities
- 8. Provision of medical and training facilities and services
- 9. Provision of housing and dining facilities and services
- 10. Publicity
- 11. Provision of necessary funds

Each school that offers competitive athletics shall, at the end of the school year, post on its school web site, or on the district web site if the school does not have a web site, the following information:

- 1. The total enrollment of the school, classified by gender
- 2. The number of students enrolled at the school who participate in competitive athletics, classified by gender
- 3. The number of boys' and girls' teams, classified by sport and by competition level

The data reported for items #1-3 above shall reflect the total number of players on a team roster on the official first day of competition. The materials used to compile this information shall be retained by the school for at least three years after the information is posted on the web site.

Concussions and Head Injuries

The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute to student athletes and their parents/guardians an information sheet on concussions and head injuries. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet before the student initiates practice or competition.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding

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concussion symptoms, prevention, and appropriate response.

If a student athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity, he/she shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day. The student shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he/she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the management of concussions and receives the health care provider's written clearance to return to the activity. If the health care provider determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.

A middle school or high school football team shall not hold a full-contact practice during the off-season and shall not conduct more than two full-contact practices per week during the preseason and regular season (from 30 days before the commencement of the regular season until the completion of the final interscholastic football game of that season). In addition, the full-contact portion of a practice shall not exceed 90 minutes in any single day. For these purposes, full-contact practice means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game.

Heat Illness

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding the signs and symptoms of, and the appropriate response to, heat illness, including heat cramps, heat syncope, heat exhaustion, and exertional heat stroke.

To assist in the prevention of heat illness, coaches and/or athletic trainers shall gradually increase the intensity and duration of exercise to acclimate student athletes to practice in the heat, provide adequate rest breaks, make water available during all athletic activities, and alter practice plans in extreme environmental conditions.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) information sheet on sudden cardiac arrest to all student athletes who will be participating in a CIF-governed athletic activity and to their parents/guardians. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet prior to the student's participation in the athletic activity. If an athletic activity is not covered by CIF, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall, prior to the student's participation in the athletic activity, sign and return an acknowledgement that they have received and reviewed the sudden cardiac arrest information posted on the California Department of Education's web site.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

If a student athlete passes out or faints, or is known to have passed out or fainted, while participating in or immediately following his/her participation in an athletic activity, the student

shall be removed from participation at that time. If a student exhibits any other symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, including seizures during exercise, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pains, dizziness, racing heart rate, or extreme fatigue, he/she may be removed from participation by a coach or other employee who observes these symptoms. If any such symptoms are observed, notification shall be given to the student's parent/guardian so that the parent/guardian can determine the treatment, if any, the student should seek. A student who has been removed from participation shall not be permitted to return until he/she is evaluated and given written clearance to return to participation by a health care provider.

Automated External Defibrillators

The Superintendent or designee shall acquire at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) for each district school and shall make the AED(s) available to coaches, athletic trainers, and/or other authorized persons at athletic activities or events for the purpose of providing emergency care or treatment to students, spectators, and other individuals in attendance at athletic activities and events.

The district shall comply with all requirements of Health and Safety Code 1797.196 pertaining to any AED acquired by the district, including, but not limited to, regular maintenance and testing of the AED and the provision and posting of information regarding the proper use of the AED.

Additional Parental Notifications

Before a student participates in interscholastic athletic activities, the Superintendent or designees shall may, in addition to providing his/her parents/guardians with information on the signs and symptoms of concussions and sudden cardiac arrest as described above, send a notice to the student's parents/guardians which:

- 1. Contains information about the procedures for filing a discrimination complaint that arises out of an interscholastic athletic activity, including the name of the district's Title IX Coordinator
- 2. Includes a copy of students' Title IX rights pursuant to Education Code 221.8
- 3. Explains that there is an element of risk associated with all athletic competitions and that the district cannot guarantee that students will not be injured, despite a commitment to every participant's health and welfare
- 4. Provides information about insurance protection pursuant to Education Code 32221.5
- 5. Requests parental permission for the student to participate in the program and, if appropriate, be transported by the district to and from competitions
- 6. States the district's expectation that students adhere strictly to all safety rules, regulations, and instructions, as well as rules and guidelines related to conduct and sportsmanship
- 7. Includes a copy of the local CIF league rules

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8. Includes information about the CIF bylaw and district policy requiring any student athlete and his/her parent/guardian to sign a statement that the student will not use steroids, unless prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner, or prohibited dietary supplements that include substances banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

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Student Organizations And Equal Access

BP 6145.5

Instruction

The Governing Board believes that student groups or clubs reinforce the instructional program, give students experience in civics and government, and provide social and recreational activities. Student groups also serve to honor outstanding student achievement and enhance school spirit and students' sense of belonging. Prior to meeting on school grounds, all student groups shall be authorized by the principal or designee in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

OPTION 1: (Closed Forum)

In order to maintain a closed forum on school campuses, only student-initiated groups that relatedirectly to the curriculum shall be allowed to meet on school premises during noninstructional time.

All curriculum related student clubs or groups shall have equal access to the school media to announce meetings, including, but not limited to, the public address system, the school newspaper, the school bulletin board, and school web site.

Noncurriculum related student groups are subject to the requirements specified in Board policy and administrative regulation for community groups regarding the use of district facilities for meetings and the right to distribute materials to students.

OPTION 2: (Limited Open Forum)

The Board encourages students to pursue interests and clubs which may not directly relate to the district's curriculum and, to that end, has created a limited open forum.

All student-initiated groups shall be given equal access to meet on school premises during noninstructional time without regard to their religious, political, philosophical, or other speech content. The Board shall ensure that:

- 1. The meeting shall be voluntary and student-initiated.
- 2. There shall be no sponsorship of the meeting by the school or staff. The term sponsorship means that school staff are promoting, leading, or participating in a meeting. The assignment of a teacher, administrator, or other school employee to a meeting for custodial purposes shall not constitute sponsorship of the meeting.
- 3. Employees of the school shall be present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity.

- 4. The meeting shall not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
- 5. Nonschool persons shall not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

All student clubs or groups shall have equal access to the school media to announce meetings, including the public address system, the school newspaper, bulletin boards, and school web site. However, the principal or designee may issue a disclaimer that such activities are not school-sponsored.

All noncurriculum-related student groups shall be given equal access to meeting space, school equipment, and supplies.

No school shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet, or otherwise discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or with any other youth group listed as a patriotic society in Title 36 of the United States Code, for reasons based on the membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52 Designation of secondary schools

53 Designation of high schools

200-262.3 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

38130-38138 Civic Center Act

48900 Hazing

48907 Student exercise of free expression

48930-48938 Student organizations

48950 Freedom of speech

49020-49023 Athletic programs

PENAL CODE

627-627.10 Access to school premises

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

2 Definitions

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

4071-4074 Equal Access Act

7904 School prayer

7905 Boy Scouts equal access

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36

20101-240112 Patriotic organizations

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Good News Club et al. v. Milford Central School, (2001) 121 S.Ct. 2093

Ceniceros v. Board of Trustees of the San Diego Unified School District, (1997) 106 F.3d 878

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Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

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Administrative Regulation

Student Organizations And Equal Access

AR 6145.5 **Instruction**

OPTION 1: (Closed Forum)

In order to maintain a closed forum at district schools, each principal or designee shall ensure that all school-sponsored student organizations are curriculum-related. In order to qualify as "curriculum-related," a student group shall meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. The subject matter of the group is currently taught or will be taught in a regularly scheduled course.
- 2. The subject matter of the group concerns the body of courses as a whole (e.g., student government).
- 3. Participation in the group is required for a particular course.
- 4. Participation in the group results in academic credit.

OPTION 2: (Limited Open Forum)

Because the district has established a limited open forum, the principal or designee shall not deny any student-initiated school group access to school facilities during noninstructional time on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or any other content of speech to be addressed at such meetings.

Such meetings shall not interfere with regular school activities. The Superintendent or designee shall identify the noninstructional time period(s) set aside for meetings of student groups either before or after actual classroom instruction times.

OPTION 1: Meetings may also be held during the lunch period.

OPTION 2: Meetings shall not be held during the lunch period.

Meetings held within the limited open forum shall entail no expenditure of public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing the meeting space.

Students shall leave the meeting place in a clean, orderly, and secure condition after their meetings. The Superintendent or designee may deny the use of facilities to any group that he/she believes will materially disrupt the school program or threaten the health and safety of students and staff.

Authorization for Student Groups

Any student wishing to create either a curriculum- or noncurriculum-related student group shall first request authorization from the principal or designee. The group shall provide the principal or designee with the following information:

- 1. Name of the organization and names of student contacts
- 2. A statement of the organization's purposes, objectives, and activities
- 3. A copy of the proposed bylaws of the student group, including a description of how officers will be selected, as well as the bylaws of any off-campus organization with which the group may be affiliated
- 4. The name of the proposed faculty advisor, if any
- 5. The proposed dates, times, and location of meetings
- 6. Any special equipment to be used
- 7. A description of the qualifications for membership, if any
- 8. If a curriculum-related group, a statement of the relation of the club to the curriculum and/or instructional program

The principal or designee may establish school rules governing the meetings of curriculum-related groups, such as attendance or grade requirements. Such rules may vary depending on the group, such as whether or not academic credit is given for participation in the group.

Role of Staff Adviser

For any curriculum-related student group, the staff adviser shall provide guidance and teaching to students to ensure that the group's activities are aligned to the district's goals and objectives and shall provide supervision and leadership of the group. The principal shall have final authority in determining the assignment and role of the staff adviser.

For noncurriculum-related student groups, a staff adviser may be assigned voluntarily to observe meetings for purposes of maintaining order and protecting student safety. Staff advisers and other school employees shall not promote, lead, or participate in the meetings.

A school employee may refuse to attend a meeting of a student group if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to the employee's beliefs.

Hazing

Any student who engages in hazing may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion. Hazing means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student

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organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by the district, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student.

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Board	Policy
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International Exchange

BP 6145.6 **Instruction**

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

International Exchange

AR 6145.6 **Instruction**

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Assemblies And Special Events

BP 6145.8 **Instruction**

Optional policy, not recommended for adoption.

High School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.1

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma so that they can take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

Course Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

A total of 230 semester periods of credit earned in grades 9-12. Included within the 230 credits that students must earn are the following:

- 1. Three-Four courses in English: English 9. English 10, English 11, English 12
- 2. Two Three courses in mathematics in grades 9-12. At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I (or a course equivalent), per Ed. Code 51224.5.. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two-three mathematics courses in grades 9-12.

Students may be awarded up to one mathematics course credit for successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category c" course based on the "a-g" course requirements for college admission.

- 3. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences
- 4. Three courses in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics *as follows:*
 - One course of World History in grade 10
 - One course of United States History in grade 11
 - One semester of American Government in grade 12
 - One semester of Economics in grade12
- 5. One course in visual or performing arts (see UC/CSU admission rules; foreign language, including American Sign Language; or career technical education (CTE)

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

6. Two courses (four semesters) in physical education in grades 9-10, unless the student has

been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law. The Board of Trustees delegates to the Superintendent the authority to waive a high school graduation Education Code. Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with the law.

Exemptions and Waivers

A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or newly arrived immigrant student participating in a newcomer program whotransfers into the district any time after completing the second year of high school shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempt from any additional district-adopted graduation requirements, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer, any such student shall be notified of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it.—District students are required to complete graduation course requirements specified above, including the requirements imposed by Education Code 51225.3 and those adopted by the Board. However, a foster youth, homeless student, child of a military family, or migrant student who transfers into the district or between district schools any time after completing the second year of high school, or a newly arrived immigrant student who is in the third or fourth year of high school and is participating in a newcomer program, shall be exempted from any graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements. This exemption shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer or of the commencement of participation in a newcomer program, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it.

Retroactive Diplomas

Any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma.

In addition, the district may retroactively grant high school diplomas to:

1. Persons who departed California against their will while in grade 12 and did not receive a diploma because the departure interrupted their education, provided that they were in good academic standing at the time of the departure

Persons may be considered to have departed California against their will if they were in custody of a government agency and were transferred to another state, were subject to a lawful order from a

order and were permitted to depart California before being removed from California pursuant to the lawful order, were removed or were permitted to depart voluntarily pursuant to the federal-Immigration and Nationality Act, or departed due to other circumstances determined by the district that are consistent with the purposes of Education Code 48204.4.
In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any coursework that may have been completed outside of the United States or through online or virtual courses.
2. Former students who were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam-War, provided that they were enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and did not receive a diploma because their education was interrupted due to the internment or military service in those wars
Deceased former students who satisfy these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by their next of kin.
3. Veterans who entered the military service of the United States while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school
Honorary Diplomas
The Board may grant honorary high school diplomas to:
1. An international exchange student who has not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation, and who is returning to the home country following the completion of one academic school year in the district
2. A student who is terminally ill
The honorary diploma shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation awarded by the district.
Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 47612 Enrollment in charter school 48200 Compulsory attendance 48204.4 Parents/guardians departing California against their will 48412 Certificate of proficiency 48430 Continuation education schools and classes 48645.5 Acceptance of coursework 48980 Required notification at beginning of term
49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

- 51224.5 Algebra instruction
- 51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements
- 51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course
- 51225.3 High school graduation
- 51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science
- 51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation
- 51225.5 Honorary diplomas
- 51225.6 Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- 51228 Graduation requirements
- 51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
- 51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents
- 51410-51413 Diplomas
- 51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates
- 51430 Retroactive high school diplomas
- 51440 Retroactive high school diplomas
- 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
- 51745 Independent study restrictions
- 56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education
- 66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria
- 67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard
- CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
- 1600-1651 Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation
- 4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures
- **COURT DECISIONS**
- O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, High School: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs

University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:

http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements

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Administrative Regulation High School Graduation Requirements

AR 6146.1 Instruction

Optional administrative regulation, not recommended for adoption.

Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

BP 6146.11

Instruction

In order to meet individual student needs *of all enrolled district students* and encourage all students to complete their high school education, the Governing Board desires to provide flexibility in the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

With the active involvement of parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, and students, the Board shall adopt alternative means for students to complete the prescribed course of study required for high school graduation. These alternative means shall be made available to students, parents/guardians, and the public.

Students may fulfill any course requirement for graduation through the following:

1. Practical demonstration of skills and competencies

Opportunities to demonstrate skills and competencies shall include, but not be limited to, challenging a course through successful completion of a district-developed examination which covers course objectives. The district shall not use results from the General Educational Development test or other state or national tests for this purpose.

- **21**. Enrolled in sSupervised work experience, internship or other outside school experience in accordance with Education Code 51760.3 and 5 CCR 1635
- 32. Career technical education classes offered in *fully accredited* high schools
- 43. Courses offered by regional occupational centers or programs
- 5. Interdisciplinary study
- 64. Independent study program coursework
- 75. Credit earned at a *fully accredited* postsecondary institution
- 86. Private instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 1631
- 97. Correspondence instruction from a California university or college accredited for teacher training in accordance with 5 CCR 1633
- 10. Military service and training in accordance with 5 CCR 1634

- 11. To satisfy the district's driver education and training requirement, a program approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles which offers driver education and behind the wheel instruction through a driving school or licensed independent driving instructor in accordance with Vehicle Code 12814.6
- 428. For credit toward the district's physical education requirement, participation in district interscholastic athletic programs carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours. Students in grades 10-12 who have passed the CA Physical Fitness Test and required state health competency and enroll in the district PE Credit for Athletics course by the established deadline may earn up to four semesters (20 credits maximum) of Physical Education credit toward the high school graduation requirement by successful participation in regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletics carried on after regular school hours.

A student shall be eligible to satisfy graduation requirements in this manner only if the interscholastic program entails a comparable amount of time and physical activity.

- 139. For credit toward the district's foreign language elective requirement, approved foreign world language studies successfully completed in a private school in accordance with 5 CCR 1632
- 10. At Sunset High School alternative education only, students may earn credit for scoring "Standard Met" or better on the Smarter Balanced Assessments Consortium (SBAC) for English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress in grade 11.

Upon receiving advance, written application, via the SDUHSD Off-Campus Course Permission Form, by the student or his/her parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether completion of the proposed alternative means would satisfy course requirements for graduation and what documentation shall be required, if any, to verify the student's successful completion. The Superintendent or designee shall make the final determination as to whether the student's completion of an alternative means is sufficient to satisfy the district's graduation requirements.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the grade to be assigned to students for the completion of any of the above alternative means. When a grade is assigned by a private school, postsecondary institution, or other educational institution for completion of coursework, that same grade shall be awarded by the district provided that the Superintendent or designee has determined the alternative course to be substantially equivalent to a district course.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
48412 Certificate of proficiency

48645.5 Course credit, juvenile court schools

48800-48802 Attendance at community college; advanced education

51220 Areas of study; grades 7-12

51225.3 Requirements for graduation

51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements

51420-51427 General Educational Development test

51440 Veterans' education, evaluation and credit toward high school graduation

51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence

51745-51749.3 Independent study

51760-51769.5 Work experience education

52300-52499.66 Career technical education

VEHICLE CODE

12814.6 Teen driver's act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1600-1635 Alternative credit

10070-10075 Work experience education

11500-11508 Regional occupational centers and programs

11520-11523 Proficiency examination and certificate

11700-11703 Independent study

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

2301-2414 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

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Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

AR 6146.11 **Instruction**

Definitions

A semester period is one period of 40 to 60 minutes of instructional time per week throughout one semester of at least 17 weeks, or a minimum of 12 clock hours of instructional time provided during the academic year or in summer school. While the content to be covered is planned within these time frames, a student may be granted one semester period of credit even though the student spends less than the aforementioned amount of time in completing the necessary work.

Private Instruction

A student who is regularly enrolled and in attendance at a high school shall receive credit toward high school graduation for private instruction under the following conditions:

- 1. The instruction entails fields and subjects included in the high school's courses of study and curricula.
- 2. The student demonstrates his/her capabilities at the beginning and at the end of the period of private instruction by examination(s) given under the school's supervision, thereby showing that he/she has made progress in learning satisfactory to the school.

Correspondence Instruction

Prior to registering for a correspondence course, the student or his/her parent/guardian shall obtain verification from the Superintendent or designee that the course is essentially equivalent to the high school curriculum and meets district graduation requirements. The number of semester credits assigned to the course shall be determined before the student begins coursework.

The district shall grant credit toward graduation for correspondence instruction if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The correspondence instruction is provided by the University of California, or other university or college in California accredited for teacher training, in subjects included within or related to the student's course of study.
- 2. The student is, for good reason, unable to take the course of study offered in the school.
- 3. The Superintendent or designee determines the number of semester periods to be credited for successful completion of a particular correspondence course.
- 4. No more than 40 total semester periods of correspondence instruction are credited to a

student towards graduation.

Military Service and Training

Credit toward graduation shall be granted for military service and training received while in the military service of the United States, within the maximum limits established in 5 CCR 1634. Apperson is eligible for this credit if he/she is either:

- 1. A former member of the Armed Forces who is a California resident and who has received an honorable discharge
- 2. A member of the Armed Forces who is a California resident and was a California resident on the date he/she entered the Armed Forces

The Superintendent or designee shall keep a permanent record of the credit allowed for military service or training.

Private Foreign Language Instruction

The district shall grant credit for foreign language studies successfully completed in a private school and shall apply the credit toward meeting any foreign language requirement prescribed for grades 9-12, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244.
- 2. The student is regularly enrolled or applying to the district in grades 9-12.
- 3. The student or his/her parent/guardian applies in writing for the credit, specifies the private school attended and the amount and level of credit requested, and submits a transcript or other documents from the private school showing that the student successfully completed the course.
- 4. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work.
- 5. The principal or designee determines that the student's achievement is equivalent to that expected of a student of comparable ability taking the same or similar instruction in district schools. This determination shall be based upon the private school's report of a test developed by the private school in cooperation with the district or, if the private school is located outside the district, the principal or designee may use a test given by a public school or other evidence which he/she deems appropriate.

1. WORK EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

Enrolled students shall be granted up to 40 semester periods of credit for work experience education under one or more of the following combinations:

- a) By enrolling in the district Exploratory Work Experience/Internship education course, students may earn a maximum of 20 credits, within 4 semesters.
- b) By enrolling in the district Work Experience education course, students may earn a maximum of 40 credits within 8 semesters.

SDUHSD shall post concurrent off campus coursework to the district transcript and grant credit toward high school graduation for coursework successfully completed at public or private institutions only in compliance with the following regulations:

- No student may begin to acquire high school credits until after the completion of 8th grade. Middle school students may not place off campus classes on the SDUHSD transcript.
- Students must be enrolled at a SDUHSD high school while attending an approved off campus class in order to receive credit on a SDUHSD transcript.
- No more than 30 credits from the combined areas of concurrent off campus college courses, private instruction, adult or public school courses may be added to the SDUHSD high school transcript.
- The off campus course must be taken at an institution that is **fully** accredited by WASC or equivalent regional accrediting body, offers coursework leading to a high school diploma and issues grades and credits on transcripts. **Courses taken through providers that are accredited as Supplementary Education will not be accepted for credit.**
- Only courses with the same course title and curriculum content as shown by a course description from the off campus institution will count as repeats of courses taken in SDUHSD high schools for GPA calculation. All earned grades remain on the SDUHSD transcript.
- A SDUHSD Off-Campus Course Permission Request Form (attachment) with a course description and evidence of accreditation attached must be signed by the parent/guardian/Educational rights holder and counselor and submitted in advance of a student enrolling in the off-campus course. A course description and evidence of school accreditation and/or the school's current UC a-g list must be attached to the form.
- SDUHSD will not accept the following online coursework for credit: online visual and performing art courses, online physical education courses, or online lab science courses.
- The student shall receive the same letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the college, public or private institution.
- College courses and private or public school honors courses do not receive weighted credit on SDUHSD transcripts with the exception of College Board Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses that are weighted by the University of California for the year taken. AP courses must be on the outside school's College Board AP Course Audit ledger for the year taken in order to be placed on the transcript.
- Off campus math courses may not be used to accelerate from college prep to SDUHSD honors level math courses unless they are taken in combination with a SDUHSD Bridge course.
- Upon completion, a student must submit an official transcript that includes the grade issued and credits earned for it to be posted. Once off campus credits are posted to a transcript, they may not be removed.

OFF CAMPUS COLLEGE COURSES

The district shall grant credit toward high school graduation for concurrent coursework successfully completed at a fully accredit community college or state college only as follows:

- 1. The class subject must be one that is included in the district's prescribed course of study.
- 2. A single (3 or more unit) college course is equal to a 5 credit semester high school course on a SDUHSD transcript. Some college courses may be eligible for 10 credits on the SDUHSD transcript. The Superintendent or designee must pre-approve 10 credit college courses
- 3. The student shall receive the same course title and letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the college. College courses do not receive weighted grades on SDUHSD transcripts.
- 4. Once off campus credits are posted to the transcript, they may not be removed.

CONCURRENT OFF CAMPUS PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

An enrolled student shall receive credit toward high school graduation for concurrent private instruction only under the following conditions:

- 1. The institution has been fully (not Supplementary) accredited by WASC or regional equivalent and/or UC approved.
- 2. The class subject must be one that is included in the district's prescribed course of study.
- 3. The student shall receive the same course title, letter grade and credit for the high school credit as is granted by the private school.

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

The district shall grant credit for language other than English courses successfully completed in a private school and shall apply the credit toward meeting elective requirements prescribed for grades 9-12, only provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244 or State Board of Education Regulations.
- 2. The student is regularly enrolled or applying to the district in grades 9-12.
- 3. The school is fully (not Supplementary) accredited by WASC or regional equivalent and/or UC approved, or on the SDUHSD approved list of unaccredited language programs for the school year the course is taken.
- 4. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work. To receive college preparatory elective course credit, the language school must be WASC accredited and/or be UC approved. Non-accredited courses in languages other than English will be awarded non-college preparatory elective credit on the SDUHSD transcript only.

- Private language other than English courses that are not offered by SDUHSD do not count as part of the 30 credit off campus credit limit.
- 5. The principal or designee determines that the student's achievement is equivalent to that expected of a student of comparable ability taking the same or similar instruction in district schools. This determination shall be based on the private school's report of final grade.

CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED TESTS (SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ONLY)

Assessments Consortium (SBAC) for English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress in grade 11. Students will earn FIVE credits for each subject area test passed with a score of "Standard Met" or better. Elective credit for the subject will be given on a pass/fail basis. Credits earned by demonstrating proficiency on the SBAC subject area tests will not be college preparatory credits. Students may not apply credits earned from SBAC proficiency toward specific subject area classes that are mandatory requirements for graduation. Credit may only be earned from subject area tests taken during enrollment at Sunset High School. Credits earned while enrolled at Sunset High School from the demonstration of proficiency on the tests will be transferable to other district high schools. Additional tests added to the SBAC program in the future will follow the same protocol for credit accumulation.

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Exhibit 6146.11

San Dieguito Union High School District

	FF CAMPUS COURSE ISSION REQUEST FORM	
Student Name:Year:	Stu ID:	Graduation

Please review the following district policies (Board Policy 6146.11/AR-1) carefully:

- No more than 30 credits from concurrent off campus college courses, private instruction, or public school courses may be transferred onto the San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD) high school transcript.
- Students must be enrolled in a district high school while attending an approved off campus class to receive credit on a SDUHSD transcript. No student may begin to acquire high school credits until after the completion of 8th grade. Middle school students may not place off campus classes on the SDUHSD transcript.
- SDUHSD will not accept the following online coursework for credit: <u>online</u> lab science courses, <u>online</u> physical education courses, or <u>online</u> visual and performing art courses
- The off campus course must be taken at an institution that is <u>WASC or otherwise regionally accredited</u> and offers coursework leading to a high school diploma. Courses taken through providers that are WASC-accredited as Supplementary Ed will not be accepted for credit. We cannot recommend any specific program and it is SDUHSD policy not to proctor outside exams.
- The student shall receive the same letter grade for the high school credit as is granted by the college, public or private institution.
- A 3 unit college course is equal to a 5 credit high school course. College courses and private or public
 school honors courses do not receive weighted credit on SDUHSD transcripts with the exception of
 College Board Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses that are weighted by the
 University of California for the school year taken. AP courses must be on the outside school's AP
 Course Audit Ledger for the year taken in order to be placed on the transcript.
- Off campus math courses may not be used to accelerate from college prep to SDUHSD honors level math courses unless they are taken in combination with a SDUHSD Bridge course (see current counselor for bridge information).
- Courses in language other than English will be awarded elective credit on the SDUHSD transcript only if
 the school is WASC or UC approved or on the SDUHSD-approved list of unaccredited language programs
 for the current school year. To receive college preparatory elective credit, the language school must be
 WASC-accredited and/or be UC approved.
- Only courses with the same course title and content will count as repeats of courses taken in SDUHSD high schools for GPA calculation. All earned grades will remain on the SDUHSD transcript.
- Once off campus credits are placed on a transcript, they may **not** be removed.

SDUHSD shall post coursework to the transcript and grant credit toward high school graduation for coursework successfully completed at a community college, state college, public or private institution only if all of the following steps are completed:

- A course description & evidence of school accreditation and/or the school's current UC a-g list must be attached to this form.
- ☐ This form must be signed by the parent/guardian/educational rights holder, and counselor and submitted to the registrar **prior** to a student enrolling in the off campus course.

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Upon course completion, student must submit an official transcript that includes the grade issued and credits earned.					
Course Name:	Course #:	Credits:	Term: Semester 1	2	Summer
School		CEEBC	Code		
Accreditation Circle all that apply:					
Reason for taking this course: HS Graduation Requ	uirement College El Personal I	0 3	mediate Prior Grade		
Have you taken off campus courses before? Yes	No If Yes, how many	/?			
Why have you decided to take this course off campus?	?				
Parent/Guardian/Educational Rights Holder Signatur	re High School (Counselor Signa	nture Date		

NOTE: The off campus course you have requested to post toward a graduation requirement for SDUHSD <u>may not</u> be accepted by the UC/CSU system, private colleges and universities, out-of- state institutions, or NCAA as fulfilling requirements. It is your responsibility to check with an admissions officer from each campus to which you intend to apply.

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Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency

BP 6146.2

Instruction

The Governing Board desires that every student have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma through successful completion of class work and examination. However, when a student is unable to do so, the Board encourages completion of an alternative program that allows him/her to obtain an equivalent certificate.

Eligible persons may obtain a certificate of proficiency or a high school equivalency certificate in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall make may post information available to interested persons regarding the eligibility and examination requirements of each program.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48400-48403 Persons subject to compulsory continuation education

48410 Persons exempt from continuation classes

48412 Certificate of proficiency; examination fees

48413 Enrollment in continuation classes

48414 Reenrollment in district

51420-51427 High school equivalency certificate

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11520-11523 Proficiency examination and certificate

11530-11532 High school equivalency certificate

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Adult Education Handbook for California, 1997

WEB SITES

CDE, California Hight School Proficiency Examination; http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sp

CDE, high school equivalency tests: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd

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Administrative Regulation

Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency

AR 6146.2 **Instruction**

Certificate of Proficiency

The principal of each school maintaining grades 11 and 12 shall-may distribute to each student in those grades an announcement explaining the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE). Announcements from the California Department of Education (CDE) or its contractor shall be distributed early enough to enable interested students to register for the test to be given in the fall of that year.

The principal also shall advise students that the certificate of proficiency awarded upon passing the CHSPE, while equivalent to a high school diploma, is not the equivalent of completing all coursework required for high school graduation and therefore students should contact the admissions office of the college or university they are interested in attending to determine if the certificate satisfies college admission requirements.

Any student may take the CHSPE if he/she meets one of the following conditions:

- 1. Is age 16 or older
- 2. Has been enrolled in the 10th grade for one school year or longer
- 3. Will complete one school year of enrollment in 10th grade at the end of the semester during which the CHSPE will be administered

If a student receives the certificate of proficiency, the district shall indicate the student's accomplishment and the date of the award on the student's official transcript.

Any student who has received the certificate of proficiency may be exempted from compulsory school attendance upon his/her request, with verified parent/guardian consent as appropriate.

The consent form to be exempted from compulsory school attendance shall be provided by the Superintendent or designee and shall contain at least the following information:

- 1. A general explanation of the student's rights of exemption from compulsory attendance and of re-enrollment in the public schools
- 2. The date of issuance of the certificate of proficiency
- 3. The signature of the parent/guardian and the date
- 4. The signature of the school administrator who has personally confirmed the authenticity of

the parent/guardian's signature and the date

If a student age 16 or 17 terminates his/her enrollment after receiving the high school proficiency certificate, he/she may re-enroll in the district. If he/she subsequently terminates enrollment again, he/she may be denied re-enrollment until the beginning of the following semester.

High School Equivalency Certificate

An eligible person may earn a high school equivalency certificate by passing a general educational development test designated by the State Board of Education pursuant to Education Code 51420, including the General Educational Development (GED) test, the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

Any person is eligible to take a test leading to a high school equivalency certificate if he/she is a resident of California or a member of the armed forces assigned to duty in California and meets any one of the following criteria:

- 1. Is 18 years of age or older, or is within 60 days of his/her 18th birthday, regardless of enrollment status
- 2. Is not currently enrolled in school and is within 60 days of when he/she would have graduated from high school had he/she remained in school and followed the usual course of study
- 3. Is 17 years of age, has been out of school for at least 60 consecutive days, and provides a letter of request for the test from the military, a postsecondary educational institution, or a prospective employer
- 4. Is 17 years of age, has accumulated fewer than 100 units of high school credit, is confined to a state or county hospital or to an institution maintained by a state or county correctional facility, and meets other criteria listed in 5 CCR 11532
- 5. Is 17 years of age, has accumulated fewer than 100 units of high school credit prior to enrollment in an academic program offered by a dropout recovery high school as defined in Education Code 52052, and has successfully completed the dropout recovery high school's instructional program which is aligned to state standards, offers the opportunity for a high school diploma, and provides services for at least one year

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Reciprocity Of Academic Credit

BP 6146.3

Instruction

To determine whether students transferring into the district have met district course requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to evaluate the comparability of courses and/or students' understanding of course content. Such procedures shall include methods for determining the number of years of school attendance, the specific courses completed by the student and the value of credits earned.

The district shall accept for credit full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed by students while attending a public school, a juvenile court school or nonpublic nonsectarian school or agency.

Pending evaluation of the transferring student's academic performance, the student shall be placed at the grade level reached prior to enrollment in the district. Within 30 days of enrollment, the principal or designee shall complete the evaluation and determine the student's appropriate grade placement.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

47612.5 Charter schools operations, general requirements

48011 Admission from kindergarten or other school

48645.5 Coursework completed in public school, juvenile court school or nonpublic nonsectarian school

51225.3 Requirements for graduation

51228 Minimum curriculum standards

60605 Academic content and performance standards; assessments

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

64001 School plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs

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Administrative Regulation

Reciprocity Of Academic Credit

AR 6146.3 **Instruction**

Definitions

An "accredited" school is one that has received accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or other statewide or regional commissions or, in the case of a school outside California, by the equivalent governmental or other regional accrediting agency in that jurisdiction.

Transfers from Accredited Schools

Students transferring into the district from an accredited school shall receive full academic credit for previously completed courses when the sending district verifies that the student has satisfactorily completed those courses.

Transfers from Non-Accredited Schools

When a student transfers from any non-accredited private, public, alternative, home or charter school, academic credit shall be subject to approval by the principal or designee at the enrolling school. Credits transferred from these schools shall be fully accepted when there is evidence that the course work completed is equivalent to similar courses offered in this district.

The principal or designee at the enrolling school shall be responsible for determining which of the student's credits are equivalent to district requirements. Guidelines for determining equivalency shall be developed by representative certificated staff familiar with the district's academic standards and graduation requirements.

Students in grades K-7 through 8 who transfer into the district without proof of having met the grade level proficiency standards in reading, mathematics and writing must take the appropriate standardized tests of these basic skills to facilitate proper placement.

In determining equivalency, the principal and/or designated certificated staff representative may consider one or more of the following:

- 1. A review of the description of academic content and time requirements of the course work completed by the student compared to academic content and time requirements at the enrolling school
- 2. An examination of the student's portfolio of work, papers, completed projects, graded tests or other documents demonstrating the student's level of skill and knowledge
- 3. An opportunity for the student to demonstrate skill by his/her performance on appropriate course-challenging examinations, comprehensive final examinations and/or other culminating

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exercises used at the enrolling school

4. Verification by teacher observation, once the student has been placed in a course, that the student has reached a level of preparation consistent with his/her placement in that course

Appeals/Due Process

If a student's parent/guardian disagrees with the school site staff's judgment on grade-level placement, course placement and/or equivalency of academic credit, the parent/guardian may appeal to the Superintendent or designee.

Within 10 working days of notification of placement or credit determination, the parent/guardian may request, in writing, a conference with the Superintendent or designee to review the school site staff's decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within 10 working days of the parent/guardian's request. This meeting may include the principal or designee, representatives of the school's certificated staff, and the student's parents/guardian. It shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to present evidence that the facts do not support the school staff's decision on the student's placement and/or transferability of prior credits.

The Superintendent or designee's decision shall be final.

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Differential Graduation And Competency Standards For Students With Disabilities -

BP 6146.4 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that students with disabilities are entitled to a course of study that provides them with a free appropriate public education (FAPE) and that modifications to the district's regular course may be needed on an individualized basis to provide FAPE. In accordance with law, each student's individualized education program (IEP) team shall determine the appropriate goals, as well as any appropriate individual accommodations necessary for measuring the academic achievement and functional performance of the student on state and districtwide assessments.

Certificate of Educational Achievement or Completion

Instead of a high school diploma, a student with disabilities may be awarded a certificate or document of educational achievement or of completion if the student has met one of the following requirements:

- 1. Satisfactorily completed a prescribed alternative course of study approved by the board of the district in which the student attended school or the district with jurisdiction over the student as identified in his/her IEP
- 2. Satisfactorily met his/her IEP goals and objectives during high school as determined by the IEP team
- 3. Satisfactorily attended high school, participated in the instruction as prescribed in his/her IEP, and met the objectives of the statement of transition services

A student with disabilities who meets any of the criteria specified above shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and any school activity related to graduation in which a graduating student of similar age without disabilities would be eligible to participate.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56341 Individualized education program team

56345 Elements of the IEP

56390-56392 Certificate of completion, special education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3070 Graduation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

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300.320 Definition of IEP

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=mr

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San Dieguito Union High School District Certificate of Completion Course of Study

The Course of Study for the Certificate of Completion is a framework for aligning curriculum to grade level standards while meeting the individual goals and transition needs stated in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

It is expected that these requirements are met thro	ugh enrollment in a combination of general		
It is expected that these requirements are met through enrollment in a combination of general education courses, modified general education courses and special education courses.			
English/Language Arts	40 credits/8 semester courses		
	Inclusive of a balance of literature, composition,		
	vocabulary, speech/communication (modified as		
	necessary and appropriate)		
Mathematics	30 credits/6 semester courses		
	Inclusive of a balance of number sense,		
	expressions, computation, data analysis, statistics,		
	probability, equations and inequalities and		
	personal finance (modified as necessary and		
	appropriate)		
Social Science	30 credits/ 6 semester courses		
	Inclusive of a balance of history, civics and		
	government, geography and economics (modified		
	as necessary and appropriate)		
Science	20 credits/4 semester courses		
	Inclusive of a balance of physical, earth/nature,		
	life, engineering and technology (modified as		
	necessary and appropriate)		
Physical Education	20 credits/4 semester courses		
	Inclusive of a health component (modified as		
	necessary and appropriate)		
Electives	90 credits/18 semester courses		
	Elective courses should be selected with an intent		
	to promote progress on individual and transition		
	goals		

^{**}exceptions to overall credit requirements can be made by IEP team for extenuating circumstances (extended medical leaves, etc.)

Assumptions:

- 1. High expectations for all students is a shared responsibility
- General Education courses are accessed whenever appropriate to fulfill the Certificate of Completion Course of Study
- 3. Students' IEP goals are aligned with grade level standards that drive curriculum and instruction
- 4. Communication skills/ reading skills, and problem solving skills are integrated into all courses
- 5. Courses may be repeated with new goals if appropriate

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6. Individual courses selected to fulfill requirements are driven by the individual goals and transition goals of each student

Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements

BP 6146.5 **Instruction**

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Class Size

BP 6151

Instruction

Optional policy, not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Class Assignment

BP 6152

Instruction

Optional policy, not recommended for adoption.

Placement In Mathematics Courses

BP 6152.1 **Instruction**

The Governing Board believes that a sound educational program must include the study of subjects that prepare students for admission to higher education and/or fulfilling careers. District students shall be provided an opportunity to complete a sequence of mathematics courses recommended for admission into the University of California and California State University systems.

The Superintendent or designee shall work with district teachers, counselors, and administrators and the representatives of feeder schools to develop a well-articulated sequence of mathematics courses and consistent protocols for placing students in mathematics courses offered at district high schools.

Such placement protocols shall systematically take into consideration multiple objective academic measures that may include, but are not limited to, statewide mathematics assessments, including state interim and summative assessments; placement tests that are aligned to state-adopted content standards in mathematics; classroom assignment and grades; and report cards

District staff shall implement the placement protocols uniformly and without regard to students' socioeconomic background or any characteristic specified in BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, including, but not limited to, race, sex, gender, nationality, and ethnicity.

The placement protocols shall provide for at least one reevaluation within the first month of the school year to ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and shall specify the criteria the district will use to make this determination. Any student found to be misplaced shall be promptly placed in the appropriate mathematics course.

If a student or parent/guardian questions the student's placement, he/she may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or designee. The decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be final.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all teachers, counselors, and other district staff responsible for determining students' placement in mathematics courses receive training on the placement protocols.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall annually review student data related to placement in mathematics courses offered at district high schools to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures are not being held back in a disproportionate manner on the basis of any subjective or discriminatory basis, and shall develop strategies for removing any identified barriers to students' access to mathematics courses. The Superintendent or designee shall also report on the percentage of district students who have successfully completed mathematics courses that satisfy

the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

48070.5 Promotion and retention; required policy

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

51224.5 Completion of Algebra I or Mathematics I

51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas

60605.8 Common Core standards

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Math Misplacement, Governance Brief, September 2015

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2013

California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, January 2013

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

Appendix A: Designing High School Mathematics Courses Based on the Common Core State Standards

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (LCCR)

Held Back - Addressing Misplacement of 9th Grade Students in Bay Area School Math Classes, 2013

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

Common Core State Standards Initiative: http://www.corestandards.org/math Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCR):

http://www.lccr.com

Northwest Evaluation Association, Measures of Academic Progress: http://www.nwea.org University of California, Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project: http://mdtp.ucsd.edu

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Administrative Regulation

Placement In Mathematics Courses

AR 6152.1 **Instruction**

Placement Protocols

In determining student placement in mathematics courses for students entering grade 9, the Superintendent or designee shall assess whether each student has the prerequisite skills for success in the course and consider student and parent/guardian requests. Such determinations shall be based on multiple measures, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Interim and summative grade 8 mathematics assessments from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
- 2. For students with disabilities, an alternate test or other measures when designated in a student's individualized education program (IEP)
- 3. Other assessments such as Measures of Academic Progress, the readiness tests of the University of California's Mathematics Diagnosis Testing Project, and/or district benchmark assessments
- 4. The student's grades in his/her previous mathematics course
- 5. The final mathematics grade on the end-of-year report card

Individual student performance data shall be analyzed each spring prior to scheduling and placing students into secondary mathematics courses. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified in writing by the end of the school year as to the mathematics course in which the student has been placed.

No student shall be required to repeat a mathematics course which he/she has successfully completed in accordance with district's placement protocols.

When a student does not qualify to be enrolled in a particular mathematics course based on a consideration of the objective measures specified in the placement protocol, he/she may nevertheless be admitted to the course based on the recommendation of a teacher or counselor who has personal knowledge of the student's academic ability.

Students who exhibit deficits in knowledge and skills needed to advance to a higher level mathematics course may receive supplemental instruction to improve achievement of mathematic content standards.

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Reevaluation

Within the first month of the school year, mathematics course placements shall be individually reevaluated to ensure placement in the most rigorous mathematics course for which the student has the potential for success.

Criteria for reevaluating each student's placement shall include, but are not limited to, course preassessment results, attendance, and student performance in the first month of the school year as determined by teacher observation and grades on assignments and tests. Student and parent/guardian request for course placement may also be considered.

Notification of Placement Protocol

The district's policy and protocols related to student placement in mathematics courses shall be posted on the district's web site.

The Superintendent or designee shall also make the district's placement policy, protocols, and course sequence readily accessible to students, parents/guardians, and staff at school sites and/or in student handbooks.

Appeals

Within 10 school days of an initial placement decision or a placement decision upon reevaluation, a student and his/her parent/guardian who disagree with the placement may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall decide whether or not to overrule the placement determination within 10 school days of receiving the appeal.

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Board Policy

School-Sponsored Trips

BP 6153

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that field trips supplement and enrich the classroom learning experience, lead to increased student achievement, and foster student engagement. The Board encourages field trips to reinforce and increase learning opportunities and to enhance district programs.

Field trips shall be conducted in connection with the district's course of study or school-related social, educational, cultural, athletic, school band, or other extracurricular or cocurricular activities. A field trip to a foreign country *outside the United States* may be permitted to familiarize students with the language, history, geography, natural science, and other studies relative to the district's course of study

Requests for field trips involving out-of-state, out-of-country, or overnight travel shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall review the request and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the request should be approved by the Board. All other field trips shall be approved in advance by the principal.

The principal shall establish a process for approving a staff member's request to conduct a field trip. When planning trips, staff shall consider student safety, objectives of instruction, the most effective use of instructional time, the distance from school, district and student expense, and transportation and supervision requirements. Principals may exclude from the trip any student whose presence on the trip would pose a safety or disciplinary risk.

No field trip shall be authorized if any student would be excluded from participation because of a lack of sufficient funds. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with community groups to supply funds for students in need.

The Board may approve the use of district funds for student expenses for in-state, out-of-state, or out-of-country field trips or excursions when permitted by law. In addition, expenses of instructors, chaperones, and other personnel participating in such trips, as well as incidental expenses for the use of district equipment during the trip, may be paid from district funds.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8760 Authorization of outdoor science and conservation programs

32040-32044 First aid equipment: field trips

35330 Excursions and field trips

35331 Provision for medical or hospital service for pupils (on field trips)

35332 Transportation by chartered airline

35350 Transportation of students

44808 Liability when pupils not on school property

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48908 Duties of pupils; authority of teachers BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE 17550-17550.9 Sellers of travel 17552-17556.5 Educational travel organizations

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org

California Association of Directors of Activities: http://www.cada1.org

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: http://www.dhs.gov

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School-Sponsored Trips

AR 6153 **Instruction**

Supervision

Students on school-sponsored trips are under the jurisdiction of the district and shall be subject to district and school rules and regulations.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that adequate supervision is provided on all school-sponsored trips and that there is an appropriate ratio of adults to students present on the trip. If the trip involves water activities, this ratio shall be revised as necessary.

Parent/Guardian Permission

Before a student can participate in a school-sponsored trip, the teacher shall obtain parent/guardian permission for the trip. Whenever a trip involves water activities, the parent/guardian shall provide specific permission for his/her child to participate in the water activities. The district shall provide an alternative educational experience for students whose parents/guardians do not wish them to participate in a trip.

All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the district or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. All adults taking out-of-state field trips or excursions and all parents/guardians of students taking out-of-state field trips or excursions shall sign a statement waiving such claims.

Safety Issues

1. While conducting a trip, the teacher, employee, or agent of the school shall have the school's first aid kit in his/her possession or immediately available.

Whenever trips are conducted in areas known to be infested with poisonous snakes, the first aid kit taken on the trip shall contain medically accepted snakebite remedies. In addition, a teacher, employee, or agent of the school who has completed a first aid course which is certified by the American Red Cross and which emphasizes the treatment of snakebites shall participate in the trip.

- 2. The district shall provide or make available medical and/or hospital insurance for students injured while participating in any excursion or field trip.
- 3. If the Superintendent or designee receives threat level warnings from the Homeland Security Advisory System pertaining to the destination of a school-sponsored trip, he/she shall implement precautions necessary to protect the safety of students and staff.

- 4. Lifeguards are required for all swimming activities. If the activity is at a private pool, the owner of the pool shall provide a certificate of insurance, designating the district as an additional insured, for not less than \$500,000 in liability coverage. Staff shall determine supervisory responsibilities for all chaperones.
- 5. Before trips of more than one day, the principal or designee may hold a meeting for staff, chaperones, parents/guardians, and students to discuss safety and the importance of safety-related rules for the trip.

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Board Policy

Homework/Makeup Work

BP 6154 **Instruction**

Optional policy, not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Challenging Courses By Examination

BP 6155 **Instruction**

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Challenging Courses By Examination

AR 6155

Instruction

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy Independent Study

BP 6158

Instruction

The Governing Board authorizes independent study as an optional alternative instructional strategy for eligible students whose needs may be best met through study outside of the regular classroom setting. Independent study shall offer a means of individualizing the educational plan to serve students who desire a more challenging educational experience, whose health or other personal circumstances make classroom attendance difficult, who are unable to access course(s) due to scheduling problems, and/or who need to make up credits or fill gaps in their learning. Asnecessary to meet student needs, independent study may be offered on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis in conjunction with part- or full-time classroom study.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a variety of independent study opportunities, including, but not limited to, through a program or class within a comprehensive school, an alternative school or program of choice, a charter school, a home-based format, and an online course.

A student's participation in independent study shall be voluntary. Students participating in independent study shall have the right, at any time, to enter or return to the regular classroom mode of instruction.

Parents/guardians of students who are interested in independent study shall contact the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall approve independent study for an individual student only upon determining that the student is prepared to meet the district's requirements for independent study and is likely to succeed in independent study as well as or better than he/she would in the regular classroom setting.

The minimum period of time for any independent study option shall be five consecutive school days.

Written Agreements

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a written master agreement and, as appropriate, a learning agreement for students participating in course-based independent study exist for each participating student as prescribed by law.

The master agreement shall specify the length of time in which each independent study assignment must be completed. Because excessive leniency in the duration of independent study assignments may result in a student falling behind his/her peers and increase the risk of dropping out of school, independent study assignments shall be no more than one week for all grade levels and types of program. However, when necessary, and based on the specific circumstances of the student's approved program, the Superintendent or designee may allow for a longer period of time between the date an assignment is made and when it is due, up to the termination date of the agreement.

An evaluation shall be conducted to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study whenever the student misses three assignments, unless the student's written agreement specifies a lower or higher number of missed assignments based on the nature of the assignments, the total number of assignments, and/or other unique circumstances.

Student-Teacher Conferences

Supervising teachers should establish an appropriate schedule for student-teacher conferences in order to help identify students falling behind in their work or in danger of failing or dropping out of school. Teachers are expected to monitor student progress and work closely with each student to determine the amount and type of contact needed for the student to be successful in the program.

Missing appointments with the supervising teacher without valid reasons may trigger an evaluation to determine whether the student should remain in independent study.

Home-Based Independent Study

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians desiring to teach their children at home to have their children participate in independent study. Such participation allows continued contact and cooperation between the school system and the home based student and ensures that the student will be offered a standards based education substantially equivalent in quality and quantity to the district's classroom instruction.

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall-may annually report to the Board the number of district students participating in independent study, the average daily attendance generated for apportionment purposes, student performance as measured by standard indicators and in comparison to students in classroom-based instruction, and the number and proportion of independent study students who graduate or successfully complete independent study. Based on the program evaluation, the Board and Superintendent shall determine areas for program improvement as needed.

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Administrative Regulation Independent Study

AR 6158 Instruction

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Board Policy

Individualized Education Program

BP 6159

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to provide educational alternatives that afford students with disabilities full educational opportunities. Students with disabilities shall receive a free appropriate public education and be placed in the least restrictive environment which meets their needs to the extent provided by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations regarding the appointment of the individualized education program (IEP) team, the contents of the IEP, and the development, review, and revision of the IEP.

To the extent permitted by federal law, a foster parent shall have the same rights relative to his/her foster child's IEP as a parent/guardian.

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7572.5 Seriously emotionally disturbed child, expanded IEP team

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Administrative Regulation

Individualized Education Program

AR 6159

Instruction

At the beginning of each school year, the district shall have an individualized education program (IEP) in effect for each student with a disability within district jurisdiction. The IEP shall be a written statement designed by the IEP team to meet the unique educational needs of a student with a disability.

Members of the IEP Team

The IEP team for any student with a disability shall include the following members:

- 1. One or both of the student's parents/guardians and/or a representative selected by them
- 2. If the student is or may be participating in the regular education program, at least one of the student's regular education teachers designated by the Superintendent or designee to represent the student's teachers

The regular education teacher shall, to the extent appropriate, participate in the development, review, and revision of the student's IEP, including assisting in the determination of appropriate positive behavioral interventions, supports, and other strategies for the student, and supplementary aids and services, program modifications, and supports for school personnel that will be provided for the student, consistent with 34 CFR 300.320.

- 3. At least one of the student's special education teachers or, where appropriate, special education providers
- 4. A representative of the district who is:
- a. Qualified to provide or supervise the provision of specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities
- b. Knowledgeable about the general education curriculum
- c. Knowledgeable about the availability of district and/or special education local plan area (SELPA) resources
- 5. An individual who can interpret the instructional implications of assessment results

This individual may already be a member of the team as described in items #2-4 above or in item #6 below.

6. At the discretion of the parent/guardian or the Superintendent or designee, other

individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel, as appropriate

The determination of whether the individual has knowledge or special expertise regarding the student shall be made by the party who invites the individual to be a member of the IEP team.

7. Whenever appropriate, the student with a disability

In the development, review, or revision of his/her IEP, the student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of his/her IEP team.

8. When the student is suspected of having a specific learning disability, at least one individual who is qualified to conduct individual diagnostic examinations of the student such as a school psychologist, speech language pathologist, or remedial reading teacher

In accordance with 34 CFR 300.310, at least one team member other than the student's regular education teacher shall observe the student's academic performance and behavior in the areas of difficulty in his/her learning environment, including in the regular classroom setting. If the child is younger than five years or not enrolled in school, a team member shall observe the child in an environment appropriate for a child of that age.

In the following circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall invite other specified individuals to an IEP team meeting:

- 1. When the student has been placed in a group home by the juvenile court, a representative of the group home shall be invited to attend IEP team meetings.
- 2. Whenever the IEP team is meeting to consider the student's postsecondary goals and the transition services needed to assist him/her in reaching the goals as stated in Education Code 56345(a)(8), the following individuals shall be invited to attend:
- a. The student, regardless of his/her age

If the student does not attend the IEP team meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall take other steps to ensure that the student's preferences and interests are considered.

- b. To the extent appropriate, and with the consent of the parent/guardian, a representative of any other agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for the transition services
- 3. If the student was previously served under the Early Education for Individuals with Exceptional Needs or the California Early Intervention Services Act, and upon request of the student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall invite the Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Coordinator or other representative of the early education or early intervention system to the initial IEP team meeting to assist with the smooth transition of services.

 A member of the IEP team shall not be required to attend an IEP team meeting, in whole or in part, if the parent/guardian and the district agree, in writing, that the attendance of the member is not

necessary because the member's area of the curriculum or related services is not being modified or discussed at the meeting. Even if the meeting involves a discussion of the IEP team member's area of the curriculum or related service, the member may be excused from the meeting if the parent/guardian, in writing, and the district consent to the excusal after conferring with the member and the member submits to the parent/guardian and team written input into the development of the IEP prior to the meeting.

Contents of the IEP

The IEP shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- 1. A statement of the present levels of the student's academic achievement and functional performance, including:
- a. The manner in which the student's disability affects his/her involvement and progress in the general education curriculum (i.e., the same curriculum as for nondisabled students)
- b. For a preschool child, as appropriate, the manner in which the disability affects his/her participation in appropriate activities
- c. For a student with a disability who takes alternate assessments aligned to alternate achievement standards, a description of benchmarks or short-term objectives
- 2. A statement of measurable annual goals, including academic and functional goals, designed to:
- a. Meet the student's needs that result from his/her disability in order to enable the student to be involved in and progress in the general education curriculum
- b. Meet each of the student's other educational needs that result from his/her disability
- 3. A description of the manner in which the student's progress toward meeting the annual goals described in item #2 above will be measured and when the district will provide periodic reports on the progress the student is making toward meeting the annual goals, such as through the use of quarterly or other periodic reports, concurrent with the issuance of report cards
- 4. A statement of the special education instruction and related services and supplementary aids and services, based on peer-reviewed research to the extent practicable, to be provided to the student or on behalf of the student, and a statement of the program modifications or supports for school personnel that will be provided to enable the student to:
- a. Advance appropriately toward attaining the annual goals
- b. Be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum in accordance with item #1 above and to participate in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities

- c. Be educated and participate with other students with disabilities and nondisabled students in the activities described in the IEP
- 5. An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the student will not participate with nondisabled students in the regular class and in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities described in the IEP
- 6. A statement of any appropriate individual accommodations necessary to measure the academic achievement and functional performance of the student on state and districtwide assessments

If the IEP team determines that the student shall take an alternate assessment instead of a particular regular state or districtwide assessment, the student's IEP also shall include a statement of the reason that he/she cannot participate in the regular assessment and the reason that the particular alternate assessment selected is appropriate for him/her.

- 7. The projected date for the beginning of the services and modifications described in item #4 above and the anticipated frequency, location, and duration of those services and modifications
- 8. Beginning not later than the first IEP to be in effect when the student is 16 years of age, or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP team, and updated annually thereafter, the following:
- a. Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and where appropriate, independent living skills
- b. The transition services, including courses of study, needed to assist the student in reaching those goals
- 9. Beginning at least one year before the student reaches age 18, a statement that the student has been informed of his/her rights, if any, that will transfer to him/her upon reaching age 18, pursuant to Education Code 56041.5

Where appropriate, the IEP shall also include:

- 1. For a student in grades 7-12, any alternative means and modes necessary for the student to complete the district's prescribed course of study and to meet or exceed proficiency standards required for graduation
- 2. Linguistically appropriate goals, objectives, programs, and services for a student whose native language is not English
- 3. Extended school year services when the IEP team determines, on an individual basis, that the services are necessary for the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE)
- 4. Provision for transition into the regular education program if the student is to be transferred

from a special class or center or nonpublic, nonsectarian school into a regular education program in a public school for any part of the school day, including descriptions of activities intended to:

- a. Integrate the student into the regular education program, including indications of the nature of each activity and the time spent on the activity each day or week
- b. Support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program
- 5. Specialized services, materials, and equipment for a student with low incidence disabilities, consistent with the guidelines pursuant to Education Code 56136

Development of the IEP

Within 30 days of a determination that a student needs special education and related services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a meeting to develop an initial IEP is conducted.

Any IEP required as a result of an assessment of a student shall be developed within 60 days from the date of receipt of the parent/guardian's written consent for assessment, unless the parent/guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension. Days between the student's regular school sessions, terms, or vacation of more than five school days shall not be counted. In the case of school vacations, the 60-day time limit shall recommence on the date that the student's school days reconvene.

However, when the IEP is required as a result of an assessment of a student for whom a referral has been made 30 days or less prior to the end of the preceding regular school year, the IEP shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year.

In developing the IEP, the IEP team shall consider all of the following:

- 1. The strengths of the student
- 2. The concerns of the parents/guardians for enhancing the education of their child
- 3. The results of the initial or most recent assessment of the student
- 4. The academic, developmental, and functional needs of the student
- 5. In the case of a student whose behavior impedes his/her learning or that of others, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports and other strategies to address that behavior
- 6. In the case of a student with limited English proficiency, the language needs of the student as such needs relate to the student's IEP
- 7. In the case of a student who is blind or visually impaired, the need to provide for instruction in Braille and instruction in the use of Braille

However, such instruction need not be included in the IEP if the IEP team determines that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate for the student. This determination shall be based upon an assessment of the student's reading and writing skills, his/her future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille, and other appropriate reading and writing media.

8. The communication needs of the student and, in the case of a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, the student's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the student's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode

The team shall also consider the related services and program options that provide the student with an equal opportunity for communication access, as described in Education Code 56345.

9. Whether the student requires assistive technology devices and services

If, in considering the special factors in items #1-9 above, the IEP team determines that the student needs a particular device or service, including an intervention, accommodation, or other program modification, in order to receive FAPE, the team shall include a statement to that effect in the student's IEP.

Provision of Special Education and Related Services

The district shall ensure that, as soon as possible following development of the IEP, special education services and related services are made available to the student in accordance with his/her IEP.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the student's IEP is accessible to each regular education teacher, special education teacher, related service provider, and any other service provider who is responsible for its implementation. The Superintendent or designee also shall ensure that such teachers and providers are informed of their specific responsibilities related to implementing the IEP and the specific accommodations, modifications, and supports that must be provided to the student in accordance with the IEP.

Review and Revision of the IEP

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the IEP team reviews the IEP periodically, but at least annually, in order to:

- 1. Determine whether the annual goals for the student are being achieved
- 2. Revise the IEP, as appropriate, to address:
- a. Any lack of expected progress toward the annual goals and in the general education curriculum, where appropriate

- b. The results of any reassessment conducted pursuant to Education Code 56381
- c. Information about the student provided to or by the parents/guardians regarding review of evaluation data pursuant to 34 CFR 300.305(a)(2) and Education Code 56381(b)
 - d. The student's anticipated needs
 - e. Any other relevant matter
- 3. Consider the special factors listed in items #5-9 above under "Development of the IEP," when reviewing the IEP of any student with a disability to whom one of those factors may apply

The IEP team shall also meet at any other time upon request by the student's parent/guardian or teacher to review or revise the IEP.

When a parent/guardian requests an IEP team meeting to review the IEP, the team shall meet within 30 days of receiving the parent/guardian's written request, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions or terms or days of school vacation in excess of five school days. If a parent/guardian makes an oral request, the district shall notify the parent/guardian of the need for a written request and the procedure for filing such a request.

A regular education or special education teacher may request a review of the classroom assignment of a student with a disability by submitting a written request to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall consider the request within 20 days of receiving it, not counting days when school is not in session or, for year-round schools, days when the school is off track. If the review indicates a need for change in the student's placement, instruction, and/or related services, the Superintendent or designee shall convene an IEP team meeting, which shall be held within 30 days of the Superintendent or designee's review, not counting days when school is not in session or days when school is off track, unless the student's parent/guardian consents in writing to an extension of time.

If a participating agency other than the district fails to provide the transition services described in the student's IEP, the team shall reconvene to identify alternative strategies to meet the transition service objectives set out for the student in the IEP.

If a student with a disability residing in a licensed children's institution or foster family home has been placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an annual evaluation as part of the IEP process of whether the placement is the least restrictive environment that is appropriate to meet the student's needs.

To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall encourage the consolidation of reassessment meetings and other IEP team meetings for a student.

When a change is necessary to a student's IEP after the annual IEP team meeting for the school year has been held, the parent/guardian and the Superintendent or designee may agree not to

convene an IEP team meeting for the purpose of making the change and instead may develop a written document to amend or modify the student's current IEP. The IEP team shall be informed of any such changes. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian with a revised copy of the IEP with the incorporated amendments.

Audio Recording of IEP Team Meetings

Parents/guardians and the Superintendent or designee shall have the right to audio record the proceedings of IEP team meetings, provided members of the IEP team are notified of this intent at least 24 hours before the meeting. If the Superintendent or designee gives notice of intent to audio record a meeting and the parent/guardian objects or refuses to attend because the meeting would be audio recorded, the meeting shall not be audio recorded. Parents/guardians also have the right to:

- 1. Inspect and review the audio recordings
- 2. Request that an audio recording be amended if they believe it contains information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights
- 3. Challenge, in a hearing, information that the parents/guardians believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights

Parent/Guardian Participation and Other Rights

The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to ensure that one or both of the parents/guardians of the student with a disability are present at each IEP team meeting or are afforded the opportunity to participate. These steps shall include notifying the parents/guardians of the meeting early enough to ensure that they will have the opportunity to attend and scheduling the meeting at a mutually agreed upon time and place.

The Superintendent or designee shall send parents/guardians notices of IEP team meetings that:

- 1. Indicate the purpose, time, and location of the meeting
- 2. Indicate who will be in attendance at the meeting
- 3. Inform them of:
- a. Their right to bring to the meeting other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise about the student, pursuant to Education Code 56341(b)(6)
- b. The provision of Education Code 56341(i) relating to the participation of the Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Coordinator at the initial IEP team meeting, if the student was previously served under Early Education for Individuals with Exceptional or the California Early Intervention Services Act

In addition, when the IEP team meeting is to consider the development, review, or revision of the IEP of a student with a disability who is 16 years of age or older, or younger than 16 if deemed appropriate by the IEP team, the Superintendent or designee's notice to the student's parents/guardians shall include the following:

- 1. An indication that a purpose of the meeting will be the consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student pursuant to Education Code 56345.1, 20 USC 1414(d)(1)(A)(i)(VIII), and 34 CFR 300.320(b)
- 2. An indication that the student is invited to the IEP team meeting
- 3. Identification of any other agency that will be invited to send a representative

At each IEP team meeting convened by the district, the district administrator or specialist on the team shall inform the parent/guardian and student of the federal and state procedural safeguards included in the notice of parental rights provided pursuant to Education Code 56321.

The parent/guardian shall have the right and opportunity to examine all of his/her child's school records upon request, before any IEP meeting, and in connection with any hearing or resolution session on matters affecting his/her child, including, but not limited to, initial formal assessment, procedural safeguards, and due process. Upon receipt of an oral or written request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide complete copies of the records within five business days.

The parent/guardian shall have the right to present information to the IEP team in person or through a representative and the right to participate in meetings that relate to eligibility for special education and related services, recommendations, and program planning.

If neither parent/guardian can attend the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall use other methods to ensure parent/guardian participation, including video conferences or individual or conference telephone calls.

An IEP team meeting may be conducted without a parent/guardian in attendance if the Superintendent or designee is unable to convince the parent/guardian that he/she should attend. In such a case, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of the attempts to arrange a mutually agreed upon time and place for the meeting, including:

- 1. Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls
- 2. Copies of correspondence sent to the parent/guardian and any responses received
- 3. Detailed records of visits made to the parent/guardian's home or place of employment and the results of those visits

The Superintendent or designee shall take any action necessary to ensure that the parents/guardians understand the proceedings of the meeting, including arranging for an interpreter for parents/guardians with deafness or whose native language is not English.

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The Superintendent or designee shall give the parents/guardians of a student with a disability a copy of his/her child's IEP at no cost.

Parent/Guardian Consent for Provision of Special Education and Services

Before providing special education and related services to any student, the Superintendent or designee shall seek to obtain informed consent of the student's parent/guardian pursuant to 20 USC 1414(a)(1). The district shall not provide services by utilizing the due process hearing procedures pursuant to 20 USC 1415(f) if the parent/guardian refuses to consent to the initiation of services. If the parent/guardian does not consent to all of the components of the IEP, then those components to which the parent/guardian has consented shall be implemented so as not to delay providing instruction and services to the student.

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a part of a proposed IEP to which the parent/guardian does not consent is necessary in order to provide the student with FAPE, a due process hearing shall be initiated in accordance with 20 USC 1415(f). While the due process hearing is pending, the student shall remain in the current placement unless the parent/guardian and the Superintendent or designee agree otherwise.

If at any time subsequent to the initial provision of services, the student's parent/guardian, in writing, revokes consent for the continued provision of special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall provide prior written notice within a reasonable time before ceasing to provide services to the student. The Superintendent or designee shall not request a due process hearing or pursue mediation in order to require an agreement or ruling that services be provided to the student.

Prior to the discontinuation of services, the Superintendent or designee may offer to meet with the parents/guardians to discuss concerns for the student's education. However, this meeting shall be voluntary on the part of the parent/guardian and shall not delay the implementation of the parent/guardian's request for discontinuation of services. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall send a letter to the parent/guardian confirming the parent/guardian's decision to discontinue all services.

When the district ceases to provide special education services in response to the parent/guardian's revocation of consent, the student shall be classified as a general education student.

Transfer Students

To facilitate the transition of a student with a disability who is transferring into the district, the Superintendent or designee shall take reasonable steps to promptly obtain the student's records, including his/her IEP and the supporting documents related to the provision of special education services.

If the student transfers into the district from another school district within the same SELPA during the school year, the district shall continue to provide services comparable to those described in the

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student's existing IEP, unless his/her parent/guardian and the district agree to develop, adopt, and implement a new IEP that is consistent with state and federal law.

If the student transfers into the district from a school district outside of the district's SELPA during the school year, the district shall provide the student with FAPE, including services comparable to those described in the previous district's IEP. Within 30 days, the Superintendent or designee shall, in consultation with the student's parents/guardians, adopt the previous district's IEP or shall develop, adopt, and implement a new IEP that is consistent with state and federal law.

If the student transfers into the district from an out-of-state district during the school year, the district shall provide the student with FAPE, including services comparable to the out-of-state district's IEP, in consultation with the parent/guardian, until such time as the Superintendent or designee conducts an assessment, if it determines that such an assessment is necessary, and develops, adopts, and implements a new IEP, if appropriate.

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Board Policy

Procedural Safeguards And Complaints For Special Education

BP 6159.1

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to protect the rights of students with disabilities in accordance with the procedural safeguards set forth in state and federal law. Parents/guardians shall receive written notice of their rights in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall represent the district in any due process hearing conducted with regard to district students and shall inform the Board about the result of the hearing.

The Superintendent or designee shall address a complaint concerning compliance with state or federal law regarding special education in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

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Administrative Regulation

Procedural Safeguards And Complaints For Special Education

AR 6159.1 **Instruction**

Prior Written Notice

The Superintendent or designee shall send to the parents/guardians of any student with disabilities a prior written notice within a reasonable time:

- 1. Before the district initially refers the student for assessment
- 2. Before the district proposes to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, educational placement, or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student
- 3. Before the district refuses to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student
- 4. Before the student graduates from high school with a regular diploma thus resulting in a change in placement
- 5. Upon receipt of the parent/guardian's written revocation of consent for the continued provision of special education and related services to his/her child

This notice shall include:

- 1. A description of the action proposed or refused by the district
- 2. An explanation as to why the district proposes or refuses to take the action
- 3. A description of each assessment procedure, test, record, or report the district used as a basis for the proposed or refused action
- 4. A statement that the parents/guardians of the student have protection under procedural safeguards and, if this notice is not an initial referral for assessment, the means by which a copy of the description of procedural safeguards can be obtained
- 5. Sources for parents/guardians to obtain assistance in understanding these provisions
- 6. A description of any other options that the individualized education program (IEP) team considered and why those options were rejected
- 7. A description of any other factors relevant to the district's proposal or refusal

Procedural Safeguards Notice

A procedural safeguards notice shall be made available to parents/guardians of students with disabilities once each school year and:

- 1. Upon initial referral or parent/guardian request for assessment
- 2. Upon receipt of the first state compliance complaint in a school year
- 3. Upon receipt of the first due process hearing request in a school year
- 4. In accordance with the discipline procedures pursuant to 34 CFR 300.530(h), when a decision is made to remove a student because of a violation of a code of conduct constituting a change of placement
- 5. Upon request by a parent/guardian

The procedural safeguards notice shall include a full explanation of all of the procedural safeguards available under 34 CFR 300.148, 300.151-300.153, 300.300, 300.502-300.503, 300.505-300.518, 300.520, 300.530-300.536, and 300.610-300.625 relating to:

- 1. Independent educational evaluation
- 2. Prior written notice
- 3. Parental consent, including a parent/guardian's right to revoke consent, in writing, to his/her child's continued receipt of special education and related services
- 4. Access to educational records
- 5. Opportunity to present complaints and resolve complaints through the due process complaint and state compliance complaint procedures, including the time period in which to file a complaint, the opportunity for the district to resolve the complaint, and the difference between a due process complaint and the state compliance complaint procedures, including the jurisdiction of each procedure, what issues may be raised, filing and decisional timelines, and relevant procedures
- 6. The availability of mediation
- 7. The student's placement during the pendency of any due process complaint
- 8. Procedures for students who are subject to placement in an interim alternative educational setting
- 9. Requirements for unilateral placement by parents/guardians of students in private schools at public expense

- 10. Hearings on due process complaints, including requirements for disclosure of assessment results and recommendations
- 11. State-level appeals
- 12. Civil actions, including the time period in which to file those actions
- 13. Attorney's fees

This notice shall also include the rights and procedures contained in Education Code 56500-56509, including information on the procedures for requesting an informal meeting, prehearing mediation conference, mediation conference, or due process hearing; the timelines for completing each process; whether the process is optional; the type of representative who may be invited to participate; the right of the parent/guardian and/or the district to electronically record the proceedings of IEP meetings in accordance with Education Code 56341; and information regarding the state special schools for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind.

A copy of this notice shall be attached to the student's assessment plan and referred to at each IEP meeting.

Format of Parent/Guardian Notices

The parents/guardians of a student with a disability shall be provided written notice of their rights in a language easily understood by the general public and in their native language or other mode of communication used by them, unless to do so is clearly not feasible.

If the native language or other mode of communication of the parent/guardian is not a written language, the district shall take steps to ensure that:

- 1. The notice is translated orally or by other means to the parent/guardian in his/her native language or other mode of communication.
- 2. The parent/guardian understands the contents of the notice.
- 3. There is written evidence that items #1 and #2 have been satisfied.

The district may place a copy of the procedural safeguards notice on the district's web site.

A parent/guardian of a student with disabilities may elect to receive the prior written notice or procedural safeguards notice by an electronic mail communication.

Due Process Complaints

A parent/guardian and/or the district may initiate due process hearing procedures whenever:

- 1. There is a proposal to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student.
- 2. There is a refusal to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student.
- 3. The parent/guardian refuses to consent to an assessment of his/her child.
- 4. There is a disagreement between a parent/guardian and the district regarding the availability of a program appropriate for the student, including the question of financial responsibility, as specified in 34 CFR 300.148.

Prior to having a due process hearing, the party requesting the hearing, or the party's attorney, shall provide the opposing party a due process complaint, which shall remain confidential, specifying:

- 1. The student's name
- 2. The student's address or, in the case of a student identified as homeless pursuant to 42 USC 11434, available contact information for that student
- 3. The name of the school the student attends
- 4. A description of the nature of the student's problem relating to the proposed or refused initiation or change, including facts relating to the problem
- 5. A proposed resolution to the problem to the extent known and available to the complaining party at the time

Parties filing a due process complaint shall file their request with the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designated contracted agency.

District's Response to Due Process Complaints

If the district has sent prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter of the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the district shall, within 10 days of receipt of the complaint, send a response specifically addressing the issues in the complaint.

If the district has not sent a prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter contained in the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the district shall send a response to the parent/guardian within 10 days of receipt of the complaint containing:

- 1. An explanation of why the district proposed or refused to take the action raised in the complaint
- 2. A description of other options that the IEP team considered and the reasons that those

options were rejected

- 3. A description of each evaluation procedure, assessment, record, or report the district used as the basis for the proposed or refused action
- 4. A description of the factors that are relevant to the district's proposal or refusal

Upon the filing of a due process complaint by either party or upon request of the parent/guardian, the district shall inform the parent/guardian of any free or low-cost legal and other relevant services available in the area.

Informal Process/Pre-Hearing Mediation Conference

Prior to or upon initiating a due process hearing, the Superintendent or designee and a parent/guardian may, if the party initiating the hearing so chooses, agree to meet informally to resolve any issue(s) relating to the identification, assessment, education and placement, or provision of FAPE for a student with disabilities. The Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to resolve the issue(s). In addition, either party may file a request with the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a mediation conference to be conducted by a person under contract with the California Department of Education.

If resolution is reached that resolves the due process issue(s), the parties shall enter into a legally binding agreement that satisfies the requirements of Education Code 56500.3.

Attorneys may attend or otherwise participate only in those mediation conferences that are scheduled after the filing of a request for due process hearing.

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Board Policy

Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education

BP 6159.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to provide all district students, including students with disabilities, a free appropriate public education in accordance with law. When the district is unable to provide direct special education and/or related services to students with disabilities, the Board may enter into a contract with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to meet the students' needs.

In selecting nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies with which the district may contract for the placement of any district student with disabilities, the Superintendent or designee shall follow the procedures specified in law and accompanying administrative regulation.

Prior to entering into a contract to place any student in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the school or agency is certified to provide special education and related services to individuals with disabilities in accordance with Education Code 56366. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall monitor, on an ongoing basis, the certification of any nonpublic, nonsectarian school with which the district has a contract to ensure that the school or agency's certification has not expired.

No district student shall be placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency unless the student's individualized education program (IEP) team has determined that an appropriate public education alternative does not exist and that the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency placement is appropriate for the student. In accordance with law, any student with disabilities placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall have all the rights and protections to which students with disabilities are generally entitled, including, but not limited to, the procedural safeguards, due process rights, and periodic review of his/her IEP.

During the period when any student with disabilities is placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, the student's IEP team shall retain responsibility for monitoring the student's progress towards meeting the goals identified in his/her IEP.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board prior to approving an out-of-state placement for any district student.

In accordance with Education Code 56366.2, the Superintendent or designee may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive any of the requirements of Education Code 56365, 56366, 56366.3, and 56366.6.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56034-56035 Definitions of nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency 56042 Placement not to be recommended by attorney with conflict of interest

56101 Waivers

56163 Certification

56168 Responsibility for education of student in hospital or health facility school

56195.8 Adoption of policies

56342.1 Individualized education program; placement

56360-56369 Implementation of special education

56711 Computation of state aid

56740-56743 Apportionments and reports

56760 Annual budget plan; service proportions

56775.5 Reimbursement of assessment and identification costs

FAMILY CODE

7911-7912 Interstate compact on placement of children

GOVERNMENT CODE

7570-7587 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to children with disabilities, especially:

7572.55 Seriously emotionally disturbed child; out-of-state placement

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

362.2 Out-of-home placement for IEP

727.1 Out-of-state placement of wards of court

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3001 Definitions

3060-3070 Nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1487 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.129-300.148 Children with disabilities in private schools

COURT DECISIONS

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Management Resources:

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WEB SITES

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Administrative Regulation
Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education

Optional administrative regulation, not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Appointment Of Surrogate Parent For Special Education Students

BP 6159.3

Instruction

In order to protect the rights of students with disabilities, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent to represent a student with disabilities as necessary in accordance with law. He/she shall develop procedures for recruiting, training and assigning adults to serve as surrogate parents.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56028 Parent

56050 Surrogate parents

56055 Rights of foster parents

GOVERNMENT CODE

7570-7587 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to disabled children, especially:

7579.5 Surrogate parent; appointment; qualifications; liability

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 Children subject to jurisdiction

361 Limitations on parental control

601 Minors habitually disobedient or truant

602 Minors violating laws

726 Limitations on parental control

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

1415 Procedural safeguards

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11434a Definitions

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.30 Definition parent

300.519 Surrogate parents

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

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Administrative Regulation

Appointment Of Surrogate Parent For Special Education Students

AR 6159.3

Instruction

Conditions Necessitating a Surrogate

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent to represent a student with disabilities under one or more of the following circumstances:

- 1. No parent/guardian for the student can be identified.
- 2. The district, after reasonable efforts, cannot discover the location of a parent or legal guardian of the student.
- 3. The student is adjudicated a dependent or ward of the court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300, 601 or 602 and all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- a. The court has referred the student for special education and related services or the student has a valid individualized education program (IEP)
- b. The court has specifically limited the right of the parent/guardian to make educational decisions for his/her child
- c. The student has no responsible adult to represent him or her pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 361 or 726 or Education Code 56055
- 4. The student is an unaccompanied homeless youth not in the custody of a parent/guardian, as defined in 42 USC 11434a
- 5. The student has reached the age of majority but has been declared incompetent by a court of law

Appointment of Surrogate Parents

Upon a determination that a student needs a surrogate parent, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the surrogate is appointed within 30 days.

When appointing a surrogate parent, the Superintendent or designee shall give first preference to a relative caretaker, foster parent or court-appointed special advocate, provided any of these individuals exists and is willing and able to serve. If none of these individuals is willing or able to act as a surrogate parent, the Superintendent or designee shall select the surrogate parent of his/her choice. If the student is moved from the home of the relative caretaker or foster parent who was appointed as the student's surrogate parent, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint another surrogate parent if a new appointment is necessary to ensure adequate representation of the

student.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that individuals to be appointed as surrogate parents have passed a criminal background check and have demonstrated interest and skill in working with students with disabilities.

Surrogate parents shall have no interests that conflict with the student's educational interests and shall have knowledge and skills that ensure adequate representation of the student. If a conflict of interest arises after the appointment of a surrogate parent, the Superintendent or designee shall terminate the appointment and appoint another surrogate parent.

Duties of Surrogate Parent

The surrogate parent shall have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 USC 1400-1482 and 34 CFR 300.1-300.818. The surrogate parent may represent the student in all matters relating to identification, assessment, instructional planning and development, educational placement, review and revision of the IEP, and in other matters relating to the provision of a free and appropriate public education.

In addition, the representation of the surrogate parent shall include the provision of written consent to the IEP including nonemergency medical services, mental health treatment services, and occupational or physical therapy services pursuant to Government Code 7570-7587.

Surrogate parents shall volunteer their services to the district and serve without compensation.

The district may reimburse them for mileage and other incidental expenses directly associated with their duties as surrogate parents.

Surrogate parents shall have access to the student's school records as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities as surrogate parents and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

Termination of Appointment

The Superintendent or designee shall terminate the appointment of a surrogate parent under the following conditions:

- 1. When the student is no longer in need of special education
- 2. When the student reaches 18 years of age, unless he/she chooses not to make education decisions for himself/herself or is deemed by a court to be incompetent
- 3. Another responsible adult is appointed to make educational decisions for the student
- 4. The right of the parent/guardian to make educational decisions for the student is fully restored

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5. When the surrogate parent no longer satisfies the requirements for appointment as a surrogate parent, as specified above

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Administrative Regulation

Behavioral Interventions For Special Education Students

AR 6159.4

Instruction

Generally, any student identified as a student with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400-1482, is subject to the same disciplinary measures applicable to all students for violations of the code of conduct, except when the student's behavior is determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability.

However, when the behavior of a student with a disability impedes his/her learning or the learning of others, the student's individualized education program (IEP) team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports and other strategies consistent with 20 USC 1414(d) to address the student's behavior.

If, pursuant to a manifestation determination conducted as specified in 34 CFR 300.530, the student's behavior is determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability, the IEP team shall conduct a functional behavioral assessment (FBA) and implement a behavioral intervention plan (BIP) for the student. If a BIP is already in place for the student, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP to address the student's behavior.

In addition, when the disciplinary removal of a student with a disability will result in a change in the student's placement as specified in 34 CFR 300.530, the student shall receive an FBA and behavioral intervention services and modifications designed to address the student's behavior so that it does not recur.

Functional Behavioral Assessment

Any FBA to be conducted for a student with a disability shall focus on identifying the function or purpose of the student's behavior.

Before any FBA is conducted, the Superintendent of designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in accordance with Education Code 56321 and obtain the parent/guardian's consent.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the result of an FBA, he/she has the right to obtain an independent educational evaluation at district expense, subject to the conditions specified in 34 CFR 300.502.

Behavioral Intervention Plan and Services

When any behavioral intervention, support, or other strategy is to be used by the district, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the student's physical freedom and social interaction, administer the intervention, support, or other strategy in a manner that respects the student's dignity and personal privacy, and ensure the student's right to be placed in the least restrictive

educational environment.

When a student for whom a BIP is to be developed is also the responsibility of another agency for residential care or related services, the Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the other agency to ensure that the BIP, to the extent possible, is implemented in a consistent manner.

Behavior assessments and behavioral intervention services shall be provided only by individuals who possess the qualifications specified in Education Code 56525 or 5 CCR 3051.23.

Emergency Interventions

Emergency interventions may be used only to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a systematic BIP that is designed to change, replace, modify, or eliminate a targeted behavior.

No emergency intervention shall be used for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior. For any situation that requires a prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff shall seek assistance of the principal or law enforcement agency, as applicable to the situation.

Emergency interventions shall not involve the use of force exceeding what is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances. In addition, use of locked seclusion or a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all hands and feet shall not be allowed except as allowed by law.

Parents/guardians and, if appropriate, residential care providers shall be notified within one school day whenever emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. A behavior emergency report shall immediately be completed, kept in the student's file, and forwarded to the Superintendent or designee for review. This report shall include all of the following information:

- 1. The name and age of the student
- 2. The setting and location of the incident
- 3. The name of the staff or other persons involved
- 4. A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used
- 5. A statement of whether the student is currently engaged in a systematic BIP
- 6. Details of any injuries sustained by the student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident

If the behavior emergency report is for a student who does not have a BIP, the Superintendent or designee shall, within two days, schedule an IEP team meeting to review the emergency report,

determine the necessity for an FBA, and determine the necessity for an interim BIP. The IEP team shall document the reasons for not conducting the FBA and/or not developing the interim BIP.

If the behavior emergency report is for a student who has a BIP, any incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem or where a previously designed intervention is not effective shall be referred to the IEP team. The IEP team shall review the incident and determine whether the student's plan needs to be modified.

Prohibited Interventions

The district prohibits the use of corporal punishment as defined in Education Code 49001 as an intervention. In addition, the district prohibits all of the following:

- 1. Any intervention designed or likely to cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric shock
- 2. Any intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances near the student's face
- 3. Any intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities
- 4. Any intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject the student to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma
- 5. Any restrictive intervention that uses a device, material, or objects which simultaneously immobilize all hands and feet, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained staff as a limited emergency intervention
- 6. Locked seclusion, unless in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room
- 7. Any intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the student
- 8. Any intervention that deprives the student of one or more of his/her senses

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

56321 Notice of parental rights; consent of parents

56500-56508 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights

56520-56525 Behavioral interventions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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3065 Staff qualifications - related services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

1412 State eligibility

1415 Procedural safeguards

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.1-300.818 Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities

Management Resources:

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U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:

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Board Policy

Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials

BP 6161.1 **Instruction**

The Governing Board desires that district instructional materials, as a whole, present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect society's diversity, and enhance the use of multiple teaching strategies and technologies. The Board shall adopt instructional materials based on a determination that such materials are an effective learning resource to help students achieve grade-level competency and that the materials meet criteria specified in law. Textbooks, technology-based materials, and other educational materials shall be aligned with academic content standards and the district's curriculum to ensure that they effectively support the district's adopted courses of study.

The Board shall select instructional materials for use in grades K-8 that have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) or have otherwise been determined to be aligned with the state academic content standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605 or the Common Core State Standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605.8

The Board shall adopt instructional materials for grades 9-12 upon determining that the materials meet the criteria specified in law and administrative regulation.

Review Process

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process by which instructional materials shall be reviewed for recommendation to the Board. Toward that end, he/she may establish an instructional materials review committee to evaluate and recommend instructional materials.

The review process shall involve teachers in a substantial manner and shall encourage the participation of parents/guardians and community members.

In addition, the instructional materials review committee may include administrators, other staff who have subject-matter expertise, and students as appropriate.

If the district chooses to use instructional materials for grades K-8 that have not been adopted by the SBE, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a majority of the participants in the district's review process are classroom teachers who are assigned to the subject area or grade level of the materials.

Individuals who participate in the selection or review of instructional materials shall not have a conflict of interest, as defined in administrative regulation, in the materials being reviewed.

The committee shall review instructional materials using criteria provided in law and administrative regulation, and shall provide the Board with documentation supporting its recommendations.

All recommended instructional materials shall be available for public inspection at the district office.

The district may pilot instructional materials, using a representative sample of classrooms for a specified period of time during a school year, in order to determine how well the materials support the district's curricular goals and academic standards. Feedback from teachers piloting the materials shall be made available to the Board before the materials are adopted.

Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

The Board shall annually conduct one or more public hearings on the sufficiency of the district's textbooks and other instructional materials.

OPTION 1: The hearing shall be held on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day students attend school for that year.

OPTION 2: The hearing shall be held on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day of the school year of any district school that operates on a multitrack year-round calendar that begins its school year in August or September.

The Board encourages participation by parents/guardians, teachers, interested community members, and bargaining unit leaders at the hearing. Ten days prior to the hearing, the Superintendent or designee shall post a notice in three public places within the district containing the time, place, and purpose of the hearing. The hearing shall not take place during or immediately following school hours.

At the hearing(s), the Board shall determine, through a resolution, whether each student in each school, including each English learner, has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials which are aligned to the state content standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605 or the Common Core State Standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605.8 and which are consistent with the content and cycles of the state's curriculum frameworks. Sufficiency of instructional materials shall be determined in each of the following subjects:

- 1. Mathematics
- 2. Science
- 3. History-social science
- 4. English language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program
- 5. World/foreign language

6. Health

The Board shall also determine the availability of science laboratory equipment, as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12.

In making these determinations, the Board shall consider whether each student has sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials to use in class and to take home. However, this does not require that each student have two sets of materials. The materials may be in a digital format as long as each student, at a minimum, has and can access the same materials in the class and to take home as all other students in the same class or course in the district and has the ability to use and access them at home. However, the materials shall not be considered sufficient if they are photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage.

If the Board determines that there are insufficient textbooks or instructional materials, it shall provide information to classroom teachers and to the public setting forth, for each school in which an insufficiency exists, the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials in each subject area and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials. The Board shall take any action, except an action that would require reimbursement by the Commission of State Mandates, to ensure that each student has sufficient materials within two months of the beginning of the school year in which the determination is made.

The degree to which every student has sufficient access to standards-aligned instructional materials shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan.

Complaints

Complaints concerning instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 Prohibition against discrimination

1240 County superintendent, general duties

33050-33053 General waiver authority

33126 School accountability report card

35272 Education and athletic materials

44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations

49415 Maximum textbook weight

51501 Nondiscriminatory subject matter

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent

60010 Definitions

60040-60052 Instructional requirements and materials

60060-60063.5 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers

60070-60076 Prohibited acts (re instructional materials)

60110-60115 Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education

60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials

60200-60210 Elementary school materials

60226 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers

60350-60352 Core reading program instructional materials

60400-60411 High school textbooks

60510-60511 Donation for sale of obsolete instructional materials

60605 State content standards

60605.8 Common Core State Standards

60605.86-60605.88 Supplemental instructional materials aligned with Common Core State

Standards

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

9505-9530 Instructional materials

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Instructional Materials FAQ

01-05 Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials, rev. January 2015

Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2013

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Association of American Publishers: http://www.publishers.org

California Academic Content Standards Commission, Common Core State Standards:

http://www.scoe.net/castandards

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

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Administrative Regulation

Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials

AR 6161.1 **Instruction**

Criteria for Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

In recommending textbooks or other instructional materials for adoption by the Governing Board, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that such materials:

1. Are aligned to any applicable academic content standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) pursuant to Education Code 60605 and/or Common Core Standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605.8

For grades K-8, the Superintendent or designee shall select instructional materials from among the list of materials adopted by the SBE and/or other materials that have not been adopted by the SBE but are aligned with the state academic content standards and/or the Common Core Standards.

For grades 9-12, the Superintendent or designee shall review instructional materials in history-social science, mathematics, English/language arts, and science using a standards map in order to determine the extent to which the materials are aligned to state academic content standards.

- 2. For grades 9-12, are provided by publishers that comply with the requirements of Education Code 60040-60052, 60060-60062, and 60226
- 3. Do not reflect adversely upon persons because of their race or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, occupation, or other characteristic listed in Education Code 220, nor contain any sectarian or denominational doctrine or propaganda contrary to law
- 4. To the satisfaction of the Board, are accurate, objective, current, and suited to the needs and comprehension of district students at their respective grade levels
- 5. With the exception of literature and trade books, use proper grammar and spelling
- 6. Do not expose students to a commercial brand name, product, or corporate or company logo unless the Board makes a specific finding that the use is appropriate based on one of the following:
- a. The commercial brand name, product, or corporate or company logo is used in text for an educational purpose as defined in guidelines or frameworks adopted by the SBE.
- b. The appearance of a commercial brand name, product, or corporate or company logo in an illustration is incidental to the general nature of the illustration.

- 7. If the materials are technology-based materials, are both available and comparable to other, equivalent instructional materials
- 8. Meet the requirements of Education Code 60040-60043 for specific subject content
- 9. Support the district's adopted courses of study and curricular goals
- 10. Contribute to a comprehensive, balanced curriculum
- 11. Demonstrate reliable quality of scholarship as evidenced by:
- a. Accurate, up-to-date, and well-documented information
- b. Objective presentation of diverse viewpoints
- c. Clear, concise writing and appropriate vocabulary
- d. Thorough treatment of subject matter
- 12. Provide for a wide range of materials at all levels of difficulty, with appeal to students of varied interests, abilities, and developmental levels
- 13. Include materials that stimulate discussion of contemporary issues and improve students' thinking and decision-making skills
- 14. Contribute to the proper articulation of instruction through grade levels
- 15. As appropriate, have corresponding versions available in languages other than English
- 16. Include high-quality teacher's guides
- 17. Meet high standards in terms of the quality, durability, and appearance of paper, binding, text, and graphics
- 18. When available, include options for lighter weight materials in order to help minimize any injury to students by the combined weight of instructional materials

Conflict of Interest

To ensure integrity and impartiality in the evaluation and selection of instructional materials, any district employee who is participating in the evaluation of instructional materials and not otherwise designated in the district's conflict of interest code shall sign a disclosure statement indicating that he/she:

1. Shall not accept any emolument, money, or other valuable thing or inducement to directly or indirectly introduce, recommend, vote for, or otherwise influence the adoption or purchase of

any instructional material. Sample copies of instructional materials are excepted from this prohibition.

- 2. Is not employed by nor receives compensation from the publisher or supplier of the instructional materials or any person, firm, organization, subsidiary, or controlling entity representing it
- 3. Does not have and will not negotiate a contractual relationship with the publisher or supplier of the instructional materials or any person, firm, organization, subsidiary, or controlling entity representing it
- 4. Does not have an interest as a contributor, author, editor, or consultant in any textbook or other instructional material submitted to the district

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Exhibit

Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials

E 6161.1 **Instruction**

Exhibit not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Supplementary Instructional Materials

BP 6161.11

Instruction

The Governing Board encourages the use of supplementary instructional materials to enrich the curriculum and enhance student learning. Such materials shall be aligned with district goals, curriculum objectives, and academic standards and shall supplement and not supplant the use of Board-adopted basic instructional materials that serve as the primary learning resources.

Supplementary instructional materials include, but are not limited to, instructional materials that are designed to serve one or more of the following purposes:

- 1. To provide more complete coverage of one or more subjects included in a given course
- 2. To meet the various learning ability levels of students in a given age group or grade level
- 3. To meet the diverse educational needs of students with a language disability in a given age group or grade level
- 4. To meet the diverse educational needs of students reflective of a condition of cultural pluralism
- 5. To use current, relevant technology that further engages interactive learning in the classroom and beyond

Supplementary instructional materials may be selected by the Superintendent or designee, school administrators, or teachers, as applicable, and obtained through donations to the district and/or available funding sources designated for these purposes.

As appropriate, supplementary instructional materials shall meet the criteria developed for the selection and evaluation of basic instructional materials as described in AR 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials. Supplementary instructional materials shall be directly related to the course of study in which they are being used and shall be appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students.

The use or reproduction of supplementary instructional materials shall be in accordance with federal copyright law.

Supplementary Materials Aligned with Common Core Standards

To prepare district students to achieve the Common Core Standards in English language arts and mathematics and the English language development standards, as applicable, the Board may select supplementary instructional materials from the lists of materials determined by the State Board of Education (SBE) to be aligned with those standards.

The Board may approve supplementary instructional materials that are not on the lists approved by the SBE but which are aligned with the Common Core Standards provided that the materials comply with the evaluation criteria established by the SBE and Education Code 60050, 60060-60062, and 60226. The Board shall select content review experts who possess the qualifications specified in law to review and recommend such supplementary materials. The majority of the content review experts shall be teachers who are credentialed and/or authorized in the subject area they are reviewing and the remainder shall include appropriate persons from postsecondary educational institutions, school and district curriculum administrators, and other persons who are knowledgeable in the subject area.

Appropriateness of Materials

Whenever a district employee proposes to use a supplementary resource which is not included in the approved learning resources of the district, he/she shall preview the material to determine whether, in his/her professional judgment, it is appropriate for the grade level taught and is consistent with district criteria for the selection of supplementary instructional materials.

The employee shall confer with the Superintendent or designee as necessary to determine the compliance of the material with district criteria. The primary considerations should be the educational value, appropriateness, and relevance of the materials as well as the ages and maturity of the students.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 233.5 Duty regarding instruction in morals, manners, and citizenship
- 18111 Exclusion of books by governing board
- 51510 Prohibited study or supplemental materials
- 51511 Religious matters properly included
- 51933 Sex education materials
- 60010 Definitions
- 60050 Social content review of instructional materials
- 60060-60062 Requirements of publishers
- 60200.7 Suspension of state instructional materials adoptions
- 60226 Learner verification of instructional materials
- 60400 Adoption of high school instructional materials
- 60605.8 Common Core Standards
- 60605.86-60605.88 Supplemental instructional materials aligned with Common Core Standards
- 60811.3 English language development standards

COURT DECISIONS

McCarthy v. Fletcher, (1989) 207 Cal. App. 3d 130

Fowler v. Board of Education of Lincoln County, (1978) 819 F.2d 657

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

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Board Policy

Damaged Or Lost Instructional Materials

BP 6161.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that instructional materials are an expensive resource and that each student is entitled to sufficient instructional materials in accordance with law. Instructional materials provided for use by students remain the property of the district. Students are responsible for returning borrowed materials in good condition, with no more wear and tear than usually results from normal use.

When materials are lost or so damaged that they are no longer usable, the student shall be immediately issued a replacement material. However, students or parents/guardians shall be responsible for reparation equal to the current replacement cost of the materials. When materials are damaged but still usable, the Superintendent or designee shall determine an appropriate charge.

If it can be demonstrated to the Superintendent or designee's satisfaction that the student has taken all reasonable precautions to safeguard instructional materials issued to him/her, the Superintendent or designee may excuse the student or parent/guardian from payment of reparation.

If reparation is not excused and not paid by the student or parent/guardian, the district may withhold the student's grades, diploma and transcripts in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48904 Willful misconduct; limit of liability of parent or guardian

48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts of students causing property damage or injury

60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials

60411 Purchase and use; property of district

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

305 Student responsible for care of property

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

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Board Policy

Student Assessment

BP 6162.5 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that student assessments are an important instructional and accountability tool. To obtain the most accurate evaluation of student performance, the district shall use a variety of measures, including district, state, and/or national assessments.

Assessment data shall be used to help determine individual students' progress, mastery of academic standards, appropriate placement in district programs, and/or eligibility for graduation. In addition, summary data on student assessment results shall be used by the district to identify and review student achievement goals in the district's local control and accountability plan, evaluate district educational programs in order to identify needed improvements, and, as appropriate, evaluate staff performance.

In selecting or developing any district assessment, the Superintendent or designee shall examine evidence of its reliability, its validity for the intended purpose and for various student populations, and the extent to which it aligns with the material that is being taught.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that assessments are administered in accordance with law and test publisher's directions, and that test administration procedures are fair and equitable for all students.

As appropriate, assessment results shall be disaggregated by student subgroup, classroom, grade level, and/or school site to allow for critical analysis of student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as needed to assist administrators and teachers in interpreting and using assessment data to improve student performance and the instructional program.

When districtwide and school-level results of student assessments are published by the state, the Superintendent or designee may provide supplementary information to assist parents/guardians and the community in understanding test results.

Interim and Formative Assessments

State interim and formative assessments may be used in combination with other sources of information to gain timely feedback about student progress in an effort to continually adjust instruction to improve learning. Results from interim and formative assessments shall not be used for any high-stakes purpose, including, but not limited to, teacher or other school staff evaluation, accountability, student grade promotion or retention, graduation, course or class placement, identification for gifted or talented education, reclassification of English learners, or identification as an individual with exceptional needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers who administer interim and formative

assessments have access to all functions and information designed for teacher use related to such assessments and student performance on the assessments.

Individual Record of Accomplishment

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student, by the end of grade 12, has an individual record of accomplishment that includes the following:

- 1. The results of the state achievement tests required and administered as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or any predecessor assessments, pursuant to Education Code 60640-60649
- 2. The results of any end-of-course examinations taken
- 3. The results of any vocational education certification examinations taken

No individual record of accomplishment shall be released to any person, other than the student's parent/guardian or a teacher, counselor, or administrator directly involved with the student, without the written consent of the student's parent/guardian, or the student if he/she is an adult or emancipated minor. The student or his/her parent/guardian may authorize the release of the record of accomplishment to a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, or admission.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

313 Assessment of English language development

10600-10610 California Education Information System

44660-44665 Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees (Stull Act)

49558 Free and reduced-price meals; use of individual applications and records

51041 Evaluation of educational program

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60600-60649 Assessment of academic achievement, especially:

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

60800 Physical fitness testing

60900 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-864 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

9622 National Assessment of Educational Progress

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Testing and Accountability: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta

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Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: http://www.smarterbalanced.org U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

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State Academic Achievement Tests

BP 6162.51 **Instruction**

Optional policy, not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

State Academic Achievement Tests

AR 6162.51

Instruction

Optional administrative regulation, not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Test Integrity/Test Preparation

BP 6162.54

Instruction

Optional policy, not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Use Of Copyrighted Materials

BP 6162.6 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that district staff and students may use a variety of copyrighted materials in the educational program and other district operations. When such materials have not been purchased by the district for the intended use, the Board expects staff and students to respect the protections afforded by federal law to the copyright owners of those materials and respect any limitations by the copyright holder to the license of such materials.

Any literary, musical, dramatic, choreographic, pictorial, graphic, sculptural, audiovisual or motion picture, sound, architectural, or other original work shall be assumed to be a copyrighted work, regardless of whether the work appears in print, audio, video, electronic, or other fixed and tangible form.

Before reproducing a copyrighted material for instructional or other district purposes, a staff member shall determine if the material is in the public domain or if the intended use of the material meets the criteria for fair use or another exception pursuant to 17 USC 107-122. If the material is not in the public domain or no recognized exception applies, the staff member shall seek permission of the copyright holder before using the material.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform staff that inclusion of an attribution citing the author and source of a copyrighted material does not absolve the staff member from the responsibility to either obtain permission or satisfy criteria for fair use or another exception.

If a staff member is uncertain as to whether the intended use of the material meets the criteria for fair use or another exception, he/she shall take the safest course and seek permission from the copyright holder to use the material or, if it is impracticable to obtain permission, shall contact the Superintendent or designee for clarification and assistance.

Students shall not copy or distribute copyrighted works to others. Staff members shall take reasonable precautions to prevent copying or the use of unauthorized copies on school equipment.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff and students receive information and training about copyright laws and the penalties for violating such laws.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35182 Computer software
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 17
101-122 Subject matter and scope of copyright, especially:
102 Definitions
106 Copyright protection
107 Fair use of copyrighted works

110 Limitations on exclusive rights: Exemption of certain performances and displays

504 Penalties for copyright infringement

COURT DECISIONS

Cambridge University Press et al. v. Becker et al. (N.D. Ga. 2012) 863 F.Supp.2d 1190

Campbell v. Acuff-Rose Music, Inc., (1994) 510 U.S. 569

Marcus v. Rowley, (9th Cir., 1982) 695 F.2d 1171

Management Resources:

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Copyright Law: Do Schools Need a License to Show a Movie?, School Law Review, July 2010 U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE PUBLICATIONS

Circular 21: Reproduction of Copyrighted Works by Educators and Librarians, rev. 2009

Circular 22: How to Investigate the Copyright Status of a Work, rev. 2013

Circular 23: The Copyright Card Catalog and the Online Files of the Copyright Office, rev. 2012 WEB SITES

Copyright Society of the USA: http://www.csusa.org

National School Boards Association: http://www.nsba.org

University of California, Copyright Education:

http://copyright.universityofcalifornia.edu/usingcopyrightedworks.html

U.S. Copyright Office: http://www.copyright.gov

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Administrative Regulation

Use Of Copyrighted Materials

AR 6162.6 **Instruction**

Prior to reproducing, distributing, displaying, posting, performing, or otherwise using a copyrighted material for an instructional purpose or in the course of other district business, district staff shall determine whether it is necessary to request permission of the copyright holder. Unless the staff member is reasonably certain that the material is in the public domain or the intended use meets the criteria for an exception specified in 17 USC 107-122 and this administrative regulation, he/she shall either obtain permission from the copyright holder or avoid use of the material. In addition, permission of the copyright holder shall be requested whenever district staff intend to publicly disseminate a copyrighted work, such as by posting on the district or school web site or using another method of communications accessible to the public.

Any reproduction or other use of a copyrighted work shall include the copyright notice.

District staff shall not reproduce and distribute copyrighted works of any type in any of the following circumstances:

- 1. When the copyrighted work is a "consumable" work such as a workbook, standardized test, answer sheet, or similar material
- 2. To substitute for the purchase of the work
- 3. To create, replace, or substitute for anthologies or collective works

Request for Permission to Use Copyrighted Material

As necessary, district staff desiring to use a copyrighted material shall identify and contact the copyright holder to request permission to use the material. The request shall include the following information:

- 1. Title, author(s), editor(s) or publisher, producer(s) or distributor
- 2. Edition, copyright, and/or production year
- 3. Exact amount of material to be used, such as the number of lines, pages, or chapters or percentage of the work
- 4. Nature of the use, such as the course in which it will be used, the grade level of the students, the number of students, and the frequency of use
- 5. How the material will be reproduced and distributed

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If the copyright holder requires a fee to grant permission, district staff shall seek approval from the Superintendent or designee prior to incurring the cost.

Criteria for Fair Use

In considering whether a copyrighted work may be used without the copyright holder's permission on the grounds that the intended use is "fair use" pursuant to 17 USC 107, including reproduction in copies, phonorecords, or any other reproductive form for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, district staff shall consider all of the following factors:

- 1. The purpose and character of the use, including whether the use is of a commercial nature or for nonprofit educational purposes
- 2. The nature of the copyrighted work
- 3. The amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole
- 4. The effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work

Any determination of fair use shall weigh together all the factors specified in items #1-4 above in addition to any applicable guidelines presented in this administrative regulation for specific types of copyrighted works.

Guidelines for Copying Text

Staff may reproduce text from a copyrighted work from a printed resource, the Internet, or other source, without permission from the copyright holder, under the following conditions:

- 1. A single copy of a chapter of a book, article from a periodical or newspaper, short story, short essay, short poem, chart, graph, diagram, drawing, cartoon, or picture may be made by or for a teacher for his/her scholarly research or use in teaching or preparation to teach a class.
- 2. Multiple copies, not to exceed one copy per student in a course, may be made by or for a teacher for classroom use or discussion, provided that:
- a. The amount to be copied does not exceed:
- (1) 250 words for a complete poem or excerpt from a poem
- (2) 2,500 words for a complete article, story, or essay
- (2) 1,000 words or 10 percent of the whole (with a minimum of 500 words), whichever is less, for an excerpt from a larger prose work
- (4) One illustration (e.g., chart, graph, diagram, cartoon, or picture) per book or periodical

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- b. The copying is for only one course in the school.
- c. With the exception of newspapers and other news periodicals, not more than one work is copied from the same author per term, not more than three works are copied from the same collective work or periodical volume per term, and there are no more than nine instances of multiple copying per course per term.
- d. A delay to request permission from the copyright holder would preclude the most effective instructional use of the material.

Guidelines for Reproducing Sheet and Recorded Music

District staff may reproduce sheet music and recorded music without permission from the copyright holder under the following conditions:

- 1. Emergency copies may be made when purchased copies needed for an imminent performance are not available, provided that replacement copies shall be purchased in due course.
- 2. Single or multiple copies of excerpts of works may be made for academic purposes other than performances, provided that the excerpt does not constitute an entire performable unit (e.g., a section, movement, or aria), no more than 10 percent of the total work is used, and the number of copies made does not exceed one per student.
- 3. Printed copies that have been purchased may be edited or simplified provided that the character of the work is not distorted and lyrics are not added or altered.
- 4. A single copy of a recorded performance by students may be made for evaluation or rehearsal purposes.
- 5. A single copy of recordings of copyrighted music owned by the district or individual teacher may be made for the purpose of constructing exercises or examinations.

Guidelines for Performing or Displaying Copyrighted Works

In the course of face-to-face instruction in a classroom or similar place devoted to instruction, teachers or students may recite, render, play, dance, act, or show a copyrighted work either directly or by means of any device or process or, in the case of a motion picture or other audiovisual work, show its images in any sequence or to make the sounds accompanying it audible, provided that:

- 1. The performance or display is given by means of a lawfully obtained copy of the work.
- 2. The performance or display is made by, at the direction of, or under the actual supervision of a teacher as an integral part of a class session.

- 3. The performance or display is directly related and of material assistance to the teaching content of the transmission.
- 4. The transmission is limited to students enrolled in the course or to Governing Board members or employees as part of their official duties or employment.
- 5. If the work is to be digitally transmitted, the district has applied technological protections that reasonably prevent retention of the work in accessible form for longer than the class session and the unauthorized further dissemination of the work.

Any use of a motion picture or other audiovisual work outside the curriculum, such as for entertainment, a school or class reward, or a fundraiser, shall require permission from the copyright holder or a special viewing license.

Guidelines for Recording Broadcast Programming

Teachers may make recordings of television programs for use in a classroom for educational purposes under the following conditions:

- 1. Only programs provided to the public free of charge may be recorded and shown. Any use of programming from paid television services shall require permission of the copyright holder.
- 2. The recording may be shown only during the first 10 consecutive school days after it is made. It may be used once by an individual teacher in the course of relevant teaching activities and may be repeated once only when instructional reinforcement is necessary.
- 3. A limited number of copies may be reproduced from each recording to meet the legitimate needs of the teacher. Each copy shall be subject to all the provisions governing the original recording.
- 4. The recording may be retained for 45 calendar days after it is made and then shall be erased or destroyed. However, after the first 10 consecutive school days, the recording may only be used for purposes of determining whether or not to include the broadcast program in the teaching curriculum. If the teacher decides to keep the program for use in the curriculum, he/she shall request permission from the copyright owner.
- 5. Off-air recordings need not be used in their entirety, but the content of recorded programs may not be altered.

Guidelines for Copying Computer Programs or Software

District staff shall observe all licensing agreements between vendors and the district, including monitoring the number of users permitted by an agreement. Unless the applicable licensing agreement authorizes multiple users of a single computer program or software, the district shall not make multiple copies.

Copies of district-owned software may be made under either of the following conditions:

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- 1. The copy is needed as an essential step in using the computer program with a particular machine.
- 2. The copy is used for archival or "backup" purposes only. This copy may be held only as a file copy and must be destroyed in the event that continued possession of the program ceases to be rightful, unless the copyright owner authorizes its sale, lease, or transfer as part of the sale, lease, or transfer of the original program.

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Board Policy

Research

BP 6162.8 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes the value of academic research to improve educational programs and practices. Researchers shall respect the privacy rights of students, including their right to refrain from participation in research projects in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize research projects within the district by outside groups or persons when such research is aligned with district goals and objectives and is likely to benefit the district without disrupting the school program.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive prior notification of any surveys or evaluations that collect personal student information and that consent is obtained in accordance with law.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
51513 Personal beliefs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232h Protection of pupil rights

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org CDE: http://www.cde.ca.gov

USDOE, Family Policy Compliance Office: http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco/

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Administrative Regulation

Research

AR 6162.8

Instruction

Persons or groups wishing to use district staff, students or property in connection with an academic research project shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a written proposal which includes:

- 1. Name of researcher(s) and academic credentials
- 2. Purpose and scope of the project
- 3. Method of study or investigation to be used
- 4. Extent of participation expected of students and staff
- 5. Use to which project results will be put
- 6. Benefits to the school(s) or the district

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the extent to which the proposal:

- 1. Shows potential for improving instructional programs and strategies
- 2. Addresses a relevant educational problem, concern or issue
- 3. Is designed to minimize interruptions and demands upon the time of students and staff

The Superintendent or designee may approve the proposed project for a period of one school year or less. To extend any project into a second school year, the researcher(s) must obtain approval from the Superintendent or designee.

Researchers shall certify that they will use no school names in the publication of findings without the approval of the Superintendent or designee.

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Board Policy

Library Media Centers

BP 6163.1

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that school libraries support the educational program by providing access to a variety of informational and supplemental resources that can help raise the academic achievement of all students. The Board desires that school libraries be stocked with up-to-date books, reference materials, and electronic resources that promote literacy, support academic standards, and prepare students to become lifelong learners.

The Superintendent or designee may, in consultation with teacher librarians, classroom teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate, develop and regularly update a plan for school libraries that describes the district's goals for school libraries and how funds will be distributed to school sites to support libraries. As appropriate, the plan may also address staffing, facilities, selection and evaluation of materials, the development and maintenance of classroom-libraries, prevention of loss or damage of library materials, prioritization of needs, and other related matters. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the library plan is aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan and other district and school plans.

Staffing

To staff school libraries, the district may employ one or more teacher librarians who possess appropriate credentials issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The Superintendent or designee may assign teacher librarians to perform the following duties in accordance with the authorizations of their credential:

- 1. Instruct students in accessing, evaluating, using, and integrating information and resources in the library program and/or provide departmentalized instruction in information literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship
- 2. Plan and coordinate school library programs with the district's instructional programs through collaboration with teachers
- 3. Select materials for school and district libraries
- 4. Develop and deliver staff development programs for school library services
- 5. Coordinate or supervise library programs at the school or district level
- 6. Plan and conduct a course of instruction for students who assist in the operation of school libraries
- 7. Supervise classified personnel assigned school library duties

8. Develop procedures for and management of the school and district libraries

The Board also may appoint classified paraprofessionals to serve as library aides or library technicians. Volunteers may assist with school library services in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Hours of Operation

School libraries shall be open for use by students and teachers during the school day.

With the approval of the Board, a school library may be open at other hours outside the school day, including evenings and Saturdays. Any library open to serve students during evening and Saturday hours shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee who consents to the assignment.

Selection and Evaluation of School Library Materials

Library materials shall include print and electronic resources that align with the curriculum and are accessible to students with varying cognitive or language needs.

Library materials shall be evaluated and selected through a process that invites recommendations from administrators, teachers, other staff, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate.

Library materials shall be continually evaluated in relation to evolving curricula, new formats of materials, new instructional methods, and the needs of students and teachers. Materials that contain outdated subject matter or are no longer appropriate shall be removed.

All gifts and donations of school library materials shall be subject to the same criteria as materials selected for purchase by the district.

Complaints regarding the appropriateness of library materials shall be addressed using the district's procedures for complaints regarding instructional materials.

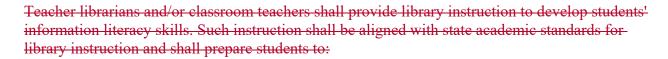
Fees

Students shall be allowed to borrow school library materials at no charge for use in the library and classrooms as well as out of school.

OPTION 1: Students shall be encouraged to return library materials in a timely manner, but no charge shall be assessed for the late return of materials.

OPTION 2: To encourage students to return materials in a timely manner, a nominal fee shall be charged for the late return of materials.

Library Instruction



- 1. Access information by applying knowledge of the organization of libraries, print materials, digital media, and other sources
- 2. Evaluate and analyze information to determine appropriateness in addressing the scope of inquiry
- 3. Organize, synthesize, create, and communicate information
- 4. Integrate information literacy skills into all areas of learning and pursue information independently to become life-long learners

Teacher librarians also may provide support to teachers, administrators, and other staff by identifying instructional materials that will aid in the development of curriculum and instructional activities and by providing information about effective and ethical uses of school library services and equipment.

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually assess and report to the Board regarding the condition and use of school libraries. The assessment shall evaluate, at a minimum:

- 1. Access of students and staff to school libraries during school hours and, as appropriate, access outside the school day
- 2. The process and frequency by which students are allowed to check out library materials
- 3. Staffing levels, qualifications, and number of hours worked
- 4. The quality of the collection at each library, including, but not limited to, the total number of books in the collection, number of books per student, amount expended during the year for the purchase of new resources, and the number of resources discarded and added during the year
- Any special programs offered at the school to encourage reading and/or library use
- 6. The adequacy of the facility space and equipment designated for the school library
- 7. The source(s) and adequacy of funding for school libraries

The district shall, on or before August 31 each year, report to the CDE on the condition of its school libraries for the preceding year ending June 30.

Legal Reference:

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80024.6 Emergency teacher librarian services permit

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Board Policy

Animals At School

BP 6163.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that animals can contribute to the district's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access district programs and activities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the district assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on district property.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures

39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school

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54.1 Access to public places

54.2 Guide, signal, or service dogs, right to accompany

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810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:

815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity

835 Conditions of liability

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21113 Public grounds

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1216 Transportation of property

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1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions

35.136 Service animals

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Administrative Regulation

Animals At School

AR 6163.2 **Instruction**

Use of Animals for Instructional Purposes

Before any student or employee brings an animal to school for an instructional purpose, he/she shall receive written permission from the principal or designee. The principal or designee shall give such permission only after he/she has provided written notification to all parents/guardians of students in the affected class, asking them to verify whether their child has any known allergies, asthma, or other health condition that may be aggravated by the animal's presence. When a parent/guardian has provided notification that his/her child has an allergy, asthma, or other health condition that may be aggravated by the animal, the principal shall take appropriate measures to protect the student from exposure to the animal.

All animals brought to school must be in good physical condition and must be appropriately immunized. The teacher shall ensure that the species of animal is appropriate for the instructional purpose and age and maturity of the students.

All animals brought to school shall be adequately fed, effectively controlled, humanely treated, and properly housed in cages or containers suitable for the species. The teacher shall ensure that cages and containers are cleaned regularly and that waste materials are removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

The teacher shall ensure that students receive instructions regarding the proper handling of and personal hygiene around animals.

Except for service animals, as defined below, all animals are prohibited on school transportation services.

Use of Service Animals by Individuals with Disabilities

For an individual with a disability, service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks related to the individual's disability and for his/her benefit. For example, for an individual who is blind or has low vision, a service animal would mean a dog that helps him/her with vision, navigation, and other tasks; for an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing, a service animal would mean a dog that alerts him/her to the presence of people or sounds; and for an individual with psychiatric or neurological disabilities, a service animal would mean a dog that assists him/her by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied on school premises and on school transportation by service animals, including specially trained guide dogs, signal dogs, or service dogs.

The Superintendent or designee may permit the use of a miniature horse as a service animal when

the horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, provided that:

- 1. The district's facility can accommodate the type, size, and weight of the horse.
- 2. The individual has sufficient control of the horse.
- 3. The horse is housebroken.
- 4. The horse's presence in the specific facility does not compromise legitimate safety requirements of the facility.

The Superintendent or designee may ask any individual with a disability to remove his/her service animal from school premises or transportation if the animal is out of control and the individual does not take effective action to control it or the animal is not housebroken. When an individual's service animal is excluded, he/she shall be given an opportunity to participate in the service, program, or activity without having the service animal present.

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Board Policy

Student Use Of Technology

BP 6163.4 **Instruction**

The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a safe and responsible manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use.

Teachers, administrators, and/or library media specialists are expected to review the technological resources and online sites that will be used in the classroom or assigned to students in order to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district technology, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with this Board policy and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the district's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

Before a student is authorized to use district technology, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. In that agreement, the parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the district or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures or user mistakes or negligence and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district staff for any damages or costs incurred.

The district reserves the right to monitor student use of technology within the jurisdiction of the district without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that their use of district technology, including, but not limited to, computer files, email, text messages, instant messaging, and other electronic communications, is not private and may be accessed by the district for the purpose of ensuring proper use. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in use of the district technology. Students' personally owned devices shall not be searched except in cases where there is a reasonable suspicion, based on specific and objective facts, that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law, district policy, or school rules.

The Superintendent or designee may gather and maintain information pertaining directly to school safety or student safety from the social media activity of any district student in accordance with Education Code 49073.6 and BP/AR 5125 - Student Records.

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the district's equipment and other technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using district technology and to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Internet Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced.

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities.

Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

The district's Acceptable Use Agreement shall establish expectations for appropriate student conduct when using the Internet or other forms of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, prohibitions against:

- 1. Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing, or displaying harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs
- 2. Intentionally uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses and/or maliciously attempting to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking"
- 3. Distributing personal identification information, including the name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information, of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting one's own personal

identification information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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51006 Computer education and resources

51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills

60044 Prohibited instructional materials

PENAL CODE

313 Harmful matter

502 Computer crimes, remedies

632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

6501-6506 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

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7101-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

7131 Internet safety

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)

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312.1-312.12 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

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Exhibit

Student Use Of Technology

E 6163.4 **Instruction**

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF DISTRICT FROM LIABILITY (STUDENTS)

The San Dieguito Union High School District authorizes students to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the district as necessary for instructional purposes. The use of district technology is a privilege permitted at the district's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

The district expects all students to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The district may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system.

Each student who is authorized to use district technology and his/her parent/guardian shall sign this Acceptable Use Agreement as an indication that they have read and understand the agreement.

Definitions

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the district's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

Student Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are expected to use district technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only. The student in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned.

Students are prohibited from using district technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of district technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive

- 2. Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals ("cyberbullying")
- 3. Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person
- 4. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights
- 5. Intentionally disrupt or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from a teacher or other district personnel, changing settings on shared computers)
- 6. Install unauthorized software
- 7. "Hack" into the system to manipulate data of the district or other users
- 8. Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice

Privacy

Since the use of district technology is intended for educational purposes, students shall not have any expectation of privacy in any use of district technology.

The district reserves the right to monitor and record all use of district technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, communications sent or received from district technology, or other uses. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Students should be aware that, in most instances, their use of district technology (such as web searches and emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

All passwords created for or used on any district technology are the sole property of the district. The creation or use of a password by a student on district technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Personally Owned Devices

If a student uses a personally owned device to access district technology, he/she shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

Reporting

If a student becomes aware of any security problem (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of district technology, he/she shall immediately report such information to the teacher or other district personnel.

Consequences for Violation

Violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may result in revocation of a student's access to district technology and/or discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion. In addition, violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

Student Acknowledgment

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement and other applicable laws and district policies and regulations governing the use of district technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using district technology. I further understand that any violation may result in loss of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Name:	Grade:
(Please print)	
School:	
Signature:	_ Date:
Parent or Legal Guardian Acknowledgment	
If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent/g	uardian must also read and sign the agreement.

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I have read, understand, and agree that my child shall comply with the terms of the Acceptable Use Agreement. By signing this Agreement, I give permission for my child to use district technology and/or to access the school's computer network and the Internet. I understand that, despite the district's best efforts, it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials. I agree to release from liability, indemnify, and hold harmless the school, district, and district personnel against all claims, damages, and costs that may result from my child's use of district technology or the failure of any technology protection measures used by the district. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child's use of his/her access account if and when such access is not in the school setting.

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Signature: _			
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Board Policy

Guidance/Counseling Services

BP 6164.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that a structured, coherent and comprehensive counseling program promotes academic achievement and serves the diverse needs of all district students. Counseling staff shall be available to provide students with individualized reviews of their educational progress toward academic and/or career and vocational goals and, as appropriate, may discuss social, personal, or other issues that may impact student learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all persons employed to provide school counseling, school psychology, and/or school social work services shall possess the appropriate credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing their employment in such positions. Responsibilities of each position shall be clearly defined in a job description.

Responsibilities of school counselors include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Engaging with, advocating for, and providing support for all students with respect to learning and achievement
- 2. Planning, implementing, and evaluating programs to promote the academic, career, personal, and social development of all students, including students from low-income families, foster youth, homeless youth, undocumented youth, and students at all levels of academic, social, and emotional abilities
- 3. Using multiple sources of information to monitor and improve student behavior and achievement
- 4. Collaborating and coordinating with school and community resources
- 5. Promoting and maintaining a safe learning environment for all students by providing restorative justice practices, positive behavior interventions, and support services
- 6. Intervening to ameliorate school-related problems, including issues related to chronic absences
- 7. Using research-based strategies to reduce stigma, conflict, and student-to-student-mistreatment and bullying
- 8. Improving school climate and student well-being
- 9. Enhancing students' social and emotional competence, character, health, civic engagement, cultural legacy, and commitment to lifelong learning and the pursuit of high-quality educational programs

- 10. Providing counseling interventions and support services for students classified as English Plan)
- 11. Engaging in continued development as a professional school counselor

Educational Counseling

Beginning in grade 7, parents/guardians shall-may receive a general notice at least once before career counseling and course selection so that they may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions.

The educational counseling program shall include academic counseling in the following areas:

- 1. Development and implementation, with parent/guardian involvement, of the student's immediate and long-range educational plans
- 2. Optimizing progress towards achievement of proficiency standards
- 3. Completion of the required curriculum in accordance with the student's needs, abilities, interests, and aptitudes
- 4. Academic planning for access and success in higher education programs, including advisement on courses needed for admission to public colleges and universities, standardized admissions tests, and financial aid
- 5. Career and vocational counseling, in which students are assisted in doing all of the following:
- a. Planning for the future, including, but not limited to, identifying personal interests, skills, and abilities, career planning, course selection, and career transition
- b. Becoming aware of personal preferences and interests that influence educational and occupational exploration, career choice, and career success
- c. Developing realistic perceptions of work, the changing work environment, and the effect of work on lifestyle
- d. Understanding the relationship between academic achievement and career success, and the importance of maximizing career options
- e. Understanding the value of participating in career technical education and work-based learning activities and programs, including, but not limited to, service learning, regional occupational centers and programs, partnership programs, job shadowing, and mentoring experiences

- f. Understanding the need to develop essential employable skills and work habits
- g. Understanding the variety of four-year colleges and universities and community college vocational and technical preparation programs, as well as admission criteria and enrollment procedures

The district's educational counseling program also may include, but not be limited to, identification of students who are at risk of not graduating with the rest of their class, development of a list of coursework and experience necessary to assist students to satisfy the curricular requirements for college admission and successfully transition to postsecondary education or employment, and counseling regarding available options for a student to continue his/her education if he/she fails to meet graduation requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a program of guidance, placement, and follow-up for all high school students subject to compulsory continuation education.

No counselor shall unlawfully discriminate against any student. Guidance counseling regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities shall not be differentiated on the basis of any protected category specified in BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

In addition, counselors shall affirmatively explore with students the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers, that are nontraditional for that student's sex.

For assessing or counseling students, the district shall not use testing or other materials that permit or require impermissible or unlawful differential treatment of students.

OPTION 1: Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall have the same access to students for recruiting purposes.

OPTION 2: Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall not have access to students for recruiting purposes.

Personal or Mental Health Counseling

A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may provide individualized personal, mental health, or family counseling to students in accordance with the specialization(s) authorized by his/her credential. Such services may include, but are not limited to, support related to the student's social and emotional development, behavior, substance abuse, *or* mental health assessment, depression, or mental illness. As appropriate, students and their parents/guardians shall be informed about community agencies, organizations, or health care providers that offer qualified professional assistance.

Written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained before mental health counseling or treatment services are provided to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6929, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

Any information of a personal nature disclosed to a school counselor by a student age 12 years or older or by his/her parent/guardian is confidential and shall not become part of the student record without the written consent of the person who disclosed the confidential information. The information shall not be revealed, released, discussed, or referred to except under the limited circumstances specified in Education Code 49602.

A counselor shall consult with the Superintendent or designee and, as appropriate, with the district's legal counsel whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's personal problem or when questions arise regarding the possible release of confidential information regarding a student.

Crisis Counseling

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted with a traumatic incident. School counselors shall assist in the development of the comprehensive school safety plan, emergency and disaster preparedness plan, and other prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students and parents/guardians before, during, and after a crisis.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall-may identify crisis counseling resources to train district staff in effective threat assessment, appropriate response techniques, and/or methods to directly help students cope with a crisis if it occurs.

Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior.

Teacher-Based Advisory Program

The Board recognizes that a supportive, ongoing relationship with a caring adult can provide a student with valuable advice, enhance student-teacher relationships, and build the student's feelings of connectedness with the school. The Board authorizes the development of a teacher-based advisory program in which teachers advise students in such areas as academic planning, character development, conflict resolution, and self-esteem. Any teacher participating in this program shall be under the supervision of a credentialed school counselor as appropriate, receive related information and training, and be subject to this Board policy and law, including requirements pertaining to student confidentiality and nondiscrimination.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination

44266 Pupil personnel services credential

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6920-6929 Consent by minor for treatment or counseling

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124260 Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older

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11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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80049-80049.1 Pupil personnel services credential

80632-80632.5 Preparation programs for pupil personnel services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10

503 Military recruiter access to directory information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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Board Policy

Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education

BP 6164.4

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes the need to actively seek out and evaluate district residents from birth to age 21 who have disabilities in order to provide them with appropriate educational opportunities in accordance with state and federal law.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a comprehensive system that includes procedures for the identification, screening, referral, and regular and triennial assessment of individuals eligible for special education, as well as procedures for the planning, implementation, and review of the education and related services provided to such individuals. (Education Code 56301)

The district's identification procedures shall include methods for utilizing referrals from parents/guardians, teachers, appropriate professionals, and others, and shall be coordinated with school site procedures for referral of students whose needs cannot be met with modifications to the regular instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review, including the right to consent to any assessment concerning their child. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals who need special education services.

Legal Reference:

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44265.5 Professional preparation for teachers of impaired students

56000-56885 Special education programs, especially:

56195.8 Adoption of policies

56300-56304 Identification of individuals with disabilities

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56340-56347 Instructional planning and individualized education program

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56441.11 Eligibility criteria, children ages 3-5

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56500-56509 Procedural safeguards

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3021-3029 Identification, referral and assessment

3030-3031 Eligibility criteria

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1412 State eligibility

1415 Procedural safeguards

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.35 Evaluation and placement

104.36 Procedural safeguards

300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

300.301-300.306 Evaluations and reevaluations

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Administrative Regulation

Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education

AR 6164.4 **Instruction**

Referrals for Special Education Services

A student shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and used where appropriate.

All referrals from school staff for special education and related services shall include a brief reason for the referral and description of the regular program resources that were considered and/or modified for use with the student and their effect.

Initial Evaluation for Special Education Services

Before the initial provision of special education and related services to a student with a disability, the district shall conduct a full and individual initial evaluation of the student.

Upon receipt of a referral of any student for special education and related services, a proposed evaluation plan shall be developed within 15 days, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions or terms or days of school vacation in excess of five school days, unless the parent/guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension. If the referral is made within 10 days or less prior to the end of the student's regular school year or term, the proposed evaluation plan shall be developed within 10 days after the beginning of the next regular school year or term.

The proposed evaluation plan shall meet all of the following requirements:

- 1. Be in a language easily understood by the general public
- 2. Be provided in the native language of the parent/guardian or other mode of communication used by the parent/guardian unless it is clearly not feasible
- 3. Explain the types of evaluation to be conducted
- 4. State that no individualized education program (IEP) will result from the evaluation without parent/guardian consent

Before conducting an initial evaluation, the district shall provide the parent/guardian with prior written notice in accordance with 34 CFR 300.503. In addition, as part of the evaluation plan, the parent/guardian shall receive written notice that includes all of the following information:

1. Upon completion of the administration of tests and other evaluation materials, an IEP team meeting that includes the parent/guardian or his/her representative shall be scheduled pursuant to Education Code 56341. At this meeting, the team shall determine whether or not the student is a

student with disabilities, as defined in Education Code 56026, and shall discuss the evaluation, the educational recommendations, and the reasons for the recommendations.

- 2. When making a determination of eligibility for special education, the district shall not determine that the student is disabled if the primary factor for such determination is lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction as defined in 20 USC 6368, lack of appropriate instruction in mathematics, or limited English proficiency.
- 3. A copy of the evaluation report and the documentation of determination of eligibility shall be given to the parent/guardian.
- 4. If the parent/guardian disagrees with an evaluation obtained by the district, he/she has the right to obtain, at public expense, an independent educational evaluation (IEE) of the student from qualified specialists, in accordance with 34 CFR 300.502. The parent/guardian is entitled to only one such evaluation at public expense each time the district conducts an assessment with which the parent/guardian disagrees.

If the district observed the student in conducting its evaluation, or if its evaluation procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of the student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to the IEE. This equivalent opportunity shall apply to the student's current placement and setting as well as observation of the district's proposed placement and setting, if any, regardless of whether the IEE is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing proceeding.

5. The district may initiate a due process hearing pursuant to Education Code 56500-56508 to show that its evaluation is appropriate. If the final decision resulting from the due process hearing is that the evaluation is appropriate, the parent/guardian maintains the right for an IEE, but not at public expense.

If the parent/guardian obtains an IEE at private expense, the results of the IEE shall be considered by the district with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student, and may be presented as evidence at a due process hearing regarding the student. If the district observed the student in conducting its evaluation, or if its evaluation procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of a student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to an IEE of the student in the student's current educational placement and setting and in any educational placement and setting proposed by the district, regardless of whether the IEE is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing.

6. If the parent/guardian proposes a publicly financed placement of the student in a nonpublic school, the district shall have an opportunity to observe the proposed placement and, if the student has already been unilaterally placed in the nonpublic school by his/her parent/guardian, the student in that proposed placement. Any such observation shall only be of the student who is the subject of the observation and shall not include the observation or evaluation of any other student in the proposed placement unless that other student's parent/guardian consents to the observation or evaluation. The results of any observation or evaluation of another student in violation of

Education Code 56329(d) shall be inadmissible in any due process or judicial proceeding regarding FAPE of that other student.

Parent/Guardian Consent for Evaluations

Upon receiving the proposed evaluation plan, the parent/guardian shall have at least 15 days to decide whether or not to consent to the initial evaluation. The district shall not interpret parent/guardian consent for initial evaluation as consent for initial placement or initial provision of special education services.

Informed parental consent means that the parent/guardian:

- 1. Has been fully informed, in his/her native language or other mode of communication, of all information relevant to the activity for which consent is sought
- 2. Understands and agrees, in writing, to the carrying out of the activity for which his/her consent is sought and the consent describes that activity and lists the records (if any) that will be released and to whom
- 3. Understands that the granting of consent is voluntary on his/her part and may be revoked at any time
- 4. Understands that if he/she revokes consent, that revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not negate an action that has occurred after the consent was given and before the consent was revoked)

The district shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the informed consent of the parent/guardian for an initial evaluation or reevaluation of a student. The district shall maintain a record of its attempts to obtain consent, including:

- 1. Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls
- 2. Copies of correspondence sent to the parent/guardian and any responses received
- 3. Detailed records of visits made to the parent/guardian's home or place of employment and the results of those visits

If a parent/guardian refuses to consent to the initial evaluation or fails to respond to a request to provide consent, the district may, but is not required to, pursue an evaluation by utilizing the procedural safeguards, including the mediation and due process procedures pursuant to 20 USC 1415 and 34 CFR 300.506-300.516.

For a student who is a ward of the state and not residing with his/her parent/guardian, the district may conduct an initial evaluation without obtaining informed consent if any of the following situations exists:

- 1. Despite reasonable efforts to do so, the district cannot discover the whereabouts of the parent/guardian of the student.
- 2. The rights of the parent/guardian of the student have been terminated in accordance with California law.
- 3. The rights of the parent/guardian to make educational decisions have been subrogated by a judge in accordance with California law and consent for an initial evaluation has been given by an individual appointed by the judge to represent the student.

The district need not obtain parent/guardian consent before reviewing existing data as part of an evaluation or administering a test or other evaluation that is administered to all students, unless consent is required from the parents/guardians of all students.

Conduct of the Evaluation

The district shall complete the determination as to whether the student is a student with a disability, conduct the initial evaluation to determine his/her educational needs, and develop an IEP within 60 days of receiving informed parent/guardian consent for the evaluation.

The evaluation shall be conducted by qualified personnel who are competent to perform the assessment as determined by the district.

The screening of a student by a teacher or specialist to determine appropriate instructional strategies for curriculum implementation shall not be considered to be an evaluation for eligibility for special education and related services.

In conducting the evaluation, the district shall use a variety of assessment tools and strategies to gather relevant functional, developmental, and academic information about the student. The district shall also use any information provided by the parent/guardian that may assist the district in making the determination as to whether the student is a student with a disability and, if so, the necessary components of his/her IEP when the IEP is developed, including information related to enabling the student to be involved in and to progress in the general education curriculum.

The district's evaluation shall not use any single measure or assessment as the sole criterion for determining whether a student is a student with a disability and for determining the appropriate educational program for the student. The assessment shall use technically sound instruments that may assess the relative contribution of cognitive and behavioral factors in addition to physical or developmental factors.

The district shall also ensure that assessments and other evaluation materials provide relevant information that assists in determining the student's educational needs and are:

1. Selected and administered so as not to be discriminatory on a racial, cultural, or sexual basis

- 2. Provided and administered in the language and form most likely to yield accurate information on what the student knows and can do academically, developmentally, and functionally, unless it is clearly not feasible to so provide or administer
- 3. Used for the purposes for which the assessments or measures are valid and reliable
- 4. Administered by trained and knowledgeable personnel
- 5. Administered in accordance with any instructions provided by the producer of the assessments
- 6. Tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and not merely designed to provide a single general intelligence quotient
- 7. If administered to a student with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, selected and administered to best ensure that the results accurately reflect the student's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factors the test purports to measure

Students shall be assessed in all areas related to the suspected disability, including, if appropriate, health and development, vision (including low vision), hearing, motor abilities, language function, general intelligence, academic performance, communicative status, self-help, orientation and mobility skills, career and vocational abilities and interests, and social and emotional status. When appropriate, a developmental history shall be obtained. The district shall ensure that the evaluation is sufficiently comprehensive to identify all of the student's special education and related service needs, whether or not commonly linked to the disability category in which the student has been classified.

As part of the initial evaluation and any reevaluation, the IEP team and other qualified professionals shall, if appropriate, review existing evaluation data on the student, including evaluations and information provided by the parents/guardians, current classroom-based local or state assessments and classroom-based observations, and observations by teachers and related services providers. On the basis of that review and input from the student's parent/guardian, the team shall identify what additional data, if any, are needed to determine:

- 1. Whether the student is a student with a disability, or in the case of a reevaluation, whether the student continues to have a disability, and the educational needs of the student
- 2. The present levels of academic achievement and related developmental needs of the student
- 3. Whether the student needs, or continues to need, special education and related services
- 4. Whether any additions or modifications to the special education and related services are needed to enable the student to meet the measurable annual goals set out in his/her IEP and to participate, as appropriate, in the general education curriculum

If a student has transferred from another district in the same school year or leaves this district, the district shall coordinate with the student's prior or subsequent district as necessary and as expeditiously as possible to ensure prompt completion of full evaluations.

Eligibility Determination

Upon completion of the administration of assessments and other evaluation measures, a group of qualified professionals and the parent/guardian shall determine whether the student is a student with a disability and, if so, his/her educational needs. In interpreting the data, the group shall draw information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, parent/guardian input, and teacher recommendations, as well as information about the student's physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior. The group shall ensure that the information obtained from these sources is documented and carefully considered.

The personnel who evaluate the student shall prepare a written report of the results of each evaluation. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1. Whether the student may need special education and related services
- 2. The basis for making the determination
- 3. The relevant behavior noted during the observation of the student in an appropriate setting
- 4. The relationship of that behavior to the student's academic and social functioning
- 5. The educationally relevant health, developmental, and medical findings, if any
- 6. For students with learning disabilities, whether there is such a discrepancy between achievement and ability that it cannot be corrected without special education and related services
- 7. A determination concerning the effects of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage, where appropriate
- 8. The need for specialized services, materials, and equipment for students with low incidence disabilities, consistent with Education Code 56136

When making a determination of eligibility for special education and related services, the district shall not determine that a student is disabled if the primary factor for such determination is a lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction pursuant to 20 USC 6368, lack of instruction in mathematics, limited English proficiency, or that the student does not otherwise meet the eligibility criteria.

If a determination is made that a student has a disability and needs special education and related services, an IEP shall be developed within a total time not to exceed 60 days, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions or terms or days of school vacation in excess of five school days, from the date of the receipt of the parent/guardian's consent for evaluation, unless the

parent/guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension.

Independent Educational Evaluation

The parents/guardians of a student with a disability have the right to obtain an IEE at public expense under the same criteria that the district uses for a district-initiated evaluation. An independent educational evaluation is an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the district. Public expense means the district either pays for the full cost of the IEE or ensures that the evaluation is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent/guardian.

The parent/guardian is entitled to only one IEE at public expense each time the district conducts an evaluation with which the parent/guardian disagrees.

If a parent/guardian has requested an IEE, the district may ask for the reason that he/she objects to the district's evaluation. However, the parent/guardian is not required to provide the reason to the district.

Upon receiving the request for an IEE, the district shall, without unnecessary delay, either:

- 1. File a due process complaint to request a hearing to show that its evaluation is appropriate
- 2. Ensure that an IEE is provided at public expense, unless the district can later demonstrate at a hearing that the evaluation obtained by the parent/guardian did not satisfy the district's criteria

If a due process hearing decision determines that the district's evaluation is appropriate, then the parent/guardian may obtain an IEE but not at public expense.

In any decision made with respect to providing FAPE to a student with a disability, the result of any IEE obtained by the student's parent/guardian shall be considered by the district if it meets district criteria. Any such result also may be presented as evidence at a hearing on a due process complaint.

Reevaluation

A reevaluation shall be conducted when the district determines that the educational or related service needs of the student, including improved academic achievement and functional performance, warrant a reevaluation or if the student's parent/guardian or teacher requests reevaluation. Such reevaluations shall occur every three years, unless the parent/guardian and district agree in writing that a reevaluation is unnecessary. A reevaluation may not occur more than once a year, unless the parent/guardian and the district agree otherwise.

The district shall ensure that any reevaluations of the student are conducted in accordance with the evaluation procedures pursuant to 34 CFR 300.304-300.311.

Before entering kindergarten or first grade, children with disabilities who are in a preschool program shall be reevaluated to determine if they still need special education and services. IEP

teams shall identify a means of monitoring the continued success of children who are determined to be eligible for less intensive special education programs to ensure that gains made are not lost by a rapid removal of individualized programs and supports for these children.

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Board Policy

Children With Disabilities Enrolled By Their Parents In Private School

BP 6164.41

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes its obligations under federal and state law to identify and provide equitable services to children voluntarily enrolled by their parents/guardians in private schools located within the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that activities to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities enrolled by their parents/guardians in private schools within the district are comparable to activities undertaken for individuals with disabilities aged three to 22 in public schools within the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a budget for the provision of services to children with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private school based on the proportionate share of federal funds received and the number of eligible children, including the possibility of mid-year enrollees, and the types of services to be provided.

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Administrative Regulation

Children With Disabilities Enrolled By Their Parents In Private School

AR 6164.41 **Instruction**

Definitions

Parentally placed private school children with disabilities means children with disabilities who are voluntarily enrolled by their parents/guardians in a private school or facility within district boundaries, including children who are attending a private school or facility within district boundaries but who reside in another district or state.

Private school or facility means a private full-time day school, including a religious school, located within district boundaries, that has filed an affidavit with the California Department of Education pursuant to Education Code 33190 and is registered in the California Private School Directory.

Consultation with Private School Representatives

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with all private school representatives and representatives of parents/guardians of parentally placed private school children with disabilities during the design and development of equitable services for the children. In order to ensure a meaningful and timely consultation, the consultation shall include:

- 1. The child find process and how parentally placed private school children suspected of having a disability can participate equitably
- 2. How parents/guardians, teachers, and private school officials will be informed of the child find process
- 3. The determination of the proportionate share of federal funds available to serve parentally placed private school children with disabilities and how this share is calculated
- 4. How the consultation process will operate throughout the school year to ensure that identified children can meaningfully participate in equitable services
- 5. How, where, and by whom equitable services will be provided including a discussion about the types of services, alternate service delivery mechanisms, how services will be apportioned if funds are insufficient to serve all of the identified children, and how and when those decisions will be made
- 6. In the event that the district and private school disagree on the provision of or the types of services, how the district will provide the private school officials with a written explanation of the reasons that the district chose to not provide the services

When meaningful and timely consultation has occurred, the district shall obtain a written

affirmation signed by the representatives of participating private schools. If the private school representatives do not provide the affirmation within a reasonable period of time, the district shall forward documentation of the consultation process to the California Department of Education.

After the consultation has occurred, the district shall ensure an annual count of the number of parentally placed children with disabilities attending private schools located within the district. This count shall be conducted between October 1 and December 1 each year and shall be used to determine the amount the district must spend on providing equitable services to the children in the subsequent fiscal year.

Provision of Services

A child with a disability parentally placed in a private school has no individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that he/she would receive if enrolled in public school. Such a child may receive a different amount of services than students with disabilities in public schools.

The district shall evaluate all identified parentally placed private school children with disabilities for purposes of considering them for equitable services. This evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with the timelines and procedures for evaluating public school students with disabilities pursuant to 34 CFR 300.300-300.311, including providing the parent/guardian with a copy of the procedural safeguards notice.

In order to ensure that each child entitled to special education and related services from the district receives an offer of a free appropriate public education (FAPE), the district where the child resides shall develop an individualized education program (IEP) for each identified child who attends a private school located in the district and who resides in the district.

However, the district shall not develop an IEP if the parent/guardian makes clear his/her intention to keep the child enrolled in private school. In such situations, the district shall obtain written certification confirming the parent/guardian's intention to keep his/her child enrolled in private school, including the fact that he/she is not interested in the development of an IEP or the district's offer of FAPE. If the parent/guardian does not provide confirmation in writing, the district shall obtain oral confirmation of the parent/guardian's intention and confirm the conversation in writing.

If the child resides in a different district, then this district and the district of residence shall work together to ensure that the parent/guardian receives an offer of FAPE in accordance with law.

The district shall develop and implement an individual services plan (ISP) for each identified private school child with a disability that describes the equitable services that the district will provide, as agreed to by the district and private school representatives during the consultation process.

The ISP shall be developed, reviewed, and revised consistent with 34 CFR 300.121-300.324. A representative of the private school shall be invited to attend each ISP team meeting. If the representative cannot attend the meeting, the district shall use other methods to ensure the

representative's participation, including individual or conference calls.

The district may provide services on the private school premises, including a religious school, to the extent consistent with law. The services shall be provided by personnel meeting the same standards as personnel providing services in the public school. The personnel shall either be district employees or contractors of the district.

The district shall offer transportation to the child if services are provided on a site other than the child's school and the ISP team determines that transportation is necessary for the child to benefit from or participate in the services provided in the ISP. Depending on the timing of the services, the district shall provide transportation from the child's school or home to the service site and from the service site to the child's school or home.

The district may place equipment and supplies in a private school for the period of time necessary to provide the services pursuant to the ISP. All such equipment shall remain the property of the district and must be able to be removed without causing damage to the private school. The district shall remove the equipment when no longer required by the child, when the child no longer attends the private school, or when removal is necessary to prevent unauthorized use.

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Board Policy

Student Success Teams

BP 6164.5 **Instruction**

Optional policy, not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Student Success Teams

AR 6164.5 **Instruction**

Optional administrative regulation, not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Identification And Education Under Section 504

BP 6164.6 **Instruction**

The Governing Board believes that all children, including children with disabilities, should have the opportunity to learn in a safe and nurturing environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work to identify children with disabilities who reside within the jurisdiction of the district in order to ensure that they receive educational and related services required by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide qualified students with disabilities with a free appropriate public education (FAPE), as defined under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Such students shall receive regular or special education and related aids and services designed to meet their individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met.

In addition, qualified students with disabilities shall be provided an equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities that are integral components of the district's basic education program, including, but not limited to, extracurricular athletics, interscholastic sports, and/or other nonacademic activities.

The district's local control and accountability plan shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of students with disabilities. At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall may assess the district's progress in attaining the goals established for students with disabilities and shall report these results to the Board.

In providing services to students with disabilities under Section 504, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure district compliance with law, including providing the students and their parents/guardians with applicable procedural safeguards and required notifications. Any dispute as to the identification, evaluation, or placement of any student with a disability shall be resolved in accordance with the processes specified in the "Procedural Safeguards" section of the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a list of impartial hearing officers who are qualified and willing to conduct Section 504 hearings. To ensure impartiality, such officers shall not be employed by or under contract with the district in any other capacity except as hearing officer and shall not have any professional or personal involvement that would affect their impartiality or objectivity in the matter.

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3051.12 Health and Nursing Services

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104.1 Purpose to effectuate Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

104.3 Definitions

104.32 Location and notification

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104.34 Educational setting

104.35 Evaluation and placement

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Administrative Regulation

Identification And Education Under Section 504

AR 6164.6 **Instruction**

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Transitional Kindergarten

BP 6170.1

Instruction

Policy not applicable for SDUHSD; not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Title I Programs

BP 6171

Instruction

Retaining current SDUHSD policy as attached.

Administrative Regulation

Title I Programs

AR 6171

Instruction

Retaining current SDUHSD administrative regulation as attached.

Board Policy

Gifted And Talented Student Program

BP 6172 **Instruction**

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Gifted And Talented Student Program

AR 6172 Instruction

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes

BP 6172.1

Instruction

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Concurrent Enrollment In College Classes

AR 6172.1

Instruction

Administrative Regulation not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Education For Homeless Children

BP 6173

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students within the district. The district shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for them to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify and remove any barriers to the identification and enrollment of homeless students and to the retention of homeless students due to absences or outstanding fees or fines.

When there are at least 15 homeless students in the district or a district school, the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of homeless students.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate an appropriate staff person to serve as a liaison for homeless children and youths. The district liaison shall fulfill the duties specified in 42 USC 11432 to assist in identifying and supporting homeless students to succeed in school.

In order to identify district students who are homeless, the Superintendent or designee may give a housing questionnaire to all parents/guardians during school registration, make referral forms readily available, include the district liaison's contact information on the district and school web sites, provide materials in a language easily understood by families and students, provide school staff with professional development on the definition and signs of homelessness, and contact appropriate local agencies to coordinate referrals for homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth.

Information about a homeless student's living situation shall be considered part of a student's educational record, subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and shall not be deemed to be directory information as defined in 20 USC 1232g.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

Each homeless student shall be provided services that are comparable to services offered to other students in the school, including, but not limited to, transportation, educational programs for which the student meets the eligibility criteria (such as federal Title I services or similar state or local programs, programs for students with disabilities, and educational programs for English learners), career and technical education programs, programs for gifted and talented students, and school nutrition programs.

Homeless students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status

as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way. However, the Superintendent or designee may separate homeless students on school grounds as necessary for short periods of time for health and safety emergencies or to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet the unique needs of homeless students.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with other agencies and entities to ensure that homeless children and youth are promptly identified, ensure that homeless students have access to and are in reasonable proximity to available education and related support services, and raise the awareness of school personnel and service providers of the effects of short-term stays in a shelter and other challenges associated with homelessness. Toward these ends, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local social services agencies, other agencies or entities providing services to homeless children and youth, and, if applicable, transitional housing facilities. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate transportation, transfer of school records, and other interdistrict activities with other local educational agencies. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate, within the district and with other involved local educational agencies, services for homeless students and services for students with disabilities.

District liaisons and other appropriate staff shall participate in professional development and other technical assistance activities to assist them in identifying and meeting the needs of homeless students and to provide training on the definitions of terms related to homelessness.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on outcomes for homeless students, which may include, but are not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, suspension/expulsion rates, and other outcomes related to any goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP. Based on the evaluation data, the district shall revise its strategies as needed to better support the education of homeless students.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Dear Colleague Letter, July 27, 2016

Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, Non-Regulatory Guidance, July 2016 WEB SITES

California Child Welfare Council: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CAChildWelfareCouncil.aspx

California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy

National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE: http://www.serve.org/nche National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: http://www.nlchp.org

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html

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Administrative Regulation

Education For Homeless Children

AR 6173 Instruction

Definitions

Homeless students means students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

- 1. Students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals
- 2. Students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
- 3. Students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- 4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in conditions described in items #1-3 above

Unaccompanied youth includes youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

School of origin means the school that the homeless student attended when permanently housed or the school in which he/she was last enrolled, including a preschool. If the school the homeless student attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which he/she was last enrolled, or if there is some other school that he/she attended within the preceding 15 months and with which he/she is connected, the district liaison shall determine, in consultation with and with the agreement of the homeless student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, and in the best interests of the homeless student, which school shall be deemed the school of origin.

Best interest means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a homeless student, consideration is given to, among other factors, educational stability, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress, and the student's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students.

District Liaison

The Superintendent designates the following staff person as the district liaison for homeless students:

Rick Ayala, Director of Pupil Services 710 Encinitas Blvd. Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 753-6491

The district's liaison for homeless students shall:

- 1. Ensure that homeless students are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies
- 2. Ensure that homeless students are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, district schools
- 3. Ensure that homeless families and children and youth have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including services through Head Start and Early Head Start programs, early intervention services under Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other preschool programs administered by the district
- 4. Ensure that homeless families and students receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services
- 5. Inform parents/guardians of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and ensure that they are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children
- 6. Disseminate notice of the educational rights of homeless students in locations frequented by parents/guardians of homeless children and youth and by unaccompanied youth, including schools, family shelters, public libraries, and hunger relief agencies (soup kitchens). The rights shall be presented in a manner and form understandable to the parents/guardians of homeless students and unaccompanied youth.
- 7. Mediate enrollment disputes in accordance with law and the section "Resolving Enrollment Disputes" below
- 8. Fully inform parents/guardians of homeless students and unaccompanied youth of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and assist them in accessing transportation to the school of choice
- 9. Ensure that school personnel providing services to homeless students receive professional development and other support
- 10. Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school, have opportunities to meet the

same challenging state academic standards established for other students, and are informed of their status as independent students under 20 USC 1087vv and that they may receive assistance from the district liaison to receive verification of their independent student status for purposes of applying for federal student aid pursuant to 20 USC 1090

11. Coordinate and collaborate with state coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless students, including the provision of comprehensive data to the state coordinator as required by law

In addition, when notified pursuant to Education Code 48918.1, the district liaison shall assist, facilitate, or represent a homeless student who is undergoing a disciplinary proceeding that could result in his/her expulsion. When notified pursuant to Education Code 48915.5, the district liaison shall participate in an individualized education program team meeting to make a manifestation determination regarding the behavior of a student with a disability.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform homeless children and youth, their parents/guardians, school personnel, service providers, and advocates working with homeless families of the duties of the district's liaison. He/she shall also provide the name and contact information of the district's liaison to the California Department of Education (CDE) for publishing on the CDE's web site.

Enrollment

The district shall make placement decisions for homeless students based on the student's best interest.

In determining the best interest of the student, the district shall consider student-centered factors related to the student's best interest, including factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety, giving priority to the request of the student's parent/guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth.

Such factors may include, but are not limited to, the age of the student, the distance of the commute and the impact it may have on the student's education, personal safety issues, the student's need for special instruction, the length of anticipated stay in the temporary shelter or other temporary location, likely area of future housing, school placement of siblings, and the time remaining in the school year.

However, placement decisions shall not be based on whether a homeless student lives with his/her homeless parent/guardian or has been temporarily placed elsewhere.

In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison shall assist in placement or enrollment decisions, give priority to the views of the student, and provide notice to the student of his/her appeal rights.

In determining a student's best interest, a homeless student shall, to the extent feasible, be placed in his/her school of origin, unless the student's parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth requests

otherwise.

Once a placement decision has been made, the principal or designee shall immediately enroll the student in the school of choice. The student shall be enrolled even if he/she:

- 1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
- 2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
- 3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and records of immunization and other required health records
- 4. Has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness

The principal or designee shall immediately contact the school last attended by the student to obtain the relevant records. If the student needs to obtain immunizations or does not possess immunization or other required health records, the principal or designee shall refer the parent/guardian to the district liaison for homeless students. The district liaison shall assist the parent/guardian, or the student if he/she is an unaccompanied youth, in obtaining the necessary immunizations, screenings, or records for the student.

If the student is placed at a school other than his/her school of origin or the school requested by his/her parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the decision along with a statement regarding the right to appeal the placement decision.

The student may continue attending his/her school of origin for the duration of the homelessness.

To ensure that the homeless student has the benefit of matriculating with his/her peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns, the following shall apply:

- 1. If the student is transitioning between grade levels, he/she shall be allowed to continue in the same attendance area.
- 2. If the student is transitioning to a middle school or high school, and the school designated for matriculation is in another school district, he/she shall be allowed to continue to the school designated for matriculation in that district.

If the student's status changes before the end of the school year so that he/she is no longer homeless, he/she shall be allowed to stay in the school of origin:

- 1. Through the duration of the school year if he/she is in grades K-8
- 2. Through graduation if he/she is in high school

Resolving Enrollment Disputes

If a dispute arises over student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in a particular school, the matter shall be referred to the district liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible.

The parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of any decisions related to eligibility, school selection, or enrollment and of the right of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth to appeal such decisions.

The written explanation shall include:

- 1. A description of the action proposed or refused by the district
- 2. An explanation of why the action is proposed or refused
- 3. A description of any other options the district considered and the reasons that any other options were rejected
- 4. A description of any other factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility or best interest determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their sources
- 5. Appropriate timelines to ensure any relevant deadlines are not missed
- 6. Contact information for the district liaison and state coordinator, and a brief description of their roles

The written explanation shall be complete, as brief as possible, simply stated, and provided in language that the parent/guardian or student can understand.

The district liaison may use an informal process as an alternative to formal dispute resolution procedures, provided that the parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth have access to the more formal process if informal resolution is not successful in resolving the matter.

In working with a student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth to resolve an enrollment dispute, the district liaison shall:

- 1. Inform them that they may provide written and/or oral documentation to support their position
- 2. Inform them that they may seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or service providers in having the dispute resolved
- 3. Provide them a simple form that they may use and turn in to the school to initiate the dispute resolution process

- 4. Provide them a copy of the dispute form they submit for their records
- 5. Provide them the outcome of the dispute for their records

If a parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth disagrees with the liaison's enrollment decision, he/she may appeal the decision to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall make a determination within five working days.

If the parent/guardian chooses to appeal the district's placement decision, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the homeless liaison at the county office of education.

Pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals, the student shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought and shall be allowed to attend classes and participate fully in school activities.

Transportation

The district shall provide transportation for a homeless student to and from his/her school of origin when the student is residing within the district and the parent/guardian, or the district liaison in the case of an unaccompanied youth, requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of district boundaries, but continues to attend his/her school of origin within this district, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation.

The district shall not be obligated to provide transportation to students who continue attending their school of origin after they cease to be homeless, unless the formerly homeless student has an individualized education program that includes transportation as a necessary related service for the student.

Transfer of Coursework and Credits

When a homeless student transfers into a district school, the district shall accept and issue full credit for any coursework that the student has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and shall not require the student to retake the course.

If the homeless student did not complete the entire course, he/she shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall be required to take the portion of the course that he/she did not complete at his/her previous school. However, the district may require the student to retake the portion of the course completed if, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the student, the district finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a homeless student in any particular course, he/she shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that

he/she may continue and complete the entire course.

Partial credits shall be awarded on the basis of 0.5 credits for every seven class periods attended per subject. If the school is on a block schedule, each block schedule class period attended shall be equal to two regular class periods per subject. Partial credits and grades earned by a student shall be included on the student's official transcript within two business days of the district's notification of the student's transfer, as required under Education Code 49069.5.

In no event shall the district prevent a homeless student from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, a homeless student shall complete all courses required by Education Code 51225.3 and fulfill any additional graduation requirements prescribed by the Governing Board.

However, when a homeless student who has completed his/her second year of high school transfers into the district from another school district or transfers between high schools within the district, he/she shall be exempted from all district-adopted coursework and other district-established graduation requirements, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of his/her fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the homeless student's transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, and the district liaison for homeless students of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the student is no longer homeless.

To determine whether a homeless student is in his/her third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits he/she has earned as of the date of the transfer or the length of his/her school enrollment, whichever qualifies him/her for the exemption.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any homeless student who is granted an exemption and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her how any requirements that are waived will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

The district shall not require or request a homeless student to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption and no request for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption shall be made by a homeless student, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, or the district liaison on behalf of the student.

If a homeless student is exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall

continue to apply after the student is no longer homeless or if he/she transfers to another school or school district.

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a homeless student is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements within his/her fifth year of high school, he/she shall:

- 1. Inform the student and, if under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, of the option available to the student to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements and how that will affect his/her ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
- 2. Provide information to the homeless student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
- 3. Upon agreement with the homeless student or with the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her if he/she is under 18 years of age, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements

Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

A homeless student who enrolls in any district school shall be immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities.

Notification and Complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of homeless students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622.

Any complaint that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of homeless students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 or 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Exhibit

Education For Homeless Children

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Instruction

Exhibit 1

DISTRICT EXPLANATION OF DECISION RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY, SCHOOL SELECTION, OR ENROLLMENT

Instructions: The following form provides notice and explanation to a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth regarding the district's decision related to student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment.

Date:	Name of person completing form:	
Title:	Phone number:	
In accordance wit being provided to	th the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, this either:	notification is
Name of parent(s))/guardian(s):	
Name of unaccom	npanied student:	
School requested: District's placeme	ent decision (name of school):	<u> </u>
Action(s) propose	ed/refused by the district related to eligibility, school selection,	or enrollment:
The district's dete the following evic	rmination regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment dence and for the following reasons:	was based upon

Other options that the district considered, if any, included the following options which were

rejected for the following reasons:	
Factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their	
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You have the right to appeal this decision to the district Superintendent. To do district's homeless liaison listed below within the next(insert number of day request a Dispute Form. You may provide written or verbal documentation to su position, and may also seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or se the dispute process. The Superintendent or designee will review all the evidence you of his/her decision within(insert number of days) days.	s) days to apport your ervice providers in
If you are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, you may appeal to the county name) County Office of Education. If you are not satisfied woffice's decision, you may then appeal to the California Department of Educatio homeless liaison can assist you with this appeal.	with the county
CONTACT INFORMATION:	
District Liaison: The district liaison is one of the primary contacts between homeschool or district staff. He/she is responsible for coordinating services to ensure students enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically, and enrollment disputes as needed.	that homeless
Name of district's homeless liaison: Rick Ayala, Director of Pupil Services Address: 710 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas, CA 92024 Phone number: (760) 753-6491	

County Liaison: If you appeal the district's decision to the county office of education, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the homeless liaison at the county office. The county liaison will review the materials and determine the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision within five working days of receiving the materials. He/she will notify you of the decision.

Name of County Office of Education homeless liaison: Susie Terry

San Diego County Office of Education 6401 Linda Vista Road San Diego, CA 92111 (619) 683-9340 Ext. 33030

State Coordinator: If you appeal the county office's decision to the California Department of Education, the county homeless liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the State Homeless Coordinator. The state coordinator will review the district, county office, and parent/guardian information and will notify you of the decision within ten working days of receiving the materials.

Name of state homeless coordinator: Leanne Wheeler California Department of Education 1430 N Street Sacramento,CA 95814 (866) 856-8214

RIGHTS:

Pending the final resolution of this dispute, including the period of all appeals, the student has the right to immediately enroll in the school requested and to participate fully in school activities at that school.

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DISPUTE FORM

Instructions: This form is to be completed by a parent/guardian or student when a dispute regarding enrollment has arisen. As an alternative to completing this form, the information on this form may be shared verbally with the district's liaison for homeless students.

Date submitted:	
Student's name:	
Name of person completing form:	
Relation to student:	
Address:	
Phone number:	
Name of school requested:	

I wish to appeal the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision made by:

District	liaison	District Superintendent	County office of education liaison
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Board Policy

Education For Foster Youth

BP 6173.1 **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that foster youth may face significant barriers to achieving academic success due to their family circumstances, disruption to their educational program, and their emotional, social, and other health needs. To enable such students to achieve state and district academic standards, the Superintendent or designee shall provide them with full access to the district's educational program and implement strategies identified as necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of foster youth in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for foster youth are based on the students' best interests as defined in law and administrative regulation. To that end, he/she shall designate a staff person as the district liaison for foster youth to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth.

The Superintendent or designee and district liaison shall ensure that all appropriate staff, including, but not limited to, each principal, school registrar, and attendance clerk, receive training on the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth and other related rights.

The Board desires to provide foster youth with a safe, positive learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and that promotes students' self-esteem and academic achievement. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to build a foster youth's feeling of connectedness with his/her school, including, but not limited to, strategies that promote positive discipline and conflict resolution, the development of resiliency and interpersonal skills, and the involvement of foster parents, group home administrators, and/or other caretakers in school programs and activities.

To address the needs of foster youth and help ensure the maximum utilization of available funds, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local agencies and officials including, but not limited to, the county placing agency, social services, probation officers, and juvenile court officers. The Superintendent or designee shall explore the feasibility of entering into agreements with these groups to coordinate services and protect the rights of foster youth.

At least annually and in accordance with the established timelines, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the outcomes for foster youth regarding the goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP, including, but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, and suspension/expulsion rates. As necessary, evaluation data shall be used to determine and recommend revisions to the LCAP for improving or increasing services for foster youth.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE

32228-32228.5 Student safety and violence prevention

42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula

42920-42925 Foster children educational services

48645-48646 Juvenile court schools

48850-48859 Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions

48915.5 Suspension and expulsion; students with disabilities, including foster youth

48918.1 Notice of expulsion hearing for foster youth

49061 Student records

49069.5 Foster care students, transfer of records

49076 Access to student records

51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements

51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course

51225.3 High school graduation

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

56055 Rights of foster parents in special education

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1522.41 Training and certification of group home administrators

1529.2 Training of licensed foster parents

120341 Foster youth: school placement: immunization records

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 Children subject to jurisdiction

309 Investigation and release of child

317 Appointment of legal counsel

361 Limitations on parental or guardian control

366.27 Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements

602 Minors violating law; ward of court

726 Limitations on parental or guardian control

727 Order of care, ward of court

16000-16014 Foster care placement

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1415 Procedural safeguards; placement in alternative educational setting

6311 State plan

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

670-679b Federal assistance for foster care programs

11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Foster Youth: Supports for Success, Governance Brief, May 2016

Our Foster Youth: What School Boards Can Do, May 2016

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Foster Youth Education Toolkit, December 2016

CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL

Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations

CITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth, A Community Action Guide

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, Non-Regulatory Guidance, June 2016 WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Alliance for Children's Rights: http://www.kids-alliance.org

California Child Welfare Council: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CAChildWelfareCouncil.aspx California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy

California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office:

http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov

California Foster Youth Education Task Force: http://www.cfyetf.org California Youth Connection: http://www.calyouthconn.org/site/cyc

Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership: http://www.ccspartnership.org

Foster Ed: http://foster-ed.org

National Center for Youth Law: https://youthlaw.org

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Education For Foster Youth

AR 6173.1 **Instruction**

Definitions

Foster youth means a child who has been removed from his/her home pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 309, is the subject of a petition filed under Welfare and Institutions Code 300 or 602, or has been removed from his/her home and is the subject of a petition filed under Welfare and Institutions Code 300 or 602 or is a nonminor who is under the transition jurisdiction of a juvenile court, as described in Welfare and Institutions Code 450, and satisfies the criteria specified in Education Code 42238.01.

Person holding the right to make educational decisions means a responsible adult appointed by a court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 361 or 726.

School of origin means the school that the foster youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which he/she was last enrolled. If the school the foster youth attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which he/she was last enrolled, or if there is another school that the foster youth attended within the preceding 15 months and with which the youth is connected, the district liaison for foster youth shall determine which school is the school of origin. This determination shall be made in consultation with and with the agreement of the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the youth, and shall be based on the best interests of the foster youth.

Best interest means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a foster youth, consideration is given to, among other factors, the proximity to the school at the time of placement, appropriateness of the educational setting, educational stability, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress, and the foster youth's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students.

District Liaison

The Superintendent designates the following position as the district's liaison for foster youth:

Rick Ayala, Director of Pupil Services 710 Encinitas Blvd. Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 753-6491

The liaison for foster youth shall:

1. Ensure and facilitate the proper educational placement, enrollment in school, and checkout

from school of students in foster care

2. Ensure proper transfer of credits, records, and grades when students in foster care transfer from one school to another or from one district to another

When a student in foster care is enrolling in a district school, the liaison shall contact the school last attended by the student to obtain, within two business days, all academic and other records. When a foster youth is transferring to a new school, the liaison shall provide the student's records to the new school within two business days of receiving the new school's request.

- 3. When required by law, notify the foster youth's attorney and the representative of the appropriate county child welfare agency when the foster youth is undergoing any expulsion or other disciplinary proceeding, including a manifestation determination prior to a change in the foster youth's placement when he/she is a student with a disability
- 4. As needed, make appropriate referrals to ensure that students in foster care receive necessary special education services and services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- 5. As needed, ensure that students in foster care receive appropriate school-based services, such as counseling and health services, supplemental instruction, and after-school services
- 6. Develop protocols and procedures for creating awareness for district staff, including principals, school registrars, and attendance clerks, of the requirements for the proper enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth
- 7. Collaborate with the county office of education, county placing agency, county child welfare agency, county probation department, juvenile court, and other appropriate agencies to help coordinate services for the district's foster youth
- 8. Monitor the educational progress of foster youth and provide reports to the Superintendent or designee and the Governing Board based on indicators identified in the district's local control and accountability plan

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor the caseload of the liaison, as well as his/her additional duties outside of the foster youth program, to determine whether adequate time and resources are available to meet the needs of foster youth in the district.

Enrollment

A student placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home within the district shall attend programs operated by the district unless one of the following circumstances applies:

1. The student has an individualized education program requiring placement in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency or in another local educational agency.

- 2. The parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student determines that it is in the best interest of the student to be placed in another education program and submits a written statement to the district indicating that determination and that he/she is aware of the following:
- a. The student has a right to attend a regular public school in the least restrictive environment.
- b. The alternate education program is a special education program, if applicable.
- c. The decision to unilaterally remove the student from the district school and to place him/her in an alternate education program may not be financed by the district.
- d. Any attempt to seek reimbursement for the alternate education program may be at the expense of the parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student.
- 3. At the initial placement or any subsequent change in placement, the student exercises his/her right to continue in his/her school of origin, as defined above.
- a. The student may continue in the school of origin for the duration of the court's jurisdiction.
- b. If the court's jurisdiction over a grade K-8 student is terminated prior to the end of a school year, the student may continue in his/her school of origin for the remainder of the school year.
- c. If the court's jurisdiction is terminated while the student is in high school, the student may continue in his/her school of origin until he/she graduates.
- d. If the student is transitioning between school grade levels, he/she shall be allowed to continue in the district of origin in the same attendance area to provide him/her the benefit of matriculating with his/her peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school districts. A student who is transitioning to a middle school or high school shall be allowed to enroll in the school designated for matriculation in another school district.

The district liaison may, in consultation with and with the agreement of the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the youth, recommend that the youth's right to attend the school of origin be waived and he/she be enrolled in any school that students living in the attendance area in which the foster youth resides are eligible to attend. All decisions shall be made in accordance with the foster youth's best interests.

Prior to making any recommendation to move a foster youth from his/her school of origin, the liaison shall provide the youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the youth with a written explanation of the basis for the recommendation and how the recommendation serves the youth's best interests.

The role of the liaison shall be advisory with respect to placement decisions and determination of the school of origin.

If the liaison, in consultation with the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, agrees that the best interests of the youth would be served by his/her transfer to a school other than the school of origin, the principal or designee of the new school shall immediately enroll the foster youth. The foster youth shall be immediately enrolled even if he/she:

- 1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
- 2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
- 3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and medical records, including, but not limited to, immunization records or other documentation

If the foster youth or a person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth disagrees with the liaison's enrollment recommendation, he/she may appeal to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall make a determination within 30 calendar days of receipt of the appeal. Within 30 calendar days of receipt of the Superintendent's decision, the parent/guardian or foster youth may appeal that decision to the Board. The Board shall consider the issue at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board's decision shall be final.

If any dispute arises regarding the request of a foster youth to remain in the school of origin, the youth has the right to remain in the school of origin pending resolution of the dispute.

Transportation

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine how transportation will be provided, arranged, and funded in a cost-effective manner to enable foster youth to remain in their school of origin, for the duration of their time in foster care, when it is in their best interest to do so. Such transportation costs may be paid by either the child welfare agency or the district, or shared by both.

Effect of Absences on Grades

The grades of a student in foster care shall not be lowered for any absence from school that is due to either of the following circumstances:

- 1. A decision by a court or placement agency to change the student's placement, in which case the student's grades shall be calculated as of the date he/she left school
- 2. A verified court appearance or related court-ordered activity

Transfer of Coursework and Credits

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When a foster youth transfers into a district school, the district shall accept and issue full credit for any coursework that the foster youth has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and shall not require the foster youth to retake the course.

If the foster youth did not complete the entire course, he/she shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall be required to take the portion of the course that he/she did not complete at his/her previous school. However, the district may require the foster youth to retake the portion of the course completed if, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the foster youth, the district finds that the foster youth is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a foster youth in any particular course, he/she shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that he/she may continue and complete the entire course.

Partial credits shall be awarded on the basis of 0.5 credits for every seven class periods attended per subject. If the school is on a block schedule, each block schedule class period attended shall be equal to two regular class periods per subject. Partial credits and grades earned by a student shall be included on the student's official transcript within two business days of the district's notification of the student's transfer, as required under Education Code 49069.5.

In no event shall the district prevent a foster youth from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, a foster youth shall complete all courses required by Education Code 51225.3 and fulfill any additional graduation requirements prescribed by the Board.

However, when a foster youth who has completed his/her second year of high school transfers into the district from another school district or transfers between high schools within the district, he/she shall be exempted from all district-adopted coursework and other district-established graduation requirements, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of his/her fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the foster youth's transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the foster youth, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, and the foster youth's social worker of the availability of the exemption and whether the foster youth qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the student is no longer a foster youth.

To determine whether a foster youth is in his/her third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits the foster youth has earned as of the date of the transfer or the length of his/her school enrollment, whichever qualifies him/her for the exemption.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any foster youth who is granted an exemption and the

person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her how any requirements that are waived will affect the foster youth's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

The district shall not require or request a foster youth to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption and no request for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption shall be made by a foster youth or any person acting on behalf of a foster youth.

If a foster youth is exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall continue to apply after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student while he/she is still enrolled in school or if he/she transfers to another school or school district.

Upon making a finding that a foster youth is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements within his/her fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall:

- 1. Inform the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her of the foster youth's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements and how that will affect his/her ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
- 2. Provide information to the foster youth about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
- 3. Upon agreement with the foster youth or, if he/she is under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, permit the foster youth to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements

Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

A foster youth whose residence changes pursuant to a court order or decision of a child welfare worker shall be immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities.

Notification and Complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of foster youth shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622.

Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of foster youth may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. If the district finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. A complainant not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) and shall receive a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of CDE's receipt of the appeal. If the CDE finds merit

in an appeal, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. (12/13 $\,$ 12/15) $\,$ 10/17

Board Policy

Education Of Children Of Military Families

BP 6173.2

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that children of military families face challenges to their academic success caused by the frequent moves or deployments of their parents/guardians in fulfillment of military service. The district shall provide such students with academic resources, services, and opportunities for extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students.

The Superintendent or designee may waive district policies or rules when necessary to facilitate the enrollment, placement, advancement, eligibility for extracurricular activities, or on-time graduation of children of military families, in accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children as ratified in Education Code 49700-49704.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information and/or training to administrators, other appropriate district staff, and military families regarding the provisions of the Interstate Compact and the educational rights of children of military families.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians, school liaison officers from military installations, and/or other agencies within and outside the state to facilitate the transition of children of military families into and out of the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board and the public on the educational outcomes of children of military families. Such reports may include, but are not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade levels, and graduation rates.

Legal Reference:

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- 35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation
- 35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia
- 35181 Students' responsibilities
- 35351 Assignment of students to particular schools
- 46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements
- 48050-48054 Nonresidents
- 48200-48208 Persons included (compulsory education law)
- 48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program
- 49700-49704 Education of children of military families
- 51225.2 Course credits
- 51225.3 Requirements for graduation
- 51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
- 51250-51251 School-age military dependents
- 66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10

101 Definitions

1209 Transfer to inactive status list instead of separation

1211 Members on temporary disability retired list: return to active duty; promotion

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6311 State plan

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Management Resources:

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Administrative Regulation

Education Of Children Of Military Families

AR 6173.2 **Instruction**

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Education For Juvenile Court School Students

AR 6173.3

Instruction

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Board Policy

Education For English Learners

BP 6174

Instruction

Retaining current SDUHSD policy as attached.

Administrative Regulation

Education For English Learners

AR 6174

Instruction

Retaining current SDUHSD administrative regulation as attached.

Board Policy

Migrant Education Program

BP 6175

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive program for migrant students that attempts to mitigate the impact of educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, health-related problems, and other factors that may inhibit their ability to succeed in school. The district shall make use of available funds to provide supplementary services for migrant students.

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the regional migrant service center in outreach and identification of eligible migrant students and in the provision of migrant education services. The Superintendent or designee shall also coordinate migrant education services with other programs within the district and with other public agencies that serve migrant workers and their families.

The district shall give first priority for services to migrant students who are failing, or are most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards or have dropped out of school.

The district shall provide services to eligible private school students residing within the district on an equitable basis with participating public school students.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each migrant student is placed at the appropriate grade level upon enrollment and is provided services in accordance with an individual needs assessment and learning plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board regarding student performance on statewide assessments of core academic subjects and English language development, as appropriate, for students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the alignment of district services with the needs of students as identified in student needs assessments conducted pursuant to Education Code 54443.1. As necessary, the Board shall seek technical assistance from the migrant education regional service center and/or make changes in the services provided by the district in order to improve student achievement.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200 Educational equity

220 Prohibition against discrimination

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements

51225.3 High school graduation, course requirements

54440-54445 Migrant education program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 Application of uniform complaint procedures

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Title I state plan

6381-6381k Even Start family literacy program

6391-6399 Education of migrant students

7881 Services for private school students

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

200.81-200.89 Migrant education program

Management Resources:

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Administrative Regulation

Migrant Education Program

AR 6175 **Instruction**

Eligibility

Students age 3 to 21 years shall be eligible for the district's migrant education program if they, their parents/guardians, or their spouses are migratory agricultural workers or fishers who, in the preceding 36 months, moved into the district due to economic necessity and engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in agriculture or fishing. If such employment was not secured soon after the move, students may be considered migrant students if they, their parents/guardians, or their spouses actively sought such new employment and have a recent history of moves for temporary or seasonal agricultural or fishing employment.

A student who ceases to be a migrant student during a school term shall be eligible for services until the end of the term. If comparable services are not available through other programs, a student who is no longer migratory may continue to receive services for one additional school year. Students who were eligible for services in secondary school may continue to be served through credit accrual programs until graduation.

Student Records

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records documenting the eligibility of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. However, the district shall not collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members for the purpose of determining eligibility for migrant education services.

The Superintendent or designee shall acquire education and health records from migrant students' previous school districts, as appropriate.

When a migrant student transfers to another district, the student's records shall be provided to the receiving district upon request at no cost in order to assist that district in meeting the needs of the student.

Program Components

The migrant education program shall include all of the following components:

- 1. A general needs assessment summarizing the needs of the population to be served
- 2. A comprehensive program to meet the educational, health, and related needs of participating students which supplements the district program and includes, but is not limited to:
- a. Instructional services, including academic, remedial and compensatory,

bilingual-crosscultural, and career technical instruction

- b. Counseling and career education services
- c. Preschool services in accordance with Education Code 54443
- d. Other educational services that are not otherwise available in sufficient quantity or quality to eligible migrant students
- e. The acquisition of instructional materials and equipment necessary to adequately provide the appropriate services
- f. Other related services to meet the special needs of eligible migrant students to enable them to participate effectively in instructional services
- g. The coordination and teaming of existing resources serving migrant students, such as bilingual-crosscultural education, health screening, and compensatory education
- 3. Individual assessment of the educational and relevant health needs of each participating student, within 30 days of enrollment, including assessments concurrently provided pursuant to compensatory education, bilingual-crosscultural education, school improvement programs, and other programs serving the student
- 4. A brief individual learning plan listing the services to be provided to each student, which shall be given to the parent/guardian in writing or at a parent/guardian conference, annually and when the student moves to a new district
- 5. Staffing and staff development plans and practices to meet the needs of students and implement the program
- 6. Parent/guardian and community involvement as specified in Education Code 54444.2, including, but not necessarily limited to, the establishment of a parent/guardian advisory council to actively involve parents/guardians in planning, operating, and evaluating the district's migrant education program

The migrant education program shall provide for the same opportunities for parent/guardian involvement that are provided to parents/guardians for federal Title I programs.

7. Evaluations which include annual student progress and overall program effectiveness and quality control reports

Contingent upon funding, the district shall provide home-based and/or school-based family literacy services to migrant families to enhance literacy levels, parenting skills, and English language skills of parents/guardians.

Summer School

The district shall conduct summer school program(s) for eligible migrant students. The summer school program shall respond to the individual needs of participating students and shall build on and be consistent with the instructional programs offered to these students during the regular school year. Coursework shall be of the same level of difficulty in each subject as that provided to students enrolled in regular classes of instruction within the district in the preceding year.

Teachers in the summer school program shall have cultural training or background and understanding of the special needs of migrant students and possess the proper credential for the subjects and grade levels to which they are assigned.

The program shall comply with the following requirements for instructional time:

1. For kindergarten class, a minimum of 180 minutes per day, including recesses, for not less than 20 instructional days

- 2. For grades 47-8, a minimum of 200 minutes per day, including recesses and passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 20 instructional days
- 3. For grades 7-12, a minimum of 240 minutes per day, including passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 30 instructional days

When district facilities that are suitable for the summer climate are available, the district shall make facilities available at cost to other agencies that request facilities for the operation of migrant summer school programs. When approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the district may jointly offer facilities with a neighboring district to meet the needs of the migrant summer school program for the entire area.

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, migrant students shall complete all courses required by Education Code 51225.3 and shall generally fulfill any additional graduation requirements prescribed by the Board.

However, when a migrant student who has completed the second year of high school transfers into the district or transfers between high schools within the district, the student shall be exempted from all district-adopted coursework and other district-established graduation requirements, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and the student's parent/guardian of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the student no longer meets the definition of a migrant student.

To determine whether a migrant student is in the third or fourth year of high school, the district

shall use either the number of credits the student has earned as of the date of the transfer or the length of school enrollment, whichever qualifies the student for the exemption.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any migrant student who is granted an exemption and the student's parent/guardian how any requirements that are waived will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

The district shall not require or request a migrant student to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption, and no request for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption shall be made by a migrant student or parent/guardian.

If a migrant student is exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall continue to apply after the student no longer meets the definition of a migrant student if the student is still enrolled in school or transfers to another school or district.

Upon making a finding that a migrant student is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall:

- 1. Inform the student and parent/guardian of the student's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements and how that will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
- 2. Provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
- 3. Upon agreement with the student or parent/guardian, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements

Parent Advisory Council

The parent advisory council shall be comprised of members who are knowledgeable of the needs of migrant students and shall be elected by the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. The composition of the council shall be determined by the parents/guardians at a general meeting to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited. The parents/guardians shall be informed, in a language they understand, that they have the sole authority to decide on the composition of the council.

At least two-thirds of the advisory council shall consist of parents/guardians of migrant students.

All parent/guardian candidates for the council shall be nominated by parents/guardians. Nonparent candidates, such as teachers, administrators, other school personnel, or students, shall be nominated by the groups they represent. All other community candidates shall be nominated by the parents/guardians.

The parent/guardian advisory council shall meet at least six times during the year and shall:

- 1. Establish program goals, objectives, and priorities
- 2. Review annual needs assessments, program activities for each school, and individual learning plans
- 3. Advise on the selection, development, and reassignment of migrant education program staff
- 4. Participate actively in planning and negotiating program applications and service agreements
- 5. Perform all other responsibilities required under state and federal laws or regulations

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement a training program for advisory council members to enable them to carry out their responsibilities. The training program shall be developed in consultation with the council and shall include appropriate training materials in a language understandable to each member.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the council, without charge, a copy of all applicable state and federal migrant education statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines, audits, monitoring reports, and evaluations. Upon request, these materials also shall be provided without charge to each member of the council.

Notification and Complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of migrant students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622.

Any complaint that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of migrant students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 or 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Board Policy

Weekend/Saturday Classes

BP 6176

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Summer Learning Programs

BP 6177

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that an extended break from the instructional program may result in significant learning loss, especially among disadvantaged and low-achieving students, and desires to provide opportunities during the summer for students to practice essential skills and make academic progress.

Summer programs offered by the district shall be aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), other applicable district and school plans, and the educational program provided during the school year. When feasible, summer programs shall blend high-quality academic instruction in core curricular and/or elective subjects with recreation, nutrition programs, social and emotional development, and support services that encourage attendance, student engagement in learning, and student wellnesssubjects.

Summer School

The Superintendent or designee, with Board approval, may establish summer school day and/or evening classes.

The district's summer school program may be used to provide supplemental instruction to students needing remediation and/or enrichment in core academic subjects.

As appropriate, priority for enrollment in summer school programs shall be given to district students who:

- 1. Need course credits in order to graduate from high school before the beginning of the next school year
- 2. Have been retained or are at risk of being retained at their grade level
- 3. Demonstrate academic deficiencies in core curriculum areas
- 4. Are in targeted student groups identified in the district's LCAP as needing increased or improved services to succeed in the educational program

OPTION 1:5. The remaining openings shall be offered to other district students on a first-come first-served basis.

OPTION 2: The remaining openings shall be offered to other district students on a lottery basis.

Because summer courses cover extensive instructional content in a relatively short time period,

students who have more than three excused absences or one unexcused absence may not receive eredit for summer session class(es) unless they make up missed work in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.may not miss more than 8 hours of instruction; 8 hours equates to two full days of summer school. Students will be dropped upon the 9th hour of absence, including being tardy more than 15 minutes counting as the 9th hour.

Tardiness is not acceptable. Any student arriving late will be marked tardy. At the third tardy the teacher will send the student to the Summer School Principal on a referral. A student may be dropped from summer school for excessive tardiness on a case-by-case basis. Any student arrival more than 15 minutes late will be counted as absent for that hour and will be charged one hour towards the maximum 8 hours. Less than 15 minutes is a tardy.

Any accumulation of more than 8 hours of absence, including tardies of more than 15 minutes accumulated towards the hourly total, will result in a drop upon the 9^{th} hour.

Sites for summer school programs may be rotated in an effort to make summer school programs more accessible to all students, regardless of residence or regular attendance area, and to accommodate the maintenance needs of district schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on summer school enrollment in the current year and previous year for the program as a whole and disaggregated by grade level, school that the students attend during the regular school year, and student population. In addition, he/she may report on the extent to which students successfully achieved the outcomes established for the program.

Additional Summer Learning Opportunities

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with parents/guardians, city and county agencies, community organizations, child care providers, and/or other interested persons to develop, implement, and build awareness of organized activities that support summer learning.

Strategies to support summer learning may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Providing information to students and parents/guardians about summer reading programs scheduled to be conducted by public libraries or community organizations
- 2. Collaborating with the local parks and recreation agency and/or community organizations to provide day camps, sports programs, or other opportunities for physical education and activity
- 3. Collaborating with workforce development agencies, businesses, and community organizations to provide summer job training opportunities that include an academic component
- 4. Encouraging reading in the home, such as providing lists of recommended reading to students and parents/guardians, establishing a target number of books or pages, and providing prizes for achievement of reading goals

5. Assigning summer vacation homework in core curricular subject(s) for extra credit

6. Conducting occasional, interactive "fun days" during the summer to provide activities related to art, music, science, technology, mathematics, environmental science, multicultural education, debate, or other subjects

7. Arranging opportunities for community service

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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37252-37254.1 Supplemental instruction

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41976.5 Summer school programs, substantially disabled persons or graduating high school seniors

42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula

48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention

51210 Areas of study for elementary schools

51220 Areas of study for grades 1-6

51730-51732 Powers of governing boards (authorization for elementary summer school classes)

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

54444.3 Summer program for migrant students

56345 Extended-year program for special education students

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58806 Summer school apportionments

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Management Resources:

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Summer Matters: http://summermatters2you.net

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Career Technical Education

BP 6178 **Instruction**

Retaining current SDUHSD Policy as attached

Administrative Regulation

Career Technical Education

AR 6178

Instruction

Retaining current SDUHSD administrative regulation as attached.

Board Policy

Work-Based Learning

BP 6178.1

Instruction

Retaining current SDUHSD policy as attached.

Administrative Regulation

Work-Based Learning

AR 6178.1

Instruction

Retaining current SDUHSD administrative regulation as attached.

Regional Occupational Center/Program

BP 6178.2 **Instruction**

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Supplemental Instruction

BP 6179

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that high-quality supplemental instruction can motivate and support students to attain grade-level academic standards, overcome academic deficiencies, and/or acquire critical skills. The district shall offer programs of direct, systematic, and intensive supplemental instruction to meet student needs. Supplemental instruction shall be offered in accordance with law and may be used to assist the district in meeting its goals for student achievement.

Supplemental instruction may be offered during and outside the regular school day, including during the summer, before school, after school, on Saturday, and/or during intersessions. When supplemental instruction is offered during the regular school day, it shall not supplant the student's instruction in the core curriculum areas or physical education.

As appropriate, supplemental instruction may be provided through a classroom setting, individual or small group instruction, technology-based instruction, and/or an arrangement with a community or other external service provider.

When determined to be necessary by the principal or designee, a student may be required to participate in supplemental instruction outside the regular school day. In such cases, written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained for the student's participation.

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to students in grades 27-9 who have been retained or recommended for retention at their current grade level.

The district shall offer alternative supports designed to increase the academic achievement of socioeconomically disadvantaged students attending schools identified by the California Department of Education for program improvement for two or more consecutive years.

In addition, supplemental instruction may be offered to:

- 1. Students who are identified as being at risk for retention based on state assessment results,
- 2. Students who demonstrate academic deficiencies that may jeopardize their attainment of academic standards
- 3. High school students who need support to successfully complete courses required for graduation

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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37252-37254.1 Supplemental instruction, summer school

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48200 Compulsory education

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Alternative Schools/Programs Of Choice

BP 6181 **Instruction**

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Alternative Schools/Programs Of Choice

AR 6181

Instruction

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Home And Hospital Instruction

AR 6183

Instruction

A student with a temporary disability which makes school attendance impossible or inadvisable shall be entitled to receive individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals.

Temporary disability means a physical, mental, or emotional disability incurred while a student is enrolled in regular day classes or an alternative education program, and after which the student can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or the alternative education program in which the student is enrolled. Temporary disability does not include a disability that would qualify a student for special education pursuant to Education Code 56026.

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of district students regarding:

- 1. The availability of individual instruction for any student with a temporary disability, including information regarding student eligibility for, and the duration of, individual instruction
- 2. The rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians of any student with a temporary disability pursuant to Education Code 48207 and 48208

Parents/guardians shall notify the principal or designee when their child is temporarily disabled and needs individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility.

Determination of Student Eligibility

Not later than five working days after receiving notification from a parent/guardian that a student has a temporary disability, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether the student will be able to receive individual instruction at home or in a hospital or residential health facility.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification through any reasonable means that the student is temporarily disabled and needs individual instruction.

Provision of Individual Instruction

Individual instruction at a student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility shall begin no later than five working days after the Superintendent or designee makes the determination that the student is eligible to receive individual instruction.

The district shall be responsible for providing individual instruction to any temporarily disabled student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within district boundaries, whether or not the student is enrolled in the district. If the student is enrolled in another district, the Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement to have the student's district of residence

provide the individual instruction. The Superintendent or designee may also enter into an agreement to provide individual instruction to a district student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within the boundaries of another district.

Whenever the district provides individual instruction to a non-district student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days of the beginning of the individual instruction, provide written notification to the student's district of residence that, effective on the date on which individual instruction began, the district of residence may not count the student for purposes of computing that district's average daily attendance.

A student receiving individual instruction in a hospital or residential health facility for a partial week shall be entitled to attend school or receive individual instruction at home on days in which the student is not receiving individual instruction in the hospital or other residential health facility, if the student is well enough to do so.

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only by teachers with valid California teaching credentials who consent to the assignment.

Insofar as possible, the teacher providing home or hospital instruction shall consult with the student's current classroom teacher(s) so as to provide a continuity of instruction that enables the student to stay abreast with the regular school program.

The district's attendance supervisor shall ensure that the absences of any temporarily disabled student receiving individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility are excused until the student is able to return to the regular school program.

Return to School

A student receiving individual instruction who is well enough to return to school shall be allowed to return to the school that the student attended immediately before receiving individual instruction, if the return occurs during the school year in which the individual instruction was initiated.

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Continuation Education

BP 6184
Instruction

The Governing Board shall provide a continuation education program as an option for at-risk students who may need a flexible educational environment. The continuation education program shall be designed to meet the educational needs of each student, provide an opportunity for participating students to complete the required course of instruction necessary to graduate from high school, emphasize occupational orientation or a work study schedule, and offer intensive guidance services.

The continuation education program shall be aligned with the goals identified in the district's local control and accountability plan, designed and implemented in collaboration with other high schools within the district, and coordinated with other educational options available to district students.

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a director of continuation education who shall be responsible for the organization and administration of the district's continuation education program and guidance, placement, and follow-up services for participating students.

The continuation high school shall be conducted for not less than 175-180 days during a school year. The Board may maintain continuation classes during the district's regular school hours, during special school hours for these classes established by the Board, or during such hours and for such length of time during the day or evening that adult education classes are maintained.

Students eligible for continuation education classes shall be age 16 or 17 years at the time of their enrollment and shall not have graduated from high school.

A student may be involuntarily transferred into a continuation education program in accordance with law and administrative regulation.

With the consent of the Superintendent or designee, a student may voluntarily enroll in continuation classes in order to receive special attention such as individualized instruction.

Priority for voluntary enrollment in continuation classes shall be given to students who need credit recovery in order to graduate with their peers and to students who, due to employment, pregnancy, parenting responsibilities, or other circumstances, are unable to attend a comprehensive high school. A student with a disability shall be admitted only if his/her individualized education program specifically states that a continuation high school setting meets his/her needs.

Enrollment criteria shall be applied consistently throughout the district.

Students may be enrolled in a regional occupational center or program within the county in lieu of, or in combination with, continuation education.

Students otherwise subject to compulsory attendance in continuation education classes may be exempted if they meet any of the conditions specified in Education Code 48410 and AR 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of district continuation education programs and report these evaluation results to the Board. Indicators may include, but not be limited to, disaggregated data on student enrollment, student assessment results, and graduation rates.

Legal Reference:

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46170 Minimum school day for continuation schools and classes

48400-48454 Compulsory continuation education, especially:

48400 Weekly minimum attendance requirement

48402 Minors not regularly employed

48410-48416 Compulsory continuation education

48430-48438 Continuation classes

48450-48454 Violation

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48900.5 Student discipline

48903 Limitations on days of suspension

51224-51225.3 Courses of study

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7000-7002 Emancipation of minors law

7050 Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult

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Administrative Regulation

Continuation Education

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Program Components

The district's continuation education program shall include the following components:

- 1. Curriculum that prepares students to meet the course requirements for graduation prescribed in Education Code 51224-51225.3
- 2. A plan to coordinate instruction and training in the continuation education program with students' parents/guardians, employment, and other agencies
- 3. Instruction based on individual student needs as determined by counseling and coordination services
- 4. Personal guidance in matters affecting students' personal, social, and educational adjustment
- 5. Occupational guidance to prepare students for future employment opportunities
- 6. Placement in suitable employment whenever students can benefit from such employment, and follow-up visitations at places of employment to determine the effectiveness of the guidance and placement services—
- 76. Regular home contacts and parent conferences when students are not succeeding in the continuation program
- 8. Regular contacts with students enrolled for only four hours per week and all students suspended from continuation education, with the intent of eventually returning them to the full-time continuation education program
- 9. Regular communication with all parents/guardians regarding their child's progress in the educational program
- 107. Opportunities for parent/guardian and community involvement in school activities and program planning
- 418. Student support services that may include, but are not limited to, academic support services, health services or referrals, child care and development services for the children of enrolled students, and/or prevention and intervention services for alcohol or substance abuse
- 129. Professional development that includes opportunities for teachers to continually improve

their instructional and classroom management skills

1310. Efforts to ensure school safety and promote a positive school climate

Involuntary Transfer

A decision to transfer a student involuntarily into continuation education classes shall be based on a finding that the student meets either of the following conditions:

- 1. The student committed an act enumerated in Education Code 48900.
- 2. The student has been habitually truant or irregular in attendance from instruction he/she is lawfully required to attend.

Involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall be made only when other means fail to bring about student improvement. However, a student may be involuntarily transferred the first time he/she commits an act enumerated in Education Code 48900 if the principal determines that the student's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process.

Prior to an involuntary transfer, the student and parent/guardian shall be given written notice that they may request a meeting with the Superintendent or designee.

At the meeting, the student or parent/guardian shall be informed of the specific facts and reasons for the proposed transfer. The student or parent/guardian shall have the opportunity to inspect all documents relied upon, question any evidence and witnesses presented, and present evidence on the student's behalf. The student may designate one or more representatives and witnesses to be present with him/her at the meeting.

A written decision to transfer, stating the facts and reasons for the decision, shall be sent to the student and parent/guardian. It shall indicate whether the decision is subject to periodic review and the procedure for such review.

The persons making the final decision for involuntary transfer shall not be members of the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled at the time.

No involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall extend beyond the end of the semester following the semester when the acts leading to the involuntary transfer occurred.

Voluntary Enrollment

As space permits, students who meet the eligibility criteria specified in Board policy may voluntarily enroll in a continuation school. A student may be considered for placement in the continuation school whenever his/her parent/guardian submits a written request to the Superintendent or designee or the student is referred by a counselor or school administrator.

Approval of a student's voluntary transfer shall be based on a finding that the placement will promote the educational interests of the student.

Voluntary enrollment shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. A student's voluntary placement in continuation education shall not be used as an alternative to expulsion unless alternative means of correction have been attempted pursuant to Education Code 48900.5.
- 2. The district shall strive to ensure that no specific group of students, including a group based on race, ethnicity, language status, or special needs, is disproportionately enrolled in continuation education within the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review disaggregated student enrollment data and report such data to the Governing Board. If it is determined that one or more student groups are enrolled in continuation education at a significantly higher level than their proportional enrollment in the district, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a review of enrollment criteria and procedures to determine the reason for the disproportionate enrollment.

- 3. A copy of this administrative regulation and accompanying Board policy shall be **provided** *available* to a student whose voluntary transfer to a continuation school is under consideration and to his/her parent/guardian.
- 4. Before a student is transferred and upon request by his/her parent/guardian, the parent/guardian may meet with a counselor, principal, or administrator from both the school that the student is currently attending and the continuation school to determine if transferring is the best option for the student.
- 5. To the extent possible, voluntary transfer to a continuation school shall occur within the first four weeks of each semester.
- 6. A student who is voluntarily enrolled in continuation education may return to the regular high school at the beginning of the following school yearsemester, or at any other time with the consent of the Superintendent or designee.

Intake and Orientation

Upon voluntary or involuntary transfer to a continuation education program, an intake meeting shall be conducted with each student and his/her parent/guardian. At this meeting, the principal or counselor shall provide information about each course and number of credits that the student needs to complete in order to graduate and shall develop an individualized academic plan for the student. The student, and his/her parent/guardian as appropriate, shall sign a contract indicating their commitment to these objectives.

In addition, at the beginning of each school year, the district coordinator for continuation education, school counselor(s), or other designee(s) shall provide an orientation session for all

incoming students and their parents/guardians in order to help them understand the credit recovery process and establish expectations for student conduct and participation. As appropriate, extended orientation sessions may be provided to assist students in developing academic, social, communication, anger management, or other skills necessary to success in school.

Minimum Attendance Requirement

In continuation high schools and classes, a day of attendance shall be at least 180 minutes.

Each student shall attend classes for not less than 15 hours per week. However, if a student gives satisfactory proof of regular employment, he/she may attend classes for not less than four hours per week for the regular school term. These requirements may be met by any combination of attendance in a continuation education class and/or regional occupational center or program.

Leaves of Absence

A student enrolled in compulsory continuation education classes may take a leave of absence for up to two semesters for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Reenrollment

Any person age 16 or 17 years who terminated his/her enrollment in continuation school after obtaining a certificate of proficiency may reenroll in the district once without prejudice. If the student leaves a second time, the Superintendent or designee may deny reenrollment until the beginning of the next semester.

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Community Day School

BP 6185 **Instruction**

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Community Day School

AR 6185

Instruction

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

Evaluation Of The Instructional Program

BP 6190

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that it is accountable to students, parents/guardians, and the community for the effectiveness of the district's educational program in meeting district goals for student learning. The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a continual evaluation of the curriculum and the instructional program in order to identify strategies for improving student achievement.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board and the community with regular reports on student achievement. The reports shall include data for each district school and for each numerically significant student subgroup, as defined in Education Code 52052, including, but not limited to, school and subgroup performance on statewide achievement indicators and progress toward goals specified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an evaluation of any new instructional program implemented in the district and shall regularly assess district progress toward increasing student achievement in all subject areas taught in the district. The findings of such evaluations and assessments shall be reported to the Board.

Based on these reports, the Board shall take appropriate actions to maintain the effectiveness of programs and to improve the quality of education provided to district students.

Annual Evaluation of Consolidated Application Programs

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall annually determine whether the district's categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application are effective in meeting the needs of the students they are intended to serve. As a basis for this evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the specific, measurable criteria that shall be used at each school and at the district level. These criteria may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the progress of all students participating in the program and of each numerically significant subgroup toward goals contained in the district's LCAP, the school's single plan for student achievement, and/or other applicable district or school plans.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation

The Board believes that accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) can foster excellence and ongoing academic improvement in the district's schools. The results of the accreditation process also may demonstrate to parents/guardians and the community that the schools are meeting their goals and objectives and the WASC criteria for school effectiveness through a viable instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall undertake procedures whereby district schools may achieve

and maintain full WASC accreditation status. The schools shall conduct a self-study in accordance with WASC requirements, cooperate with the WASC committee during a site visit, and develop and review action plans to increase the effectiveness of the instructional program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board on the status of district schools and any WASC recommendations for school improvement.

Not later than 60 days after receiving the results of an inspection of a school by WASC or any other accrediting agency, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in writing of the inspection results and/or shall post the information on the district's or school's web site.

If any district school loses its accreditation status, the Board shall give official notice at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to each parent/guardian of a student in the school that the school has lost its accreditation status, including the potential consequences of the loss of accreditation status. This notice shall also be posted on the district's web site and the school's web site.

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Adult Education

BP 6200 Instruction

Policy not recommended for adoption.

Administrative Regulation

Adult Education

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Instruction

Administrative regulation not recommended for adoption.

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TITLE I PROGRAMS

The Governing Board desires to provide a high-quality education that enables all students to meet challenging state academic standards. In schools with a large number or percentage of economically disadvantaged families, the district shall use Title I funds to provide services that strengthen the academic program and provide support to students at risk of failing to achieve academic standards.

Title I funds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, funds available from state and local sources for the education of students participating in Title I programs.

Descriptions of how the district will address the required components of the Title I local educational agency plan, as specified in 20 USC <u>6312</u>, shall be included within the district's control and accountability plan (LCAP), the LCAP Federal Addendum, or another document. School-level strategies shall be aligned with the district's plan and be tailored to the specific needs of the students at the school.

In addition, the district and each school receiving Title I funds shall develop a written parent/guardian and family engagement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Comparability of Services

In schools receiving Title I funds, state and local funds shall be used to provide services that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services in schools that are not receiving Title I funds or, if all district schools are receiving Title I funds, that are substantially comparable in each school. Comparability may be determined on a school-by-school basis or by grade span.

To demonstrate comparability of services among district schools, the district shall:

- 1. Adopt and implement a districtwide salary schedule
- 2. Ensure equivalence in teachers, administrators, and other staff, as measured by either or both of the following:
 - a. The ratio of students to instructional staff at each Title I school within a grade span, which shall not exceed 110 percent of the average ratio for all non-Title I district schools within that grade span
 - b. Salary expenditures for instructional staff at each Title I school, which shall be no less than 90 percent of the average salary expenditure across non-Title I district schools.
- 3. Ensure equivalence in the provision of curriculum materials and instructional supplies, by determining whether the per-student expenditure of state and local funds for curriculum materials and instructional supplies in Title I schools is between 90 and 110 percent of the districtwide average

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4. Determine whether the amount of state and local funds allocated per student for each grade span is between 90 and 110 percent of the per student average for each grade span in non-Title I schools

In determining comparability, the district shall not include staff salary differentials for years of employment. The district also may exclude unpredictable changes in student enrollment or personnel assignments that occur after the beginning of the school year, state and local funds expended for language instruction educational programs, state and local funds expended for the excess costs of providing services to students with disabilities, and supplemental state or local funds expended in any school attendance area or school for programs that specifically meet the intent and purposes of Title I.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually assess comparability in accordance with the above criteria and maintain records documenting the district's compliance. If any instances of noncomparability are identified, the Superintendent or designee shall promptly implement adjustments as needed to ensure comparability.

Participation of Private School Students

The district shall provide or contract to provide special educational services, instructional services (including evaluations to determine the progress being made in meeting students' academic needs), counseling, mentoring, one-on-one tutoring, or other Title I benefits to eligible private school students residing in a participating school attendance area. Such services and benefits shall be provided on an equitable basis in comparison to services and other benefits for public school students.

Program Evaluation

The Board shall regularly monitor the progress of economically disadvantaged and low-achieving students in Title I schools. During the annual evaluation of the district's progress toward achieving each goal identified in the LCAP or other planning document addressing 20 USC 6312, the Board shall review disaggregated data on academic achievement, school attendance, and other outcomes for such students

Legal Reference:

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6311-6322 Improving basic programs for disadvantaged students, including:

6312 Local educational agency plan

6313 Eligibility of schools and school attendance areas; funding allocation

6314 Title I schoolwide programs

6315 Targeted assistance schools

6318 Parent and family engagement

6320 Participation of private school students

6321 Comparability of services

6333-6335 Grants to local educational agencies

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Schoolwide Programs

A school may operate a Title I schoolwide program in order to upgrade the entire educational program of the school when at least 40 percent of the students in the school attendance area, or at least 40 percent of the students enrolled in the school, are from low-income families.

A school that does not meet these criteria may operate a Title I schoolwide program if it receives a waiver from the California Department of Education.

Any school operating a schoolwide program shall develop a comprehensive plan with the involvement of parents/guardians, other members of the community to be served, and individuals who will carry out the plan, including teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals present in the school, administrators (including administrators of other federal education programs), the district, tribes and tribal organizations present in the community, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel, technical assistance providers, school staff, secondary school students as applicable, and other individuals determined by the school.

The schoolwide program plan shall be based on a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school and shall be incorporated into a single plan for student achievement which also incorporates the plans required for other categorical programs included in the state's consolidated application.

The plan shall describe the strategies that the school will implement to address school needs, including a description of how such strategies will:

- 1. Provide opportunities for all students, including economically disadvantaged students, ethnic subgroups, students with disabilities, and English learners, to meet state academic standards
- 2. Use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the school's academic program, increase the amount and quality of learning time, and help provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum, which may include programs, activities, and courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education
- 3. Address the needs of all students in the school, but particularly the needs of those at risk of not meeting state academic standards, through activities which may include the following:
- a. Counseling, school-based mental health programs, specialized instructional support services, mentoring services, and other strategies to improve students' skills outside the academic subject areas
- b. Preparation for and awareness of opportunities for postsecondary education and the workforce, which may include career and technical education programs and broadening secondary school students' access to coursework to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school
- c. Implementation of a schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address problem behavior, and early

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intervention services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

- d. Professional development and other activities for teachers, paraprofessionals, and other school personnel to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments and to recruit and retain effective teachers, particularly in high-need subjects
- e. Strategies for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs

The plan shall also include a description of any applicable federal, state, and local programs that will be consolidated in the schoolwide program.

The plan and its implementation shall be regularly monitored and revised as necessary based on student needs to ensure that all students are provided opportunities to meet state academic standards.

Targeted Assistance Programs

Any school that receives Title I funds but does not operate a schoolwide program shall use Title I funds to provide services to eligible students who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards. Students shall be identified on the basis of multiple, educationally related, objective criteria, except that students in preschool through grade 2 shall be selected solely on the basis of criteria, including objective criteria, established by the district and supplemented by the school.

Eligible students include those who are economically disadvantaged; students with disabilities; migrant students, including those who participated in a migrant education program pursuant to 20 USC 6391-6399 in the preceding two years; English learners; students who participated in a Head Start or state preschool program in the preceding two years; students in a local institution for neglected or delinquent children and youth or attending a community day program for such students; and homeless students.

Any targeted assistance program shall:

- 1. Use program resources to help participating students meet state academic standards, which may include programs, activities, and academic courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education
- 2. Use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the academic program, through activities which may include:
- a. Expanded learning time, before- and after-school programs, and summer programs and opportunities
- b. A schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address behavior problems, and early intervention services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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3. Coordinate with and support the regular education program, which may include services to assist preschool students in the transition to elementary school programs

- 4. Provide professional development to teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel and other school personnel who work with eligible students in Title I programs or in the regular education program. The professional development shall be provided using funds from Title I and, to the extent practicable, other sources.
- 5. Implement strategies to increase the involvement of parents/guardians of participating students
- 6. If appropriate and applicable, coordinate and integrate federal, state, and local services and programs, such as programs supported by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start programs, adult education programs, career technical education programs, and comprehensive or targeted support and improvement activities under 20 USC 6311
- 7. Provide assurances to the Superintendent or designee that the program will:
- a. Help provide an accelerated, high-quality curriculum
- b. Minimize the removal of students from the regular classroom during regular school hours for instruction supported by Title I funds
- c. On an ongoing basis, review the progress of participating students and revise the targeted assistance program, if necessary, to provide additional assistance to enable such students to meet state academic standards

Participation of Private School Students

Teachers and families of participating private school students shall have an opportunity to participate, on an equitable basis, in parent/guardian and family engagement activities and professional development pursuant to 20 USC 6318. (20 USC 6320, 7881)

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall contact officials of private schools with students who reside within district boundaries, regardless of whether the private school they attend is located within the district or whether or not those officials have previously indicated any interest in program participation, and invite them to a meeting to discuss the intent of Title I and the roles of public and private school officials.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with appropriate private school officials, in a meaningful and timely manner, during the design and development of the district's Title I programs, with the goal of reaching agreement on how to provide equitable and effective programs for eligible private school students. Such consultation shall occur before the district makes any decision that affects the opportunities of eligible private school students to participate in Title I programs and shall include

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consultation on issues such as the following:

- 1. How the needs of private school students will be identified
- 2. What services will be offered
- 3. How, where, and by whom the services will be provided
- 4. How the services will be academically assessed and how assessment results will be used to improve those services
- 5. The size and scope of the equitable services to be provided to eligible private school students, the proportion of funds to be allocated for such services, and how that proportion of funds is determined
- 6. The method or sources of data that are used to determine the number of students from low-income families in participating school attendance areas who attend private schools
- 7. How and when the district will make decisions about the delivery of services to such students, including a thorough consideration and analysis of the views of private school officials on the provision of services through a third-party provider
- 8. How, if the district disagrees with the views of private school officials on the provision of services through a third-party provider, the district will provide to private school officials a written analysis of the reasons that the district has chosen not to use a contractor
- 9. Whether the district will provide services directly or through a separate government agency, consortium, entity, or third-party contractor
- 10. Whether to provide services to eligible private school students by pooling funds or on a school-by-school basis
- 11. When services will be provided, including the approximate time of day
- 12. Whether to consolidate and use funds provided under Title I with other funds available for services to private school students

If the district disagrees with the views of private school officials with respect to any of the above issues, the district shall provide the officials, in writing, the reasons that the district disagrees.

Meetings between district and private school officials shall continue throughout implementation and assessment of services.

The district shall maintain, and shall provide to the CDE, a written affirmation signed by officials of each participating private school that consultation has occurred. The affirmation shall provide the option for

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private school officials to indicate their belief that timely and meaningful consultation has not occurred or that the program design is not equitable with respect to private school students. If private school officials do not provide the affirmation within a reasonable period of time, the district shall send documentation to the CDE demonstrating that the consultation has, or attempts at such consultation have, taken place.

The Superintendent or designee shall also maintain copies of program descriptions, notices, funding allocations, and other communications and records pertaining to the provision of services to private school students.

EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The Governing Board intends to provide English learners with challenging curriculum and instruction that maximize the attainment of high levels of proficiency in English, advance multilingual capabilities, and facilitate student achievement in the district's regular course of study.

The district shall identify in its local control and accountability plan (LCAP) goals and specific actions and services to enhance student engagement, academic achievement, and other outcomes for English learners.

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parent/guardian and community involvement in the development and evaluation of programs for English learners.

English learners shall be provided differentiated English language development instruction which is targeted to their English proficiency level, integrated across all subject areas, and aligned with the state content standards. The district's program shall be based on sound instructional theory, use standards-aligned instructional materials, emphasize inquiry-based learning and critical thinking skills, and provide students with access to the full educational program.

No middle or high school student who is an English learner shall be denied enrollment in any of the following:

1. Courses in the core curriculum areas of reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science, courses required to meet state and local high school graduation requirements, or courses required for middle school grade promotion.

However, an English learner may be denied participation in any such course if the student has been enrolled in a school in the United States for less than 12 months or is enrolled in a program designed to develop the basic English skills of newly arrived immigrant students, and the course of study provided to the student is designed to remedy academic deficits incurred during participation and to enable the student to attain parity of participation in the standard instructional program within a reasonable length of time after the student enters the school system.

- 2. A full course load of courses specified in item #1 above
- 3. Other courses that meet the "a-g" course requirements for college admission or are advanced courses such as honors or Advanced Placement courses, on the sole basis of the student's classification as an English learner.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all staff employed to teach English learners possess the appropriate authorization from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The district shall provide effective professional development to teachers (including teachers in classroom settings that are not the settings of language instruction educational programs), administrators, and other school or community-based organization personnel to improve the instruction and assessment of English learners and enhance staff's ability to understand and use curricula,

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assessment, and instructional strategies for English learners. Such professional development shall be of sufficient intensity and duration to produce a positive and lasting impact on teachers' performance in the classroom.

Staff development shall also address the sociocultural needs of English learners and provide opportunities for teachers to engage in supportive, collaborative learning communities.

To support students' English language development, the Superintendent or designee may provide an adult literacy training program that leads to English fluency for parents/guardians and community members.

IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures for the early identification of English learners and an assessment of their proficiency and needs in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. using the state's English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). To oversee test administration, the Superintendent or designee shall annually designate a district ELPAC coordinator and a site coordinator for each test site in accordance with 5 CCR 11518.40-11518.45.

Once identified as an English learner, a student shall be annually assessed for language proficiency until he/she is reclassified based on criteria specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Immigrant students are identified as any student (ages 3 through 21), who were not born in any state in the U.S. and have not attended school in any state in the U.S. for more than three full academic years. If an immigrant student is also identified as an English Learner, he/she shall be annually assessed for language proficiency until he/she is reclassified based on criteria specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

English learners' academic achievement in English language arts, mathematics, science, and any additional subject required by law shall be assessed using the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. As necessary, the test shall be administered with testing variations in accordance with 5 CCR 854.1-854.3. English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending a school in the United States shall be exempted from taking the English language arts assessment to the extent allowed by federal law.

Formative assessments may be utilized to analyze student performance and appropriately adapt teaching methodologies and instructions.

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

The district shall offer research-based language acquisition programs that are designed to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and as effectively as possible and that provide instruction to students on the state-adopted academic content standards, including the English language development standards.

At a minimum, the district shall offer a structured English immersion program which includes designated and integrated English language development. In the structured English immersion program, nearly all

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of the classroom instruction shall be provided in English, but with the curriculum and presentation designed for students who are learning English.

For the purpose of determining the amount of instruction to be conducted in English in the structured English immersion program, "nearly all" means that all classroom instruction shall be conducted in English except for clarification, explanation, and support as needed.

In addition, language acquisition programs offered by the district may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The district may offer a dual-language immersion program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding.
- The district may offer a transitional or developmental program for English learners that provides literacy and academic instruction in English and a student's native language and that enables an English learner to achieve English proficiency and academic mastery of subject matter content and higher order thinking skills, including critical thinking, in order to meet state academic content standards.

In establishing the district's language acquisition programs, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians and the community during the LCAP development process. He/she shall also consult with administrators, teachers, and other personnel with appropriate authorizations and experience in establishing a language acquisition program.

At the beginning of each school year or upon a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be provided information on the types of language acquisition programs available to students enrolled in the district, including, but not limited to, a description of each program, the process to be followed in making a program selection, identification of any language to be taught in addition to English when the program includes instruction in another language, and the process to request establishment of a language acquisition program.

Whenever a student is identified as an English learner based on the results of the ELPAC, the student's pparents/guardians of English learners may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child. To the extent possible, any language acquisition program requested by the parents/guardians of 30 or more students at the school or by the parents/guardians of 20 or more students at any grade level shall be offered by the school.

RECLASSIFICATION

When an English learner is determined based on state and district reclassification criteria to have acquired a reasonable level of English proficiency pursuant to Education Code 313 and 52164.6, or upon request by the student's parent/guardian, the student shall be transferred from a language acquisition program into an English language mainstream classroom.

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PROGRAM EVALUATION

To evaluate the effectiveness of the district's educational program for English learners, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually, regarding:

- 1. Progress of English learners towards proficiency in English
- 2. The number and percentage of English learners reclassified as fluent English proficient
- 3. The number and percentage of English learners who are or are at risk of being classified as long-term English learners in accordance with Education Code 313.1
- 4. The achievement of English learners on standards-based tests in core curricular areas
- 5. For any language acquisition program that includes instruction in a language other than English, student achievement in the non-English language in accordance with 5 CCR 11309
- 6. Progress toward any other goals for English learners identified in the district's LCAP
- 7. A comparison of current data with data from at least the previous year in regard to items #1-6 above
- 8. A comparison of data between the different language acquisition programs offered by the district

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide the Board with regular reports from any district or schoolwide English learner advisory committees.

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Definitions

English learner means a student who is age 3-21 years, who is enrolled or is preparing to enroll in an elementary or secondary school, and whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the student the ability to meet state academic standards, the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English, or the opportunity to participate fully in society. An English learner may include a student who was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English; a student who is Native American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas, who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or a student who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant.

Designated English language development means instruction provided during a time set aside in the regular school day for focused instruction on the state-adopted English language development standards to assist English learners to develop critical English language skills necessary for academic content learning in English.

Integrated English language development means instruction in which the state-adopted English language development standards are used in tandem with the state-adopted academic content standards. Integrated English language development includes specially designed academic instruction in English.

Native speaker of English means a student who has learned and used English in his/her home from early childhood and English has been his/her primary means of concept formation and communication.

Identification and Assessments

Upon enrollment in the district, each student's primary language shall be determined through the use of a home language survey.

Any student who is identified as having a primary language other than English as determined by the home language survey, and who has not previously been identified as an English learner by a California public school or for whom there is no record of results from an administration of an English language proficiency test, shall be initially assessed for English proficiency using the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

Each year after a student is identified as an English learner and until he/she is redesignated as English proficient, the summative assessment of the ELPAC shall be administered to the student during a fourmonth period after January 1 as determined by the California Department of Education.

The ELPAC shall be administered in accordance with test publisher instructions and 5 CCR 11518.5-11518.20. Variations and accommodations in test administration may be provided to English learners pursuant to 5 CCR 11518.30-11518.35. Administration of the ELPAC, including the use of variations and

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accommodations in test administration when authorized, shall be conducted in accordance with test publisher instructions and 5 CCR 11518.5-11518.35.

Any student with a disability who is identified as an English learner shall be allowed to take the assessment with those accommodations for testing that the student has regularly used during instruction and classroom assessment as delineated in the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan. If the student is unable to participate in the assessment or a portion of the assessment even with such accommodations, an alternate assessment for English language proficiency shall be administered to the student as set forth in his/her IEP.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their child's results on the ELPAC within 30 calendar days following receipt of the results from the test contractor. The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their child's results on the ELPAC within 30 calendar days following receipt of the results from the test contractor or, if the results are received from the test contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year, within 15 working days of the start of the next school year.

The parent/guardian of a student participating in, or identified for participation in, a language instruction program supported by federal Title I or Title III funds shall receive notification of the assessment of his/her child's English proficiency. Such notice shall be provided not later than 30 calendar days after the beginning of the school year or, if the student is identified for program participation during the school year, within two weeks of the student's placement in the program. The notice shall include all of the following:

- 1. The reason for the identification of the student as an English learner and the need for placement in a language acquisition program.
- 2. The level of English proficiency, how the level was assessed, and the status of the student's academic achievement.
- 3. A description of the language acquisition program in which the student is, or will be, participating, including a description of all of the following:
 - a. The methods of instruction used in the program and in other available programs, including how such programs differ in content, instructional goals, and the use of English and a native language in instruction.
 - b. The manner in which the program will meet the educational strengths and needs of the student.
 - c. The manner in which the program will help the student develop his/her English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards for grade promotion and graduation.
 - d. The specific exit requirements for the program, the expected rate of transition from the program into classes not tailored for English learners, and the expected rate of graduation from secondary school if applicable.
 - e. Where the student has been identified for special education, the manner in which the program meets the requirements of the student's IEP.

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4. As applicable, the identification of a student as a long-term English learner or at risk of becoming a long-term English learner, as defined in Education Code 313.1, and the manner in which the program for English language development instruction will meet the educational strengths and needs of such students and help such students develop English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards.

- 5. Information about the parent/guardian's right to have the student immediately removed from a program upon the parent/guardian's request.
- 6. Information regarding a parent/guardian's option to decline to enroll the student in the program or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available.
- 7. Information designed to assist a parent/guardian in selecting among available programs, if more than one program or method is offered.

Language Acquisition Programs

Whenever parents/guardians of enrolled students, and those enrolled for attendance in the next school year, request that the district establish a specific language acquisition program in accordance with Education Code 310, such requests shall be addressed through the following process:

- The school shall make a written record of each request, including any request submitted verbally, that includes the date of the request, the names of the parent/guardian and student making the request, a general description of the request, and the student's grade level on the date of the request. As needed, the school shall assist the parent/guardian in clarifying the request. All requests shall be maintained for at least three years from the date of the request.
- 2. The school shall monitor requests on a regular basis and notify the Superintendent or designee when the parents/guardians of at least 30 students enrolled in the school, or at least 20 students in the same grade level, request the same or a substantially similar type of language acquisition program. If the requests are for a multilingual program model, the district shall consider requests from parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school who are native English speakers in determining whether this threshold is reached.
- 3. If the number of parents/guardians described in item #2 is attained, the Superintendent or designee shall:
 - a. Within 10 days of reaching the threshold, notify the parents/guardians of students attending the school, the school's teachers, administrators, and the district's English learner parent advisory committee and parent advisory committee, in writing, of the requests for a language acquisition program.
 - b. Identify costs and resources necessary to implement any new language acquisition program, including, but not limited to, certificated teachers with the appropriate authorizations, necessary instructional materials, pertinent professional development for the proposed program, and opportunities for parent/guardian and community engagement to support the proposed program goals.
 - c. Within 60 calendar days of reaching the threshold number of parents/guardians described in item #2 above, determine whether it is possible to implement the requested language

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acquisition program and provide written notice of the determination to parents/guardians of students attending the school, the school's teachers, and administrators.

d. If a determination is made to implement the language acquisition program, create and publish a reasonable timeline of actions necessary to implement the program. If a determination is made that it is not possible to implement the program, provide a written explanation of the reason(s) the program cannot be provided.

The district shall notify parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year or upon the student's enrollment regarding the process to request a language acquisition program, including a dual-language immersion program, for their child. The notice shall also include the following:

- 1. A description of the programs provided, including structured English immersion.
- 2. Identification of any language to be taught in addition to English when the program includes instruction in a language other than English.
- 3. The manner in which the program is designed using evidence-based research and includes both designated and integrated English language development.
- 4. The manner in which the district has allocated sufficient resources to effectively implement the program, including, but not limited to, certificated teachers with the appropriate authorizations, necessary instructional materials, pertinent professional development, and opportunities for parent/guardian and community engagement to support the program goals.
- 5. The manner in which the program will, within a reasonable period of time, lead to language proficiency and achievement of the state-adopted content standards in English and, when the program includes instruction in another language, in that other language.
- 6. The process to request establishment of a language acquisition program not offered at the school.
- 7. For any dual-language immersion program offered, the specific languages to be taught. The notice also may include the program goals, methodology used, and evidence of the proposed program's effectiveness.

Reclassification/Redesignation

The district shall continue to provide additional and appropriate educational services to English learners for the purposes of overcoming language barriers until they:

- 1. Demonstrate English language proficiency comparable to that of the district's average native English language speakers.
- 2. Recoup any academic deficits which may have been incurred in other areas of the core curriculum as a result of language barriers.

English learners shall be reclassified as fluent English proficient when they are able to comprehend, speak, read, and write English well enough to receive instruction in an English language mainstream classroom and make academic progress at a level substantially equivalent to that of students of the same age or grade whose primary language is English and who are in the regular course of study.

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The measures used to determine whether an English learner shall be reclassified as fluent English proficient shall include, but not be limited to:

- 1. Assessment of English language proficiency using an objective assessment instrument, including, but not limited to, the ELPAC. Students must score within "Well Developed" range on the ELPAC.
- 2. Participation of the student's classroom teacher and any other certificated staff with direct responsibility for teaching or placement decisions related to the student. Teachers must provide satisfactory feedback on student performance. The student must earn a grade of C or higher in all core content area classes as evidenced by final semester grades.
- 3. Parent/guardian opinion and consultation.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian with notice and a description of the reclassification process and of his/her opportunity to participate in the process and shall encourage his/her involvement in the process.

4. Student performance on an objective assessment of basic skills in English that shows whether the student is performing at or near grade level. Student must score within the "Standard Met" to "Standard Exceeded" range on the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) in English Language Arts. Those students who do not have a current SBAC score, must demonstrate grade level proficiency on the Reading Inventory assessment as well as the District Writing Benchmark assessment.

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the progress of reclassified students to ensure their correct classification and placement.

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students for at least four years following their reclassification to determine whether the student needs any additional academic support.

Advisory Committee

A parent/guardian advisory committee shall be established at the district level when there are more than 50 English learners in the district and at the school level when there are more than 20 English learners at the school. Parents/guardians of English learners shall constitute committee membership in at least the same percentage as English learners represent of the total number of students in the school.

The district's English language advisory committee shall advise the Governing Board on at least the following tasks:

- 1. The development of a plan for education programs and services for English learners, taking into consideration the school site plans for English learners.
- 2. The districtwide needs assessment on a school-by-school basis.
- 3. Establishment of a district program, goals, and objectives for programs and services for English learners.
- 4. Development of a plan to ensure compliance with applicable teacher or aide requirements.
- 5. Administration of the annual language census.

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6. Review of and comment on the district's reclassification procedures.

In order to assist the advisory committee in carrying out its responsibilities, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that committee members receive appropriate training and materials. This training shall be planned in full consultation with the members.

Lcap Advisory Committee

When there are at least 15 percent English learners in the district, with at least 50 students who are English learners, a district-level English learner parent advisory committee shall be established to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) in accordance with BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners.

The advisory committee established pursuant to 5 CCR 11308, as described in the section "Advisory Committee" above, could serve as the LCAP English learner advisory committee if its composition includes a majority of parents/guardians of English learners.

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CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive career technical education (CTE) program in grades 7-12 which integrates core academic instruction with technical and occupational instruction in order to increase student achievement, graduation rates, and readiness for postsecondary education and employment. The district's CTE program shall be designed to help students develop the academic, career, and technical skills needed to succeed in a knowledge- and skills-based economy. The program shall include a rigorous academic component and provide students with a strong experience and understanding of all aspects of an industry.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore available funding sources that may be used to support CTE programs.

The Board shall review and approve all district plans and applications for the use of state and/or federal funds supporting CTE.

The Board shall adopt district standards for CTE which meet or exceed the state's model content standards and describe the essential knowledge and skills that students enrolled in these courses are expected to master. The course curriculum shall be aligned with district-adopted standards and the state's curriculum framework.

At least every three years, the Board shall compare the district's curriculum, course content, and course sequence of CTE with the model state curriculum standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall systematically review the district's CTE courses to determine the degree to which each course may offer an alternative means for completing and receiving credit for specific portions of the course of study prescribed by the district for high school graduation. The Board shall ensure that these classes are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses prescribed for graduation.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop partnerships with local businesses and industries to ensure that course sequences, career technical and integrated curriculum, classroom instruction and projects, and assessments have real-world relevance and reflect labor market needs and priorities. He/she also shall work to develop connections with businesses, postsecondary institutions, community organizations, and/or other employers to provide students with actual or simulated work-based learning opportunities.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with postsecondary institutions to ensure that the district's program is articulated with postsecondary programs in order to provide a sequential course of study. Articulation opportunities may include dual or concurrent enrollment in community college courses.

The Board shall appoint a CTE advisory committee to develop recommendations on the district's CTE program and to serve as a liaison between the district and potential employers. The committee shall consist of at least one student, teacher, business representative, industry representative, school administrator, member of the general public knowledgeable about the disadvantaged, and representative of the field office of the California Employment Development Department.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform all secondary students and their parents/guardians about the CTE experiences available in the district, CTE courses that satisfy college admission criteria, and, if applicable, CTE courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements. In addition, secondary students shall receive individualized career guidance and academic counseling which provides information about academic and CTE opportunities related to the student's career goals.

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Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall advise students, parents/guardians, employees, and the general public that all CTE opportunities are offered without regard to any actual or perceived characteristic protected from discrimination by law. The notification shall be disseminated in languages other than English as needed and shall state that the district will take steps to ensure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the district's CTE program.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers of CTE courses possess the qualifications and credentials necessary to teach their assigned courses. He/she also shall provide teachers and administrators with professional development designed to enhance their knowledge of standards-aligned CTE and shall provide opportunities for CTE teachers to collaborate with teachers of academic courses in the development and implementation of integrated curriculum models.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide counselors and other guidance personnel with professional development that includes, but is not limited to, information about current workforce needs and trends, requirements of the district's CTE program, work-based learning opportunities, and postsecondary education and employment options following high school.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess district needs for facilities, technologies, and equipment to increase students' access to the district's CTE program.

NONDISCRIMINATION

The district's program shall provide equal access to and shall not unlawfully discriminate against students who are members of special populations. Special populations include, but are not limited to, students with disabilities; students from economically disadvantaged families, including foster youth; single parents and single pregnant females; displaced homemakers; students with limited English proficiency; and students preparing for nontraditional fields. Nontraditional fields include occupations or fields of work, including careers in computer science, technology, and other emerging high skill occupations, for which individuals from one gender constitute less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in each such occupation or field of work.

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall advise students, parents/guardians, employees, and the general public that all CTE opportunities are offered without regard to any actual or perceived characteristic protected from discrimination by law.

The above notification shall be disseminated in languages other than English as needed and shall state that the district will take steps to ensure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the district's CTE program.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board shall appoint a CTE advisory committee to develop recommendations on the district's CTE program and to serve as a liaison between the district and potential employers. The committee shall consist of at least one student, teacher, business representative, industry representative, school administrator, member of the general public knowledgeable about the disadvantaged, and representative of the field office of the California Employment Development Department.

The committee may be expanded to include parents/guardians, representatives of labor organizations, representatives of special populations, and other interested individuals in order to involve them in the

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development, implementation, and evaluation of CTE programs funded through the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Board shall monitor the achievement of students participating in the district's CTE program in order to determine the need for program improvements. The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board and the California Department of Education on program enrollment and completion rates, including enrollment and completion of programs in nontraditional fields as defined in 20 USC 2302; student academic assessment results; attainment of career and technical skill proficiencies; attainment of a high school diploma or equivalent; graduation rates; and subsequent placement in postsecondary education or advanced training, military service, or employment.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board achievement data on participating students, including, but not limited to, the percentage of participating students who successfully complete CTE programs, their performance on state and district academic achievement tests, and graduation rate. Data shall be disaggregated by program and various student subgroups. Based on such data, the Board shall determine the need for program improvements and update the goals in the district's local control and accountability plan as necessary.

EDUCATION CODE

1205 Classification of counties

8006-8155 Career technical education

17078.70-17078.72 Career technical education facilities

33430-33432 Health science and medical technology grants

35168 Inventory of equipment

41540-41544 Targeted instructional improvement block grant

44257.3 CTC recognition of study in linked learning teaching methods

44260-44260.1 Designated subjects career technical education credential

44260.9 Designated subjects career technical education credential

48430 Legislative intent; continuation education schools and classes

48980 Parental notifications

51220-51229 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51760-51769.5 Work experience education

52300-52499.66 Career technical education

52519-52520 Adult education, occupational training

53080-53084 School-to-career initiatives

53086 California Career Resource Network

54690-54699.1 California Partnership Academies

54750-54760 California Partnership Academies, green technology and goods movement occupations

56363 Related services for students with disabilities; specially designed career technical education

66205.5-66205.9 Approval of career technical education courses for admission to California colleges

88500-88551 Community college economic and workforce development program

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 Brown Act

LABOR CODE

3070-3099.5 Apprenticeships

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1635 Credit for work experience education

3051.14 Specially designed career technical education for students with disabilities

10070-10075 Work experience education

10080-10092 Community classrooms

10100-10111 Cooperative vocational education

11500-11508 Regional occupational centers and programs

11535-11538 Career technical education contracts with private postsecondary schools

11610-11611 Regional adult and vocational education councils

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

200-240 Apprenticeships

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2301-2414 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006

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100.B Appendix B Guidelines for eliminating discrimination in career technical education programs

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Model Programs and Practices: Setting Standards for Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCPs), rev. October 2007

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Orientation to Apprenticeships: A Guide for Educators, January 2001

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs: http://www.carocp.org

California Career Resource Network: http://www.californiacareers.info

California Department of Education, Career Technical Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct

California Department of Employment Development: http://www.edd.ca.gov

California Department of Industrial Relations: http://www.dir.ca.gov

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California Workforce Development Board: http://www.cwdb.ca.gov Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov

University of California, a-g Course Submissions: http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course_submissions

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/cte/index.html

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WORK EXPERIENCE **EDUCATION-Based Learning**

The San Dieguito Union High School District sees the importance of Exploratory Work Experience, General Work Experience and Vocational Work Experience as an elective course credit in the District. The Work Experience program provides a link between the world of work in the community and the school district.

Work Experience is a component of modern education for a rapidly changing workplace, which enables students to recognize and develop life skills and attitudes. Labor laws, personal finances, work economics, work behavior, work relationships, leadership and career options are key components studied in this program.

LEGAL REFERENCES

EDUCATION CODE

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51760-51769.5 Work Experience Education 51760.3 Grant of credit; conditions

54729 Work experience education programs (when included in School-based Motivation and

Maintenance Program)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10070-10075 Work Experience Education

Policy Adopted: April 2, 1992 Policy Revised: March 1, 2001

WORK-Based Learning-EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

CRITERIA FOR CREDIT

A student shall be granted credit upon the satisfactory completion of a work experience education program, in an amount not to exceed 40 semester credits and no more than 10 credits in any one semester, provided that the student satisfies all of the following requirements: (Education Code 51760.3)

1. At the time of enrollment, the student is at least 16 years of age.

A student under the age of 16 may receive credit for work experience under one of the following conditions:

- a. The student is enrolled in grade 11 or higher.
- b. The principal certifies that the student is in need of immediate work experience education in order to pursue employment opportunities.
- c. The principal certifies that there is a probability that the student will no longer be enrolled as a full-time student without being provided the opportunity to enroll in a work experience education program.
- d. The student's individualized education program prescribes the type of training for which participation in a work experience education program is deemed appropriate.
- During the course of the student's enrollment in the program, the student receives at least the equivalent of one instructional period per week of related classroom instruction or counseling by a certificated employee. The work experience instruction or counseling shall be offered in sessions scheduled intermittently throughout the semester.
- 3. The work experience education program meets all of the requirements of law.

MINIMUM DAY

The minimum day for students enrolled in a work experience education program shall be four periods totaling at least 180 minutes in duration.

Work Experiences and Related Instruction

The district shall enter into a formal training agreement with each employer to provide one or more of the following paid and unpaid types of on-the-job experiences: (5 CCR 10071)

1. Vocational work experience education which reinforces and extends vocational learning opportunities for students through a combination of related classroom instruction in work

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experience education and supervised paid employment in the occupation for which their vocational course in school prepares them

- General work experience education which has as its purpose the application of basic skills of reading, writing and computation, and which enables students to acquire general and specific occupational skills through a combination of a supervised paid employment in any occupational field and related classroom instruction in work experience education.
- 3. Exploratory work experience education which is non-paid and has as its general purpose the vocational guidance of students by allowing them opportunities to observe and sample systematically a variety of conditions of work.

The Superintendent or designee may provide for work experience programs in areas outside the district, either within California or in a contiguous state. (Education Code 51767)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEACHER-COORDINATOR

The work experience teacher-coordinator shall conduct the related classroom instruction, prepare individual training plans, observe and consult with students, and make at least two on-site contacts per semester with each work station supervisor and a minimum of one on-site contact during summer school to evaluate student performance. (5 CCR 10073, 10074)