

CONTINUATION EDUCATION

The curriculum offered by the continuation high school shall enable students to meet requirements for high school graduation prescribed in Education Code 51224-51225. (5CCR 11004)

In order to receive a high school diploma, students in continuation education must meet the district graduation requirements and pass the high school exit examination. (Education Code 60850)

Instruction in continuation education classes shall be based on individual needs as determined by the findings of the counseling and coordination services. (5CCR 11002)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to all minors in the district subject to compulsory continuation education a program that includes: (Education Code 48431; 5 CCR 11001)

1. Personal guidance
2. Occupational guidance
3. Assistance in placement in suitable employment whenever the student can benefit from such employment
4. Follow-up services including:
 - a. Visitations at places of employment to determine the effectiveness of the guidance and placement services
 - b. Regular home contacts and parent conferences when students are not succeeding in the continuation program

In accordance with law, the continuation high school shall be conducted for not less than 175 days during a school year. (5 CCR 11004)

INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER

Students eligible for continuation education classes shall be currently enrolled in grades 9-12 at the time of their enrollment and shall not have graduated from high school. (Education Code 48400, 48413)

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: (Education Code 48432.5)

1. The student committed an act enumerated in Education Code 48900.

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. (Education Code 48432.5)

2. The student has been habitually truant or irregular in legally required school attendance resulting in academic credit deficiency and/or unsatisfactory academic achievement.

Prior to an involuntary transfer, the student and parent/guardian shall be afforded the opportunity to meet with the school administrator, shall be informed in writing of the specific facts and reasons for the proposed involuntary transfer, and shall be given written notice that they may request a meeting with the superintendent's designee prior to the involuntary transfer.

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. (Education Code 48432.5)

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. (Education Code 48432.5)

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. (Education Code 48432.5)

VOLUNTARY ENROLLMENT

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. Students so enrolled may return to the regular high school at the beginning of the following school year, or at any time the Superintendent or designee gives consent.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Any person age 16 or 17 who left school after obtaining a certificate of proficiency may re-enroll in the district without prejudice. If the student leaves a second time, the Superintendent or designee may deny re-enrollment until the beginning of the next semester. (Education Code 48414)

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. (Education Code 48416)

MINIMUM ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Each student in the continuation education program shall attend classes for not less than four 60-minute hours per week for the regular school term. The requirement may be met by attendance in a continuation education class and/or regional occupational center or program. (Education Code 48400)

If a student subject to compulsory attendance in continuation education classes cannot give satisfactory proof of regular employment, the student shall attend continuation education classes and/or a regional

occupational center or program for not less than 15 hours per week during the period of unemployment. (Education Code 48402)