

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

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 be provided with alternative programs and/or supplemental assistance designed to raise achievement.

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)
(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)
(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer School)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)
(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)
(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

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

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

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

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(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

2. Establish graduation requirements

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School 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

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

4. Adopt the district curriculum and courses of study to be offered

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

5. Adopt textbooks and other instructional materials

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161 - Equipment, Books and Materials)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary 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

(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)

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

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 9240 - Board Development)

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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

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6161.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

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

(cf. 1700 - Relations between Private Industry and the Schools)

4. Determine the general methods of instruction to be used
5. Assign instructors and schedule classes for all curricular offerings

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)
(cf. 6112 - School Day)
(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)

6. Recommend instructional materials to the Board and direct the purchase of approved materials and equipment

(cf. 3310 - Expenditures and Purchases)

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

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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.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6171 - Title I 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

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Maximizing School Board Leadership: Curriculum, 1996
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

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.

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

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.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS (continued)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6177 - Summer School)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

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: (see next page)

ACADEMIC STANDARDS (continued)

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

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

California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 1, 2008

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

California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, Grades Seven Through Twelve, May 2005

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

English-Language Development Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, July 1999

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

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

English-Language Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, December 1997

Mathematics Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, December 1997

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>

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

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.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

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. (Education Code 42238.02, 52060)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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. (Education Code 11503; 20 USC 6318)

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(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

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. (20 USC 6318, 6631)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Expenditures of such funds shall be consistent with the activities specified in this policy and shall include at least one of the following: (20 USC 6318)

1. Support for schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for 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
3. Dissemination of information on best practices focused on parent/guardian and family 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. (Education Code 11504)

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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 Single plan for student achievement

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/lsp/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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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

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 (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

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

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

- 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

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with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents/guardians and family members in education (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

The Superintendent or designee shall: (20 USC 6318)

- 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

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

- 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

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

- 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

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- 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

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

- j. Provide a master calendar of district activities and district meetings

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- 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

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

- 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

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

- 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 (20 USC 6318)

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The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Identify overlapping or similar program requirements

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

(cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

- 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: (20 USC 6318)
 - 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

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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. (Education Code 11503)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Use a variety of methods, such as focus groups, surveys, and workshops, to

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- 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 (20 USC 6318)
 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 (20 USC 6318)

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. (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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

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participating students. Such policy shall describe the means by which the school will: (20 USC 6318)

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

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

 - 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

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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

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

- 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),

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

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. (20 USC 6318)

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. (20 USC 6318)

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. (20 USC 6318)

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 (Education Code 11502, 11504)

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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

improve their children's academic success and to assist their children in learning at home (Education Code 11502, 11504)

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 (Education Code 11502, 11504)

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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

- 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 (Education Code 11502, 11504)

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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SCHOOL CALENDAR

For each district school, the Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

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.

(cf. 6112 - School Day)
(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)
(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

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. (Education Code 41420, 46208)

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

Staff development days shall not be counted as instructional days.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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. (Elections Code 12283)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (continued)

(cf. 1400 - *Relations Between Governmental Agencies and the Schools*)

(cf. 5113 - *Absences and Excuses*)

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*

46300 *Method of computing ADA*

48980 *Notice at beginning of term*

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12283 *School closures, election days*

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SCHOOL DAY

The Board of Trustees shall fix the length of the school day subject to the provisions of law. (Education Code 46100)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule class periods giving consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, the age and attention span of students, and 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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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 schoolday*

46110-46119 *Kindergarten and elementary schools (day of attendance)*

46140-46147 *Junior high school and high school (day of attendance)*

46160-46162 *Alternative schedule - junior high and high school*

46170 *Minimum day - continuation schools*

46180 *Opportunity schools (minimum day)*

46190-46192 *Adult school (day of attendance)*

46200-46206 *Incentives for longer instructional day and year*

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Administrative Regulation

Instruction

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SCHOOL DAY

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. (Education Code 37202)

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. (Education Code 46111, 46114, 46115, 46117)

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

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: (Education Code 8973)

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. (Education Code 48003)

Grades 1-8

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 (Education Code 46112)
2. At least 240 minutes for students in grades 4-8 (Education Code 46113, 46142)

SCHOOL DAY (continued)

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. (Education Code 46115)

Grades 9-12

The school day for students in grades 9-12 shall be at least 240 minutes. (Education Code 46141, 46142)

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 (Education Code 46141, 46170)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

2. Opportunity school or classes (Education Code 46141, 46180)

3. Regional occupational center (Education Code 46141, 52325)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

4. Work experience education program approved pursuant to Education Code 51760-51769.5 (Education Code 46141, 46144)

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. (Education Code 46147)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

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 (Education Code 46146)

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

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 (Education Code 46141, 46146.5)

7. Special day or Saturday vocational training program conducted under a federally approved plan for career technical education (Education Code 46141, 46144)

SCHOOL DAY (continued)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

8. Adult education classes (Education Code 46190)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

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 education programs, or any other course of study authorized by the Board that is equivalent to the approved high school course of study. (Education Code 46145)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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. (Education Code 46160)

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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Board of Trustees 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.

- (cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*
- (cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)*
- (cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*
- (cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*
- (cf. 6142.4 - Learning Through Community Service)*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 37220-37223 Saturdays and holidays*
- 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*
- UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 4
- 6 Time and occasion for display of flag*
 - 7 Position and manner of display of flag*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36

- 106 Note Constitution Day and Citizenship Day*

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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

Holidays

District schools shall be closed on the following holidays: (Education Code 37220)

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

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

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 of Trustees may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above. (Education Code 37220)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

Commemorative Exercises

District schools shall hold exercises in accordance with law to commemorate the following special days: (Education Code 37220, 37221, 45460)

U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day	On or near September 17
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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES (continued)

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.

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

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. (Education Code 52720, 52730)

At elementary schools, such exercises shall be conducted at the beginning of each school day. (Education Code 52720)

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. (Government Code 431, 436; 4 USC 6)

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES (continued)

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. (4 USC 6)

The national flag shall fly at half-staff on the following occasions: (4 USC 7)

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

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

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. Inform school visitors that, whenever possible, they should make appointments in advance, in accordance with district policy.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

3. 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.
4. Notify school staff that they should refrain from conducting personal business during instructional time.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

5. Provide professional development in classroom management as needed to enable staff to more effectively reduce interruptions caused by inappropriate student conduct in the classroom.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS (continued)

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

51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

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RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a high-quality, data-driven educational program to meet the learning and behavioral needs of each student and to help reduce disparities in achievement among subgroups of students. Students who are not making academic progress pursuant to district measures of performance shall receive intensive instruction and intervention supports designed to meet their individual learning needs.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6011- Academic Standards)

The Superintendent or designee shall convene a team of certificated personnel, other district staff, and parents/guardians, as appropriate, to assist in designing the district's Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtI²) system, based on an examination of indicators of district and schoolwide student achievement.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)
(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

The district's RtI² system shall include instructional strategies and interventions with demonstrated effectiveness and shall be aligned with the district curriculum and assessments.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6142.93 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The district's RtI² system shall include research-based, standards-based, culturally relevant instruction for students in the general education program; universal screening and continuous classroom monitoring to determine students' needs and to identify those students who are not making progress; criteria for determining the types and levels of interventions to be provided; and subsequent monitoring of student progress to determine the effectiveness of the intervention and to make changes as needed.

When data from the RtI² system indicate that a student may have a specific learning disability, the student may be referred for evaluation for special education or other services.

RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION (continued)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Evaluation Under Section 504)

The district shall provide staff development to teachers regarding the use of assessments, data analysis, and research-based instructional practices and strategies. In addition, the district's RtI² system shall emphasize a collaborative approach of professional learning communities among teachers within and across grade spans.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Staff shall ensure that parents/guardians are involved at all stages of the instructional and intervention process. Parents/guardians shall be kept informed of their child's progress and provided information regarding the services that will be provided, the strategies being used to increase the student's rate of learning, and information about the performance data that will be collected.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56329 *Assessment, written notice to parent*
56333-56338 *Eligibility for specific learning disabilities*
56500-56509 *Procedural safeguards*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:*
1416 *Monitoring, technical assistance, and enforcement*
6316 *School improvement*
6318 *Parent involvement*

6319 *Highly qualified teachers*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.307 *Specific learning disabilities*
300.309 *Determining the existence of specific learning disabilities*
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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

Response to Instruction and Intervention, 2008

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California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)
(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)
(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

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.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)
(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)
(cf. 0520.4 - Quality Education Investment Schools)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)

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.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (continued)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

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

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161 - Equipment, Books and Materials)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

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.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)
(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

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.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

221.5 Equal opportunity

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

60000-60424 Instructional materials

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4000-4091 School improvement programs

4400-4426 Improvement of elementary and secondary education

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION**Curriculum Review Committee**

The Superintendent or designee may establish a curriculum review committee to evaluate and recommend curriculum for Board of Trustees approval. This committee shall consist of a majority of teachers and may also include administrators, other staff who have subject-matter expertise, parents/guardians, representatives of local businesses and postsecondary institutions, other community members, and students as appropriate. This committee may be the same committee charged with the evaluation and recommendation of instructional materials pursuant to Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

Curriculum Development/Selection Process

The Superintendent or designee shall research and identify available curriculum in the subject area(s) and grade level(s) scheduled for review. He/she may select a limited number of programs to present to the curriculum review committee for evaluation.

The committee shall recommend the curriculum that best meets the district's needs based on the following criteria and any additional factors deemed relevant by the committee:

1. Analysis of the effectiveness of the existing district curriculum for all students, including student achievement data disaggregated by grade level and student population

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

2. Alignment of the proposed curriculum with expectations established by the Board and the State Board of Education as to what students need to know and be able to do in the subject(s) and grade level(s) under consideration

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

3. Evidence of proven effectiveness of the proposed curriculum in raising student achievement, including the research and learning theory upon which the curriculum is based

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4. Applicability and accessibility of the curriculum to all students, including, but not limited to, underperforming students, students with disabilities, English learners, and gifted and talented students

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

(cf. 0520.4 - Quality Education Investment Schools)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

5. The estimated cost to purchase, adapt, and/or develop the curriculum

6. Resources required to implement the curriculum, such as time, facilities, instructional materials and technology, staffing, staff development, and funding

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

7. If the curriculum includes instructional materials, the extent to which the materials meet criteria established by law and the district

8. Any potential impact on other parts of the educational program

If it is determined that available prepackaged curriculum is not cost effective or is inadequate to meet the needs of the district's students, the Superintendent or designee may adapt curriculum or develop new curriculum. Curriculum modification or development shall be performed by teachers, school administrators, and district administrators, with support and assistance, when available, from curriculum experts from the county office of education, postsecondary institutions, and/or curriculum or professional associations. Any modified or new curriculum shall be reviewed by the curriculum committee in accordance with the above criteria prior to being recommended to the Board.

Upon approval by the Board, a new curriculum may be implemented in a limited number of schools or classrooms on a pilot basis so that modifications may be made as necessary before implementing the curriculum districtwide.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

The Board desires to provide AP courses at the 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.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

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

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

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

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

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.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (continued)

decision making; mentoring for prospective teachers of AP courses; and opportunities for staff within the district to share course syllabi and practices.

(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Legal Reference:

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52240-52243 Advanced Placement program

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

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RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

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.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

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.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremony and Activities)

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.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Make-up Work)

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.

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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:

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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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SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. [5030](#) - *Student Wellness*)

(cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)

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. (Education Code [51934](#))

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.

(cf. [5141.22](#) - *Infectious Diseases*)

(cf. [5141.25](#) - *Availability of Condoms*)

(cf. [5146](#) - *Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students*)

(cf. [6143](#) - *Courses of Study*)

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. (Education Code [51240](#), [51938](#), [51939](#))

(cf. [5022](#) - *Student and Family Privacy Rights*)

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. (Education Code [51939](#))

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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

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1255.7 Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby

PENAL CODE

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov>

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SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

Definitions

Comprehensive sexual health education means education regarding human development and sexuality, including education on pregnancy, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections. (Education Code [51931](#))

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. (Education Code [51931](#))

(cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)

(cf. [6143](#) - *Courses of Study*)

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. (Education Code [51931](#))

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. (Education Code [51931](#))

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: (Education Code [51933](#))

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

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- 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

(cf. [0410](#) - *Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities*)

(cf. [1312.3](#) - *Uniform Complaint Procedures*)

(cf. [6174](#) - *Education for English Language 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

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(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

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: (Education Code [51934](#))

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.

(cf. [5141.25](#) - Availability of Condoms)

(cf. [5146](#) - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

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

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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. (Education Code [51931](#), [51933](#), [51934](#))

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. (Education Code [51935](#))

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(cf. [4131](#) - *Staff Development*)

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). (Education Code [51935](#))

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. (Education Code [51935](#))

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. (Education Code [51935](#))

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](#). (Education Code [51933](#), [51934](#), [51936](#))

(cf. [6145.8](#) - *Assemblies and Special Events*)

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: (Education Code [48980](#), [51938](#))

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

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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: (Education Code [51938](#))

- 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. (Education Code [51938](#))

(cf. [5145.6](#) - *Parental Notifications*)

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: (Education Code [51932](#))

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

(cf. [6142.93](#) - *Science Instruction*)

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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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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WORLD/FOREIGN LANGUAGE 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.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

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.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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. (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

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.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

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. (Education Code 305-306)

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.

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(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1- Library Media Centers)

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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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WORLD/FOREIGN LANGUAGE 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.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

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.

(cf. 6142.94 - History/Social Science Instruction)

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

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

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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 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. (Education Code 310)

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)

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. (Education Code 310)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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.

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Learners)

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. [5030](#) - *Student Wellness*)
(cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)

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.

(cf. [6011](#) - *Academic Standards*)
(cf. [6143](#) - *Courses of Study*)

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. (Education Code [33352](#); 5 CCR [10060](#))

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

(cf. [6146.1](#) - *High School Graduation Requirements*)
(cf. [6146.11](#) - *Alternative Credits Toward Graduation*)

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.

(cf. [0410](#) - *Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities*)

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

(cf. [6159](#) - *Individualized Education Program*)
(cf. [6164.6](#) - *Identification and Education Under Section 504*)

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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.

(cf. [3514](#) - *Environmental Safety*)

(cf. [5141.7](#) - *Sun Safety*)

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.

(cf. [1330.1](#) - *Joint Use Agreements*)

(cf. [5142.2](#) - *Safe Routes to School Program*)

(cf. [5148](#) - *Child Care and Development Program*)

(cf. [5148.2](#) - *Before/After School Programs*)

(cf. [6145](#) - *Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities*)

Staffing

Physical education instruction shall be delivered by appropriately credentialed teachers who may be assisted by instructional aides, paraprofessionals, and/or volunteers.

(cf. [1240](#) - *Volunteer Assistance*)

(cf. [4112.2](#) - *Certification*)

(cf. [4112.21](#) - *Interns*)

(cf. [4113](#) - *Assignment*)

(cf. [4222](#) - *Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals*)

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.

(cf. [4131](#) - *Staff Development*)

(cf. [5121](#) - *Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement*)

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. (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1041](#))

Temporary Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a temporary exemption from physical education under either of the following conditions: (Education Code [51241](#))

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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. (Education Code [51241](#))

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. (Education Code [51222](#))

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. (Education Code [51241](#))

(*cf.* [6112](#) - School Day)

Permanent Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a permanent exemption from physical education under any of the following conditions: (Education Code [51241](#))

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:

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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. (Education Code [51222](#))
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. (Education Code [52316](#))

(cf. [6178.2](#) - *Regional Occupational Center/Program*)

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. (Education Code [51242](#))

(cf. [6145.2](#) - *Athletic Competition*)

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.

(cf. [0500](#) - *Accountability*)

(cf. [6190](#) - *Evaluation of the Instructional Program*)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

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51220 Course of study, grades 7-12

51222 Physical education

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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

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1040-1048 Physical performance test

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Nutrition): <http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

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Healthy People 2010: <http://www.healthypeople.gov>

National Association for Sport and Physical Education: <http://www.aahperd.org/naspe>

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports: <http://www.fitness.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.health.gov>

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY**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: (Education Code [51210](#), [51222](#), [51223](#))

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
3. For students in grades 7-8 attending a middle school or junior high school, 400 minutes each 10 school days
4. 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.

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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. (Education Code [51210](#), [51223](#); 5 CCR [4600-4687](#))

(cf. [1312.3](#) - *Uniform Complaint Procedures*)

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

(cf. [4115](#) - *Evaluation/Supervision*)

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). (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1041](#))

(cf. [6162.5](#) - *Student Assessment*)

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. (5 CCR [1043](#))

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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. (5 CCR [1043.4](#))

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. (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1043.10](#), [1044](#))

(cf. [5125](#) - *Student Records*)

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](#). (Education Code [60800](#))

(cf. [0510](#) - *School Accountability Report Card*)

Testing Variations

All students may be administered the FITNESSGRAM with the following test variations: (5 CCR [1047](#))

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: (5 CCR [1047](#))

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

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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. (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1047](#))

Students with disabilities may be provided the following accommodations if specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan: (5 CCR [1047](#))

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

(cf. [6159](#) - *Individualized Education Program*)

(cf. [6164.6](#) - *Identification and Education Under Section 504*)

Identified English learners may be allowed the following additional test variations if regularly used in the classroom: (5 CCR [1048](#))

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

(cf. [1240](#) - *Volunteer Assistance*)

(cf. [4231](#) - *Staff Development*)

(cf. [5030](#) - *Student Wellness*)

2. 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

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(cf. [6145](#) - *Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities*)

(cf. [6145.5](#) - *Student Organizations and Equal Access*)

4. Incorporating opportunities for physical activity into before- or after-school programs and/or child care and development programs

(cf. [5148](#) - *Child Care and Development Program*)

(cf. [5148.2](#) - *Before/After School 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

(cf. [1330.1](#) - *Joint Use Agreements*)

6. Developing business partnerships to maximize resources for physical activity equipment and programs

(cf. [1700](#) - *Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools*)

7. Developing programs to encourage and facilitate walking, bicycling, or other active transport to and from school

(cf. [5142.2](#) - *Safe Routes to School Program*)

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COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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 - 51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*
 - 51203 *Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs*
 - 51210 *Areas of study*
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 - 51913 *District health education plan*
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California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Subject Matter Project, Physical Education-Health Project: <http://csmp.ucop.edu/cpehp>

Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice: <http://www.cipp.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National Center for Health Education: <http://www.nche.org>

National Hearing Conservation Association: <http://www.hearingconservation.org>

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

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

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

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.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

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.

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(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
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(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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

Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, August 2010

English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

Recommended Literature: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Reading/Language Arts: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl>

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MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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.

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols to ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and are not unnecessarily required to repeat a course that they have successfully completed in an earlier grade level.

(cf. 6152.1 – Placement in Mathematics Courses)

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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

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.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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

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

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

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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

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>

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SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 5145.8 - Refusal to Harm or Destroy Animals)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

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.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

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

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall 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.

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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.

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357- Employee Safety)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

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.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8774 Residential outdoor science program

32030-32034 Eye safety

32255-32255.6 Student's right to refrain from harmful or destructive use of animals

33475-33475.5 Model curriculum on stem cell science

49340-49341 Hazardous substances education

51210 Areas of study, grades 1 through 6

51210.3 Elementary science coach

51220 Areas of study, grades 7 through 12

51225.3 High school graduation

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

CODE OF REGULATION, TITLE 5

14030 Science laboratories, design specifications

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5191 Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories; chemical hygiene plan

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Supporting Implementation of the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA-NGSS),
Governance Brief, November 2016*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Science Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2016

Next Generation Science Standards Systems Implementation Plan for California, 2014

California Next Generation Science Standards, 2013

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2012

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Alliance for Next Generation Science Standards: <http://cdefoundation.org/stem/ca4ngss>

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

California Science Teachers Association: <http://www.cascience.org>

U.S. Department of Education, STEM Education: <http://www.ed.gov/stem>

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HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

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.

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

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.

(cf. 0400 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

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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. (Education Code 51221.3, 51221.4)

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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

33540 History-social science curriculum framework
 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
 51221 Social science course of study, inclusion of instruction in use of natural resources
 51221.3-51221.4 Instruction on World War II and Vietnam War; use of oral histories
 51225.3 High school graduation requirements
 51226.3 Instruction on civil rights, genocide, slavery, Holocaust, and deportation to Mexico
 51226.7 Ethnic studies
 60040-60051 Criteria for instructional materials
 60119 Public hearing on the sufficiency of instructional materials
 60200-60206 Instructional materials, grades K-8
 60400-60411 Instructional materials, grades 9-12
 60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
 99200-99206 Subject matter projects

*Management Resources:*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2016
Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History-Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, 2013
California English Language Development Standards, 2012
Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide, 2000
History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, October 1998

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES PUBLICATIONS

College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards: Guidance for Enhancing the Rigor of K-12 Civics, Economics, Geography, and History, 2013

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Council for History Education: <http://www.csus.edu/al/cche>

California Humanities: <http://www.calhum.org>

California Council for the Social Studies: <http://www.ccss.org>

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

California History-Social Science Course Models: <http://www.history.ctaponline.org>

California Subject Matter Project: <http://csmp.ucop.edu/chssp>

National Association for Multicultural Education: <http://www.nameorg.org>

National Council for History Education: <http://www.nche.net>

National Council for the Social Studies: <http://www.socialstudies.org>

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