

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Board of Trustees shall make every effort to maintain a safe, positive school environment and student services that promote student welfare and academic achievement. The Board expects students to make good use of learning opportunities by demonstrating regular attendance, appropriate conduct and respect for others.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

The Board is fully committed to providing equal educational opportunities and keeping the schools free from discriminatory practices. The Board shall not tolerate the intimidation or harassment of any student for any reason.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and keep parents/guardians and students well informed about school and district rules and regulations related to attendance, health examinations, records, grades and student conduct. When conducting hearings related to discipline, attendance and other student matters, the Board shall afford students their due process rights in accordance with law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
35291-35291.5 Rules

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents/guardians of district students have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their children.

The Board believes that the education of the district's students is a shared responsibility. The Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians of English learners, to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians, school staff and students for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development and well-being of students at each school site, including the means by which the schools and parents/guardians can help students achieve academic and other standards of the school.

Within this framework, the school's primary responsibility shall be to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations of the school.

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their children succeed in school. (Education Code 51100)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district staff understand the rights of parents/guardians afforded by law and Board policy and follow acceptable practices that respect those rights.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive notification regarding their rights in accordance with law.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all parents/guardians who speak a language other than English are properly notified in English, and in their home language of the rights and opportunities available to them pursuant to Education Code 48985. (Education Code 51101.1)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33126 School accountability report card

35291 Disciplinary rules

48070.5 Promotion and retention of students

48985 Notice to parent in language other than English

49091.10-49091.19 Parental review of curriculum and instruction

49602 Confidentiality of pupil information

51100-51102 Parent/guardian rights

51513 Personal beliefs

60510 Disposal of surplus instructional materials

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

1232h Protection of pupil rights

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parent/Guardian Rights

The rights of parents/guardians of district students include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To observe, within a reasonable period of time after making the request, the classroom(s) in which their child is enrolled or for the purpose of selecting the school in which their child will be enrolled (Education Code 51101)

Parents/guardians may observe instructional and other school activities that involve their child in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations adopted to ensure the safety of students and staff, prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school staff, and provide reasonable accommodation to parents/guardians. Upon written request by a parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for parental observation of a class or activity in a reasonable time frame and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations. (Education Code 49091.10)

(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)

2. To meet, within a reasonable time of their request, with their child's teacher(s) and the principal (Education Code 51101)
3. Under the supervision of district employees, to volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher (Education Code 51101)
4. To be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

5. To receive the results of their child's performance and the school's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests (Education Code 51101)

For parents/guardians of English learners, this right shall include the right to receive the results of their child's performance on the English language development test. (Education Code 51101.1)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

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6. To request a particular school for their child and to receive a response from the district (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

7. To have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

8. To examine the curriculum materials of the class(es) in which their child is enrolled (Education Code 51101; 20 USC 1232h)

Parents/guardians may inspect, in a reasonable time frame, all primary supplemental instructional materials and assessments stored by the classroom teacher, including textbooks, teacher's manuals, films, tapes audio and video recordings, and software. (Education Code 49091.10)

Each school site shall make available to parents/guardians and others, upon request, a copy of the prospectus for each course, including the titles, descriptions and instructional aims of the course. (Education Code 49091.14)

The school may charge an amount not to exceed the cost of duplication. (Education Code 49091.14)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

9. To be informed of their child's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

10. For parents/guardians of English learners, to support their child's advancement toward literacy (Education Code 51101.1)

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The Superintendent or designee may make available, to the extent possible, surplus or undistributed instructional materials to parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 60510. (Education Code 51101.1)

(cf. 3270 - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies)

11. For parents/guardians of English learners, to be informed, through the school accountability report card, about statewide and local academic standards, testing programs, accountability measures and school improvement efforts (Education Code 51101.1)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

12. To have access to the school records of their child (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

13. To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies or skills their child is expected to accomplish (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

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

14. To be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures in accordance with Education Code 48980, attendance policies, dress codes and procedures for visiting the school (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

15. To be notified, as early in the school year as practicable pursuant to Education Code 48070.5, if their child is identified as being at risk of retention and of their right to consult with school personnel responsible for a decision to promote or retain their child and to appeal such a decision (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

16. To receive information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test (Education Code 51101)

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

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

17. To refuse to submit or to participate in any assessment, analysis, evaluation or monitoring of the quality or character of the student's home life, any form of parental screening or testing, any nonacademic home-based counseling program, parent training, or any prescribed family education service plan and to inspect any survey collecting personal information (Education Code 49091.18; 20 USC 1232h)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

18. To participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school site council or site-based management leadership team in accordance with any rules and regulations governing membership in these organizations (Education Code 51101)

For parents/guardians of English learners, this right shall include the right to participate in school and district advisory bodies in accordance with federal and state law and regulations. (Education Code 51101.1)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

19. To question anything in their child's record that the parent/guardian feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school (Education Code 51101)

(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

20. To provide informed, written parental consent before their child is tested for a behavioral, mental or emotional evaluation. A general consent, including medical consent used to approve admission to or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular school activity, shall not constitute written consent for these purposes. (Education Code 49091.12)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

Parent Responsibilities

Parents/guardians may support the learning environment of their child by: (Education Code 51101)

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1. Monitoring attendance of their child
2. Ensuring that homework is completed and turned in on time
(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)
3. Encouraging their child to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
4. Monitoring and regulating the television viewed by their child
5. Working with their child at home in learning activities that extend the classroom learning
6. Volunteering in their child's classroom(s) or for other school activities
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
7. Participating in decisions related to the education of their own child or the total school program as appropriate

NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS

The Board of Trustees recognizes the right of parents/guardians to be involved in the education of their children and desires to balance that right with the district's need to ensure the safety of students while at school.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The parent/guardian who enrolls a child in a district school shall be presumed to be the child's custodial parent/guardian and shall be held responsible for the child's welfare.

School officials shall presume that both parents/guardians have equal rights regarding their child, including, but not limited to, picking the student up after school or otherwise removing the student from school, accessing student records, participating in school activities, or visiting the school. When a court order restricts access to the child or to his/her student information, a parent/guardian shall provide a copy of the certified court order to the principal or designee upon enrollment or upon a change in circumstances.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

In the event of an attempted violation of a court order that restricts access to a student, the principal or designee shall contact the custodial parent and local law enforcement officials and shall make the student available only after one or both of these parties consent.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48204 Residency requirements

49061 Definitions

49069 Absolute right to access

49091.10-49091.19 Parental review of curriculum and instruction

49408 Emergency information

56028 Definition, parent for special education

51100-51102 Parent/guardian rights

FAMILY CODE

3002 Joint legal custody, definition

3006 Sole legal custody, definition

3025 Parental access to records

6550-6552 Caregivers

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 Government Claims Act

6205-6210 Confidentiality of addresses for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance: <http://www.cascwa.org>

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

STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS

The Board of Trustees respects the rights of district students and their parents/guardians with regard to the privacy of their personal beliefs and the confidentiality of their personal information. The Superintendent or designee shall develop regulations to ensure compliance with law when the district requests, retains, discloses, or otherwise uses the personal information of its students and their families.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5021 - Noncustodial Parents)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
(cf. 6162.8 - Research)

The regulations shall, at a minimum, address the following: (20 USC 1232h)

1. Whether the district may collect the personal information of students for marketing or sale
2. How the district will administer surveys that may request information about the personal beliefs and practices of students and their families
3. The rights of parents/guardians to inspect:
 - a. Survey instruments requesting information about their personal beliefs and practices or those of their children
 - b. Instructional materials used as part of their children's educational curriculum
4. Whether the district may administer any nonemergency invasive physical examination or screening
5. Notifications that the district will provide to students and parents/guardians with respect to their privacy rights

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians regarding the development of the procedures. (20 USC 1232h)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committee)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49450-49458 *Physical examinations*

49602 *Confidentiality of personal information received during counseling*

51101 *Parents Rights Act of 2002*

51513 *Test, questionnaire, survey, or examination concerning personal beliefs*

51938 *Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act; notice and parental excuse*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

1232h *Protection of pupil rights*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco>

STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS

Collection of Personal Information for Marketing or Sale

Personal information for marketing or sale means individually identifiable information, including a student's or parent/guardian's first and last name, home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town), telephone number, or social security identification number. (20 USC 1232h)

District staff shall not administer or distribute to students any survey instrument that is designed for the purpose of collecting personal information for marketing or sale.

Requirements regarding the collection of personal information for marketing or sale shall not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following: (20 USC 1232h)

1. College or other postsecondary education recruitment or military recruitment
2. Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products
3. Curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary and secondary schools
4. Tests and assessments to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

5. The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

6. Student recognition programs

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

Surveys Requesting Information about Beliefs and Practices

A student's parent/guardian shall provide prior written consent before the student is required to participate in a survey inquiring about one or more of the following: (Education Code 51513; 20 USC 1232h)

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardian

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2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes or personal beliefs and practices in family life or morality
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has close family relationships
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, or ministers
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardian
8. Income, except to the extent that income is required to be disclosed by law for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

Notwithstanding the above requirements, the district may administer to students in grades 7-12 anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student health risks and behaviors, including tests and surveys about student attitudes or practices related to sex as long as parents/guardians are provided written notice and given an opportunity to request, in writing, that their child not participate. (Education Code 51938)

If a student participates in a survey requesting information about beliefs and practices as identified above, school officials and staff members shall not request or disclose the student's identity.

(cf. 6162.8 - Research)

Parent/Guardian Access to Surveys and Instructional Materials

The parent/guardian of any district student, upon his/her request, shall have the right to inspect: (Education Code 51938; 20 USC 1232h)

1. A survey or other instrument to be administered or distributed to his/her child that either collects personal information for marketing or sale or requests information about beliefs and practices

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2. Any instructional material to be used as part of his/her child's educational curriculum

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

Within a reasonable period of time after receiving a parent/guardian's request, the principal or designee shall permit the parent/guardian to view the survey or other document he/she requested. A parent/guardian may view the document any time during normal business hours.

No student shall be subject to penalty for his/her parent/guardian's exercise of any of the rights stated above.

Health Examinations

Authorized school officials may administer to any student any physical examination or screening permitted under California law. However, no student shall be subjected to a nonemergency, invasive physical examination without prior written notice to his/her parent/guardian. (20 USC 1232h)

Invasive physical examination means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a properly authorized hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening. (20 USC 1232h)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of: (20 USC 1232h)

Notifications

1. The district's policy regarding student privacy
2. The process to opt their children out of participation in any activity described in this policy and administrative regulation
3. The specific or approximate dates during the school year when the following activities are scheduled:
 - a. Survey requesting personal information
 - b. Physical examinations or screenings

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Prior to administering any anonymous and voluntary survey regarding health risks and behaviors to students in grades 7-12, the district shall provide parents/guardians with written notice that the survey is to be administered. (Education Code 51938)

Parents/guardians shall also be notified of any substantive change to this policy and administrative regulation within a reasonable period of time after adoption of the change. (20 USC 1232h)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Board Policy

Students

BP 5030(a)

STUDENT WELLNESS

The Governing Board recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity for district students. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and align district efforts to support student wellness through health education, physical education and activity, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, and a safe and healthy school environment. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for promoting staff wellness and for involving parents/guardians and the community in reinforcing students' understanding and appreciation of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

School Health Council/Committee

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians, students, food service employees, physical education teachers, school health professionals, Board members, school administrators, and members of the public to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the district's student wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

The school health council/committee shall advise the district on health-related issues, activities, policies, and programs. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, the duties of the council/committee may also include the planning, implementation, and

evaluation of activities to promote health within the school or community.

Goals for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Other Wellness Activities

The Board shall adopt goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and

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other school-based activities that promote student wellness. (42 USC 1758b)

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

The district's nutrition education and physical education programs shall be based on research, shall be consistent with the expectations established in the state's curriculum frameworks and content standards, and shall be designed to build the skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The nutrition education program shall include, but is not limited to, information about the benefits of healthy eating for learning, disease prevention, weight management, and oral health. Nutrition education shall be provided as part of the health education program and, as appropriate, shall be integrated into other academic subjects in the regular educational program, before- and after-school programs, summer learning programs, and school garden programs.

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

To reinforce the district's nutrition education program, the Board prohibits the marketing and advertising of non-nutritious foods and beverages through signage, vending machine fronts, logos, scoreboards, school supplies, advertisements in school publications, coupon or incentive programs, free give-aways, or other means.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

All students shall be provided opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis. Opportunities for moderate to vigorous physical activity shall be provided through physical education and recess and may also be provided through school athletic programs, extracurricular programs, before- and after-school programs, summer learning programs, programs encouraging students to walk or bicycle to and from school, in-class physical activity breaks, and other structured and unstructured activities.

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Board may enter into a joint use agreement or memorandum of understanding to make district facilities or grounds available for recreational or sports activities outside the school

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day and/or to use community facilities to expand students' access to opportunity for physical activity.

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)

Professional development shall be regularly offered to health education and physical education teachers, coaches, activity supervisors, food services staff, and other staff as appropriate to enhance their health knowledge and skills.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee may disseminate health information and/or the district's student wellness policy to parents/guardians through district or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, district and school web sites, and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and academic performance.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

In order to ensure that students have access to comprehensive health services, the district may provide access to health services at or near district schools and/or may provide referrals to community resources.

The Board recognizes that a safe, positive school environment is also conducive to students' physical and mental health and thus prohibits bullying and harassment of all students, including bullying on the basis of weight or health condition.

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage staff to serve as positive role models for healthy eating and physical fitness. He/she shall promote work-site wellness programs and may provide opportunities for regular physical activity among employees.

Nutritional Guidelines for Foods Available at School

For all foods available on each campus during the school day, the district shall adopt nutritional guidelines which are consistent with 42 USC 1773 and 1779 and federal regulations and which support the objectives of promoting student health and reducing

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childhood obesity. (42 USC 1758b)

In order to maximize the district's ability to provide nutritious meals and snacks, all district schools shall participate in available federal school nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and after-school snack programs, to the extent possible. When approved by the California Department of Education, the district may sponsor a summer meal program.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide access to free, potable water during meal times in the food service area in accordance with Education Code 38086 and 42 USC 1758, and shall encourage students' consumption of water by educating them about the health benefits of water and serving water in an appealing manner.

The Board believes that all foods and beverages sold to students at district schools, including those available outside the district's food services program, should support the health curriculum and promote optimal health. Nutritional standards adopted by the district for foods and beverages provided through student stores, vending machines, or other venues shall meet or exceed state and federal nutritional standards.

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage school organizations to use healthy food items or non-food items for fundraising purposes. He/she also shall encourage school staff to avoid the use of non-nutritious foods as a reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

School staff shall encourage parents/guardians or other volunteers to support the district's nutrition education program by considering nutritional quality when selecting any snacks which they may donate for occasional class parties. Class parties or celebrations shall be held after the lunch period when possible.

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The Superintendent shall designate one or more district or school employees, as appropriate, to ensure that each school site complies with this policy. (42 USC 1758b)

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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy at least once every two years.

The assessment shall include the extent to which district schools are in compliance with this policy, the extent to which this policy compares to model wellness policies available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b)

The Superintendent or designee shall invite feedback on district and school wellness activities from food service personnel, school administrators, the school health council, parents/guardians, students, teachers, before- and after-school program staff, and/or other appropriate persons.

As feasible, the assessment report may include a comparison of results across multiple years, a comparison of district data with county, statewide, or national data, and/or a comparison of wellness data with other student outcomes such as academic indicators or student discipline rates.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform and update the public, including parents/guardians, students, and others in the community, about the content and implementation of this policy and assessment results. (42 USC 1758b)

In addition, the assessment results shall be submitted to the Board for the purposes of evaluating policy and practice, recognizing accomplishments, and making policy adjustments as needed to focus district resources and efforts on actions that are most likely to make a positive impact on student health and achievement.

Posting Requirements

Each school shall post the district's policies and regulations on nutrition and physical activity in public view within all school cafeterias or in other central eating areas. (Education Code 49432)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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49540-49546 *Child care food program*
49547-49548.3 *Comprehensive nutrition services*
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1773 *School Breakfast Program*
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Center for Collaborative Solutions: <http://www.ccscenter.org>

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ADMISSION

The Board of Trustees encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of children entering a district school at any grade level about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures.

Before enrolling any child in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the child's age, residency, immunization, and other applicable eligibility criteria specified in law, the accompanying administrative regulation, or other applicable Board policy or administrative regulation.

(cf. [5111.1](#) - *District Residency*)
(cf. [5111.12](#) - *Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment*)
(cf. [5125](#) - *Student Records*)
(cf. [5141.3](#) - *Health Examinations*)
(cf. [5141.31](#) - *Immunizations*)
(cf. [5141.32](#) - *Health Screening for School Entry*)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the enrollment of a homeless or foster child or a child of a military family is not delayed because of outstanding fees or fines owed to the child's last school or for his/her inability to produce previous academic, medical, or other records normally required for enrollment.

(cf. [6173](#) - *Education for Homeless Children*)
(cf. [6173.1](#) - *Education for Foster Youth*)
(cf. [6173.2](#) - *Education of Children of Military Families*)

In addition, no child shall be denied enrollment in a district school solely on the basis of his/her arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code [48645.5](#))

(cf. [5119](#) - *Students Expelled from Other Districts*)

When enrolling in any district school, including a school in their attendance area, children whose parents/guardians reside within district boundaries shall be subject to the timelines established by the Board for open enrollment. Children whose parents/guardians do not reside within the district or who are not otherwise eligible for enrollment in the district may apply for interdistrict attendance in accordance with the timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. [5116.1](#) - *Intradistrict Open Enrollment*)
(cf. [5117](#) - *Interdistrict Attendance*)
(cf. [5118](#) - *Open Enrollment Act Transfers*)

ADMISSION

The district's enrollment application shall include information about the health care options and enrollment assistance available to families within the district. The district shall not discriminate against any child for not having health care coverage and shall not use any information relating to a child's health care coverage or his/her interest in learning about health care coverage in any manner that would harm the child or his/her family. (Education Code 49452.9)

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

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[46300](#) *Computation of average daily attendance, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten*

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[48002](#) *Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade*

[48010](#) *Minimum age of admission (first grade)*

[48011](#) *Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age*

[48050-48053](#) *Nonresidents*

[48200](#) *Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)*

[48350-48361](#) *Open Enrollment Act*

[48850-48859](#) *Educational placement of homeless and foster youth*

[49076](#) *Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order*

[49408](#) *Information of use in emergencies*

[49452.9](#) *Health care coverage options and enrollment assistance*

[49700-49704](#) *Education of children of military families*

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[120325-120380](#) *Education and child care facility immunization requirements*

[121475-121520](#) *Tuberculosis tests for students*

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[200](#) *Promotion from kindergarten to first grade*

[201](#) *Admission to high school*

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

ADMISSION

Age of Admittance to Kindergarten and First Grade

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll any otherwise eligible child who will have his/her fifth or sixth birthday on or before September 1 of that year into kindergarten or first grade, as applicable. (Education Code [48000](#), [48010](#))

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday from September 2 through December 2 of the school year shall be offered a transitional kindergarten (TK) program in accordance with law and Board policy. (Education Code [48000](#))

(cf. [5123](#) - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. [6170.1](#) - Transitional Kindergarten)

On a case-by-case basis, a child who will turn five years old in a given school year may be enrolled in kindergarten or TK at any time during that school year with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, provided that: (Education Code [48000](#))

1. The Governing Board determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child.
2. The parent/guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall make a recommendation whether a child should be granted early entry to kindergarten. In doing so, the Superintendent or designee shall consider various factors including the availability of classroom space and any negotiated maximum class size.

(cf. [6151](#) - Class Size)

(cf. [7111](#) - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Documentation of Age/Grade

Prior to the admission of a child to kindergarten or first grade, the parent/guardian shall present proof of the child's age. (Education Code [48002](#))

Evidence of the child's age may include: (Education Code [48002](#))

1. A certified copy of a birth certificate or a statement by the local registrar or county recorder certifying the date of birth
2. A duly attested baptism certificate

ADMISSION (continued)

3. A passport

When none of the foregoing is obtainable, the parent/guardian may provide any other appropriate means of proving the age of the child. (Education Code [48002](#))

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DISTRICT RESIDENCY

The Board of Trustees desires to admit all students who reside within district boundaries or who fulfill the district residency requirements through other means as allowed by law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to facilitate the receipt and verification of students' proof of residency.

(cf. [5116](#) - *School Attendance Boundaries*)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians of all existing attendance options available in the district, including, but not limited to, all options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance. (Education Code [48980](#))

(cf. [5116.1](#) - *Intradistrict Open Enrollment*)

(cf. [5117](#) - *Interdistrict Attendance*)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall require parents/guardians to provide documentation of the student's residency upon admission to a district school. A copy of the document or written statement offered as verification of residency shall be maintained in the student's mandatory permanent record. (5 CCR [432](#))

(cf. [5111](#) - *Admission*)

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

When establishing a student's residency for enrollment purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall not inquire into a student's citizenship or immigration status.

A student's enrollment may be denied when the submitted documentation is insufficient to establish district residency. In any such case, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian in writing, including specific reasons for the denial.

Investigation of Residency

When the Superintendent or designee reasonably believes that a student's parent/guardian has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency, he/she may make reasonable efforts to determine that the student meets district residency requirements. An investigation may be initiated when the Superintendent or designee is able to identify specific, articulable facts supporting the belief that the parent/guardian has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency. (Education Code [48204.1](#), [48204.2](#))

The Superintendent or designee may assign a trained district employee to conduct the investigation. The investigation may include the examination of records, including public records, and/or interviews of persons who may have knowledge of the student's residency.

DISTRICT RESIDENCY (continued)

If necessary, the Superintendent or designee may employ the services of a private investigator to conduct the investigation. Before hiring a private investigator, the Superintendent or designee shall make other reasonable efforts to determine whether the student resides in the district. (Education Code [48204.2](#))

The investigation shall not include the surreptitious collection of photographic or videographic images of persons or places subject to the investigation. However, the use of technology is not prohibited if done in open and public view. (Education Code [48204.2](#))

Any employee or contractor engaged in the investigation shall truthfully identify himself/herself as an investigator to individuals contacted or interviewed during the course of the investigation. (Education Code [48204.2](#))

Appeal of Enrollment Denial

If the Superintendent or designee, upon investigation, determines that a student does not meet district residency requirements and denies the student's enrollment in the district, he/she shall provide the student's parent/guardian an opportunity to appeal that determination. (Education Code [48204.2](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall send the student's parent/guardian written notice specifying the basis for the district's determination. This notice shall also inform the parent/guardian that he/she may, within 10 school days, appeal the decision and provide new evidence of residency.

The burden shall be on the parent/guardian to show why the district's determination to deny enrollment should be overruled. (Education Code [48204.2](#))

A student who is currently enrolled in the district shall be allowed to remain in attendance at his/her school pending the results of the appeal. A student who is not currently enrolled in the district shall not be permitted to attend any district school unless his/her appeal is successful.

In an appeal of the Superintendent's determination that district residency requirements were not met, the Board shall review any evidence provided by the parent/guardian or obtained during the district's investigation and shall make a decision at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the parent/guardian's request for the appeal. The Board's decision shall be final.

District residency is not required for enrollment in a regional occupational center or program if there are openings in the program or class. (Education Code [52317](#))

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

Legal Reference: see next page

DISTRICT RESIDENCY (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 Prohibition of discrimination

35160.5 Intradistrict open enrollment

35351 Assignment of students to particular schools

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance permits

48050-48054 Nonresidents

48200-48208 Compulsory education law, especially:

48204 Residency requirements

48204.1-48204.2 Evidence of residency

48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act transfers

48852.7 Education of homeless students; immediate enrollment

48853.5 Education of foster youth; immediate enrollment

48980 Notifications at beginning of term

52317 Regional occupational program, admission of persons including nonresidents

FAMILY CODE

6550-6552 Caregivers

GOVERNMENT CODE

6205-6210 Confidentiality of residence for victims of domestic violence

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

432 Retention of student records

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U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

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DISTRICT RESIDENCY

Criteria for Residency

A student shall be deemed to have complied with district residency requirements for enrollment in a district school if he/she meets any of the following criteria:

1. The student's parent/guardian resides within district boundaries. (Education Code [48200](#))
2. The student is placed within district boundaries in a regularly established licensed children's institution, a licensed foster home, or a family home pursuant to a court-ordered commitment or placement. (Education Code [48204](#))
3. The student has been admitted through an interdistrict attendance option, such as an interdistrict attendance agreement, "school district of choice" transfer, or Open Enrollment Act transfer. (Education Code [46600](#),[48204](#), [48301](#), [48356](#))

(cf. [5117](#) - *Interdistrict Attendance*)

(cf. [5118](#) - *Open Enrollment Act Transfers*)

4. The student is an emancipated minor residing within district boundaries. (Education Code [48204](#))
5. The student lives with a caregiving adult within district boundaries and the caregiving adult submits an affidavit to that effect. (Education Code [48204](#))
6. The student resides in a state hospital located within district boundaries. (Education Code [48204](#))
7. The student is confined to a hospital or other residential health facility within district boundaries for treatment of a temporary disability. (Education Code [48204](#), [48207](#))

(cf. [6183](#) - *Home and Hospital Instruction*)

8. The student's parent/guardian resides outside district boundaries but is employed within district boundaries and lives with the student at the place of employment for a minimum of three days during the school week. (Education Code [48204](#))

Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment (Allen Bill Transfers)

District residency status may be granted to a student if at least one of his/her parents/guardians is physically employed within district boundaries for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week. No student seeking residency on this basis shall be denied enrollment based on race, ethnicity, sex, parental income, scholastic achievement, or any of the individual characteristics set forth in Education Code [220](#). However, the Superintendent

DISTRICT RESIDENCY (continued)

or designee may deny enrollment into the district if any of the following circumstances is present: (Education Code [48204](#))

1. The additional cost of educating the student would exceed the amount of additional state aid received as a result of the transfer.
2. Enrollment of the student would adversely affect the district's court-ordered or voluntary desegregation plan as determined by the Governing Board.
3. Other circumstances exist that are not arbitrary.

Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, overcrowding of school facilities at the relevant grade level.

Once a student establishes residency on this basis, he/she shall not be required to reapply for enrollment in subsequent years. The student may continue to attend school in the district through the highest grade level offered by the district if the parent/guardian so chooses and if at least one parent/guardian of the student continues to be physically employed by an employer situated within district boundaries, subject to the exceptions in items #1-3 above. (Education Code [48204](#))

The Superintendent or designee may deny a transfer out of the district by a student whose parent/guardian is employed within the boundaries of another district if the difference between the number of students entering and exiting the district on the basis of parent/guardian employment exceeds the limits prescribed in Education Code [48204](#). (Education Code [48204](#))

Proof of Residency

Evidence of residency may be established by documentation showing the name and address of the parent/guardian within the district, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (Education Code [48204.1](#))

1. Property tax payment receipt
2. Rental property contract, lease, or payment receipt
3. Utility service contract, statement, or payment receipt
4. Pay stub
5. Voter registration
6. Correspondence from a government agency

DISTRICT RESIDENCY (continued)

7. Declaration of residency executed by the student's parent/guardian
8. If the student is an unaccompanied youth as defined in 42 USC [11434a](#), a declaration of residency executed by the student
9. If the student is residing in the home of a caregiving adult within district boundaries, an affidavit executed by the caregiving adult in accordance with Family Code [6552](#)

(cf. [5141](#) - Health Care and Emergencies)

The Superintendent or designee shall make a reasonable effort to secure evidence that a homeless or foster youth resides within the district, including, but not limited to, a utility bill, letter from a homeless shelter, hotel/motel receipt, or affidavit from the student's parent/guardian or other qualified adult relative.

However, a homeless or foster youth shall not be required to provide proof of residency as a condition of enrollment in district schools. (Education Code [48852.7](#), [48853.5](#); 42 USC [11432](#))

(cf. [6173](#) - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. [6173.1](#) - Education for Foster Youth)

A parent/guardian seeking residency status on the basis of his/her employment within district boundaries shall submit proof of the employment which may include, but not be limited to, a paycheck stub or letter from his/her employer listing a physical address within district boundaries. Such evidence shall also indicate the number of hours or days per school week that the parent/guardian is employed at that location.

Safe at Home/Confidential Address Program

When a student or parent/guardian participating in the Safe at Home program requests that the district use the substitute address designated by the Secretary of State, the Superintendent or designee may request the actual residence address for the purpose of establishing residency within district boundaries but shall use the substitute address for all future communications and correspondence and shall not include the actual address in the student's file or any other public record. (Government Code [6206](#), [6207](#))

(cf. [3580](#) - District Records)

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RESIDENCY BASED ON PARENT/GUARDIAN EMPLOYMENT

District Students Transferring to Other Districts Based on Parent/Guardian Employment

When a student's parent/guardian requests that the student be transferred to another district based on the parent/guardian's physical employment within that other district, the Board may deny the request if the percentage of district students admitted to other districts on the basis of parent/guardian employment exceeds the limits prescribed in Education Code 48204. A transfer may also be denied if the Board determines that the transfer would negatively impact a court-ordered or voluntary desegregation plan. (Education Code 48204)

The student's parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the Board's decision to deny the transfer to the school district in which the parent/guardian's employer is situated. The notice shall include specific reasons for the denial.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46601 Failure to approve interdistrict attendance

48200-48204 Compulsory education law; especially:

48204 Residency based on parent/guardian employment

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WEB SITES

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

RESIDENCY FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Homeless students living in the district shall be admitted to district schools upon presentation of any of the following:

1. Hotel or motel receipts
2. A letter from a social service agency or homeless shelter verifying that the student lives within the district
3. An affidavit from the parent/guardian stating that the family lives within the district

A reasonable effort shall be made to secure an address, phone number and medical release from the parent/guardian when a student is placed in a classroom.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

Legal Reference:

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2558.2 Use of revenue limits to determine average daily attendance of homeless children
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NONRESIDENT FOREIGN STUDENTS

Definitions

F-1 Visa Students: An F-1 visa student is a nonimmigrant visa category intended for use by nonresident aliens whose primary purpose for visiting the United States is to study at an academic school. (8 USC 1184)

J-1 Visa Students: A J-1 visa student is a nonimmigrant exchange student who has come to the United States to study for a specific period of time under the sponsorship of a government approved agency. (8 USC 1184)

(cf. 6145.6 - International Exchange)

Nonimmigrant foreign students may be admitted to the United States for a temporary stay for the purpose of study.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

F-1 Visa Students

On a case-by-case basis, students with or seeking an F-1 visa designation shall be accepted for admission to district schools in grades 9-12.

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

In determining whether to admit the student, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether the following conditions exist: (8 CFR 214.3, 22 CFR 41.61)

1. A suitable program exists at the school the student has selected
2. The student's English proficiency is sufficient for successful study at that school
3. Space is available
4. The student has provided proof of financial responsibility

In addition, the student shall also submit evidence that he/she has been fully immunized in accordance with California law.

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

A student shall be admitted for a maximum of one year. In addition, a student granted admission under this program shall pay the district the full, unsubsidized per-student cost of attendance at the secondary school. (8 USC 1184)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

NONRESIDENT FOREIGN STUDENTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8050-48054 Nonresidents

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8

1184 Foreign students

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

214.3 Petition for school approval

214.4 Withdrawal of school approval

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

41.61 Students; academic and nonacademic

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0319.97 Amendments to F-1 Student Visa Requirements, LO: 1-97

EXEMPTIONS FROM ATTENDANCE

Each student between the ages of 6 and 18 shall be subject to compulsory full-time education. (Education Code 48200)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

However, the Superintendent or designee may grant exemptions from compulsory attendance to a student as allowed by law and in the best interest of the student. Exemptions shall not be used to remove a student from the school for disciplinary purposes.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence)

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

As needed, the Superintendent or designee may require a student or his/her parent/guardian to submit written documentation that the student fulfills one of the conditions specified in law and administrative regulation for which exemption is authorized.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

EXEMPTIONS FROM ATTENDANCE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33190 Affidavit by persons conducting private school instruction

46100-46147 Minimum school day

46170 Minimum school day, continuation education

48200-48341 Compulsory education law

48400-48454 Compulsory continuation education

48800-48802 Attendance at community college

49110-49119 Permits to work

49130-49135 Permits to work full time

LABOR CODE

1285-1312 Employment of minors

1390-1399 Employment of minors

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11522 Parental consent for exemption based on high school proficiency certificate

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Title IX, discrimination

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.40 Marital or parental status

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Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Attendance Improvement: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/>

EXEMPTIONS FROM ATTENDANCE

Exemptions from Regular Education Program

A student may be exempted from full-time attendance in the district's regular education program if he/she:

1. Is being instructed in a private full-time school and the Superintendent or designee verifies that the private school has filed an affidavit pursuant to Education Code 33190 (Education Code 48222, 48223)
2. Is being instructed by a private tutor who holds a valid state credential for the grade taught, provided that the instruction consists of study and recitation for at least three hours a day for 175 days of each calendar year (Education Code 48224)
3. Holds a work permit to work temporarily in the entertainment or allied industries (Education Code 48225, 48225.5)

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)

4. Holds a work permit and attends part-time classes (Education Code 48230)
5. Is between the ages of 12 and 18 and enters a school attendance area from another state within 10 days of the end of the school term, with the exemption applicable for the remainder of the term (Education Code 48231)
6. Is at least age 15 and is taking a leave of absence for up to one semester for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work not available to the student under another educational option (Education Code 48232)

(cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence)

7. Attends a community college as a special full-time student on the grounds that he/she would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work (Education Code 48800.5)

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

Exemptions from Continuation Education

A student who would otherwise be subject to compulsory continuation education pursuant to Education Code 48400 or 48402 may be exempted if he/she: (Education Code 48410)

1. Has graduated from a public high school maintaining a four-year course above grade 8 or has had an equal amount of education in a private school or from a private tutor

EXEMPTIONS FROM ATTENDANCE (continued)

In the case of a private school, the exemption shall be granted only if the Superintendent or designee has verified that the private school has filed an affidavit pursuant to Education Code 33190. (Education Code 48415)

2. Has successfully demonstrated proficiency equal to or greater than standards established by the California Department of Education and has verified approval submitted by his/her parent/guardian

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

3. Is attending a public or private full-time day school or satisfactory part-time classes maintained by other agencies

4. Is attending adult school for not less than four hours per calendar week

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

5. Is attending a regional occupational program or center pursuant to Education Code 48432

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

6. Is disqualified because of his/her physical or mental condition or because of personal services that must be rendered to his/her dependents

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

7. Is between the ages of 12 and 18 and enters a school attendance area from another state within 10 days of the end of the school term, with the exemption applicable for the remainder of the term pursuant to Education Code 48231

In addition, a student who is between the ages of 16 and 18 may be exempted from continuation education if he/she is taking a leave of absence for up to two semesters for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work not available to the student under another educational option. (Education Code 48416)

EXCLUSIONS FROM ATTENDANCE

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each child entering a district school at any grade level adheres to district admission requirements and enrollment procedures.

- (cf. [5111](#) - Admission)
- (cf. [5111.1](#) - District Residency)
- (cf. [5116](#) - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
- (cf. [5117](#) - Interdistrict Attendance)
- (cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)
- (cf. [5141.3](#) - Health Examinations)

Mandatory Exclusions

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to an elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program for the first time, nor, after July 1, 2016, admit or advance any student to grade 7 unless the student has been fully immunized in accordance with Health and Safety Code [120335](#) and BP/AR 5141.31 - Immunizations or is exempted by law.

If a conditionally admitted student has not received required immunizations within 10 days after his/her parent/guardian has been notified of the need to do so, the student shall be excluded until he/she provides written evidence that he/she has received the vaccines due at that time. (Education Code [48216](#); Health and Safety Code [120335](#), [120370](#); 17 CCR [6055](#))

- (cf. [5141.31](#) - Immunizations)
- (cf. [5141.22](#) - Infectious Diseases)

The Superintendent or designee shall not admit a student who is reasonably suspected of having active tuberculosis. He/she shall be denied admission until the local health officer or licensed medical practitioner informs the district, in writing, that the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease. (Health and Safety Code [121485](#), [121495](#), [121505](#))

- (cf. [5141.26](#) - Tuberculosis Testing)

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude a student who is infected with any contagious or infectious disease. The student shall be permitted to return to school when a medical provider informs the Superintendent or designee in writing that he/she is satisfied that the contagious or infectious disease no longer exists. (Education Code [49451](#); 5 CCR [202](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude a student who resides where any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease subject to quarantine exists or has recently existed and who is subject to strict isolation or quarantine of contacts, unless written permission of the health officer is provided. (Health and Safety Code [120230](#))

EXCLUSIONS FROM ATTENDANCE (continued)

Permissive Exclusions

A student may be excluded from attendance at a district school under either of the following circumstances:

1. If there is good cause to believe that the student has been exposed to any disease stated in Health and Safety Code [120335](#) and his/her documentation of immunization does not show proof of immunization against that disease, the student may be temporarily excluded from the school until the local health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease. (Health and Safety Code [120335,120370](#))
2. If the student has not had the health screening specified in Health and Safety Code [124040](#) before or within the first 90 days of attending first grade, he/she may be excluded for up to five days unless the parent/guardian has presented a waiver or the district has exempted the student from this requirement in accordance with law. (Health and Safety Code [124105](#))

(cf. [5141.32](#) - Health Screening for School Entry)

Notifications to Parents/Guardians

The Superintendent or designee may exclude a student without prior notice to the parent/guardian if the student is excluded for any of the following reasons: (Education Code [48213](#))

1. He/she resides in an area subject to quarantine pursuant to Health and Safety Code [120230](#).
2. He/she is exempt from a medical examination but suffers from a contagious or infectious disease pursuant to Education Code [49451](#).
3. The Superintendent or designee determines that the presence of the student would constitute a clear and present danger to the safety or health of other students or school personnel.

However, in such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notice as soon as reasonably possible after the exclusion. (Education Code [48213](#))

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

In all other cases, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notice to the student's parent/guardian stating the facts leading to the exclusion, prior to excluding the student from attendance.

EXCLUSIONS FROM ATTENDANCE (continued)

Appeals from Exclusion

Upon exclusion of his/her child, a parent/guardian may meet with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the exclusion. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the decision of the Superintendent or designee to exclude his/her child, he/she may appeal the decision to the Governing Board.

The parent/guardian shall have an opportunity to inspect all documents upon which the district is basing its decision, to challenge any evidence and question any witness presented by the district, to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf, and to have one or more representatives present at the meeting.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[48210-48216](#) Persons excluded

[49076](#) Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

[49408](#) Information of use in emergencies

[49451](#) Parent's refusal to consent

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

[120230](#) Exclusion of persons from school

[120325-120380](#) Educational and child care facility immunization requirements

[121475-121520](#) Tuberculosis tests for students

[124025-124110](#) Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

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

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Board Policy

Students

BP 5112.3

STUDENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of regular school attendance in promoting student achievement. However, the Board also recognizes that, in rare circumstances, it may be beneficial for a student to participate in opportunities outside the school which contribute to his/her educational experience.

The Superintendent or designee may grant student leaves of absence for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work not available to the student under another educational option. Such leave may be granted to a student 15 years of age or older in the regular program and to a student age 16-18 in the continuation education program. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

No more than one percent of the students enrolled and attending a school shall be granted a leave of absence during any school year. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

When feasible, students shall be encouraged to instead enroll in the district's independent study program to allow for greater contact and coordination with district staff.

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48232 *Leave of absence for students age 15 at time of commencement of leave*

48410 *Exemption from continuation education*

48416 *Leave of absence for students age 16 to 18 inclusive*

FAMILY CODE

7000-7002 *Emancipation of minors law*

7050 *Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult*

Policy
adopted: January 4, 2012
Revised: November 7, 2012

BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5112.3(a)

STUDENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee may grant a student a leave of absence from school for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work. To be eligible for such leave, the student shall, at the time the leave of absence is to begin, be at least 15 years of age or, if he/she is enrolled in continuation education classes or exempted from continuation education classes pursuant to Education Code 48410, be 16-18 years of age. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

A written agreement shall be entered into that is signed by the student's parent/guardian, the principal or designee of the school which the student would otherwise attend, a classroom teacher familiar with the student's academic progress, and the district's supervisor of child welfare and attendance. In the case of a continuation education student, the student also shall sign the written agreement. The agreement shall include: (Education Code 48232, 48416)

1. The purpose of the leave
2. The length of the leave
3. Provision for a meeting or contact between the student and a designated school official at least once a month while the student is on leave
4. A statement that the leave is for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work not available to the student under another educational option

The length of the leave may be up to one semester, or up to two semesters for a continuation education student. The leave may be extended for an additional semester upon approval of all parties to the written agreement and the local school attendance review board. No leave of absence may be taken that would continue past the end of the school year in which the leave is taken. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

The student shall be permitted to return to school at any time and shall not be prevented from completing his/her academic requirements within a time period equal to that of his/her classmates who did not take leave, plus a period of time equal to the leave of absence. If the student reenrolls at a time other than the beginning of a semester, the school shall not be required to provide make-up sessions for classes missed. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

STUDENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE (continued)

If the student does not contact the designated school official as required by the written agreement, the leave shall be nullified. The agreement also may be nullified for cause at any time by any party to the agreement. (Education Code 48232, 48416)

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS

The Board, as authorized by Education Code 44808.5, establishes a "closed campus" at the elementary and junior high schools of the district in the interest of student safety and supervision. Once students arrive on the school grounds they must remain on campus until the end of the school day except with proper authorization. Students who leave campus without proper written authorization of their parents/guardians and permission of school authorities shall be classified as truant and subject to disciplinary action.

(cf. 5113 - Attendance and Excuses)

Open Campus

In order to give students an opportunity to demonstrate responsibility and positive citizenship, the Board of Trustees establishes an open campus at all district high schools in which students shall have the privilege of leaving campus during lunch.

The privilege of open campus may be revoked from individual students for disciplinary reasons.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Students shall not leave the school grounds at any other time during the school day without written permission of their parents/guardians and school authorities. Students who leave school or who fail to return following lunch without authorization shall be classified truant and subject to disciplinary action.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of the Board

35160.1 Broad authority of school district

44808.5 Permission for pupils to leave school grounds; notice

OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians about the open campus policy as required by law. (Education Code 44808.5)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The district, Board of Trustees members and district employees shall not be liable for the conduct and safety of students who leave school grounds during the lunch period. (Education Code 44808.5)

The principal of each high school shall be responsible for the annual preparation, implementation and evaluation of the school's open campus program.

The principal may revoke the open campus privilege to any or all students at any time. The principal shall submit a report to the Superintendent or designee indicating the nature and scope of the problem and a procedure for reviewing and resolving the problem.

The Superintendent shall notify the Board of any campus closure.

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board shall work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws, and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Excused Absences

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. (Education Code 48205)

Inasmuch as class participation is an integral part of students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical appointments during nonschool hours.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notification to the parents/guardians of all students, and to all students in grades 7-12, informing them that school authorities may excuse any student from school to obtain confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 46010.1)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency or confidential medical appointment.

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to law and administrative regulations. (Education Code 46014)

Effect of Absence on Grades/Credits

If a student's absence is excused under Education Code 48205, he/she shall be allowed to complete any missed assignment or test that can be reasonably given, as determined by the teacher of that class. The student shall be given full credit for the assignment or test if he/she satisfactorily completes the assignment or test within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)

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

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1740 *Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)*
- 2550-2558.6 *Computation of revenue limits*
- 37201 *School month*
- 37223 *Weekend classes*
- 41601 *Reports of average daily attendance*
- 42238-42250.1 *Apportionments*
- 46000 *Records (attendance)*
- 46010-46014 *Absences*
- 46100-46119 *Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools*
- 46140-46147 *Attendance in junior high and high schools*
- 48200-48208 *Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)*
- 48210-48216 *Exclusions from attendance*
- 48240-48246 *Supervisors of attendance*
- 48260-48273 *Truants*
- 48292 *Filing complaint against parent*
- 48320-48324 *School attendance review boards*
- 48340-48341 *Improvement of student attendance*
- 49067 *Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade*
- 49701 *Provisions of the interstate compact on educational opportunities for military children*

ELECTIONS CODE

- 12302 *Student participation on precinct boards*

FAMILY CODE

- 6920-6929 *Consent by minor*

VEHICLE CODE

- 13202.7 *Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

- 601-601.4 *Habitually truant minors*
- 11253.5 *Compulsory school attendance*

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- 306 *Explanation of absence*
- 420-421 *Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes*

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ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Excused Absences

A student's absence shall be excused for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness (Education Code 48205)
2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

3. Medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic appointment (Education Code 48205)
4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family, which shall be limited to one day if the service is conducted in California or three days if the service is conducted out of state (Education Code 48205)

Immediate family shall be defined as mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, spouse, son/son-in-law, daughter/daughter-in-law, brother, sister, or any relative living in the student's immediate household. (Education Code 45194, 48205)

5. Jury duty in the manner provided by law (Education Code 48205)
6. The illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child to whom the student is the custodial parent (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

7. Upon advance written request by the parent/guardian and the approval of the principal or designee, justifiable personal reasons including, but not limited to: (Education Code 48205)
 - a. Appearance in court
 - b. Attendance at a funeral service
 - c. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion
 - d. Attendance at religious retreats not to exceed four hours per semester
 - e. Attendance at an employment conference
 - f. Attendance at an educational conference offered by a nonprofit organization on the legislative or judicial process

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (continued)

8. Service as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code 12302 (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

9. To spend time with his/her immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code 49701, and has been called to duty for deployment to a combat zone or a combat support position or is on leave from or has immediately returned from such deployment (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

10. Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction in accordance with district policy (Education Code 46014)
 - a. In such instances, the student shall attend at least the minimum school day.
 - b. The student shall be excused for this purpose on no more than four days per school month.

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

Method of Verification

When a student who has been absent returns to school, he/she shall present a satisfactory explanation verifying the reason for the absence. Absences shall be verified by the student's parent/guardian, other person having control of the minor, or the student if age 18 or older. (Education Code 46012; 5 CCR 306)

The following methods may be used to verify student absences:

1. Written note, fax, email, or voice mail from parent/guardian or parent representative.
2. Conversation, in person or by telephone, between the verifying employee and the student's parent/guardian or parent representative. The employee shall subsequently record the following:
 - a. Name of student
 - b. Name of parent/guardian or parent representative
 - c. Name of verifying employee

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (continued)

- d. Date(s) of absence
 - e. Reason for absence
3. Visit to the student's home by the verifying employee, or any other reasonable method which establishes the fact that the student was absent for the reasons stated. The employee shall document the verification and include the information specified in item #2 above.
 4. Physician's verification.
 - a. When excusing students for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, district staff shall not ask the purpose of such appointments but may contact a medical office to confirm the time of the appointment.
 - b. When a student has had 14 absences in the school year for illness verified by methods listed in #1-3 above, any further absences for illness shall be verified by a physician.

Board Policy

Students

BP 5113.1(a)

CHRONIC ABSENCE AND TRUANCY

The Board of Trustees believes that excessive absenteeism, whether caused by excused or unexcused absences, may be an early warning sign of poor academic achievement and may put students at risk of dropping out of school. The Board desires to ensure that all students attend school in accordance with the state's compulsory education law and take full advantage of educational opportunities provided by the district.

(cf. [5113](#) - *Absences and Excuses*)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a system to accurately track student attendance in order to identify individual students who are chronic absentees and truants, as defined in law and administrative regulation, and to identify patterns of absence throughout the district. He/she shall provide the Board with data on school attendance, chronic absence, and truancy rates for all district students, for each school, and for each numerically significant student subgroup as defined in Education Code [52052](#). Such data shall be disaggregated and used in the development of annual goals and specific actions for student attendance and engagement and for inclusion in the district's local control and accountability plan and other applicable school and district plans.

(cf. [0400](#) - *Comprehensive Plans*)

(cf. [0420](#) - *School Plans/Site Councils*)

(cf. [0450](#) - *Comprehensive Safety Plan*)

(cf. [0460](#) - *Local Control and Accountability Plan*)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies that focus on prevention of attendance problems, which may include, but are not limited to, efforts to provide a safe and positive school environment, relevant and engaging learning experiences, school activities that help develop students' feelings of connectedness with the school, school-based health services, and incentives and rewards to recognize students who achieve excellent attendance or demonstrate significant improvement in attendance. The Superintendent or designee also shall develop strategies that enable early outreach to students as soon as they show signs of poor attendance.

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

(cf. [5126](#) - *Awards for Achievement*)

(cf. [5131](#) - *Conduct*)

(cf. [5131.2](#) - *Bullying*)

(cf. [5137](#) - *Positive School Climate*)

(cf. [5141.6](#) - *School Health Services*)

(cf. [5145.3](#) - *Nondiscrimination/Harassment*)

The Superintendent or designee shall work with students, parents/guardians, school staff, and community agencies, as appropriate, to identify factors contributing to chronic absence and truancy. He/she also may collaborate with child welfare services, law enforcement, courts,

CHRONIC ABSENCE AND TRUANCY (continued)

public health care agencies, other government agencies, and/or medical, mental health, and oral health care providers to ensure that alternative educational programs and nutrition, health care, and other support services are available for students and families and to intervene as necessary when students have serious attendance problems.

- (cf. [1020](#) - *Youth Services*)
- (cf. [5030](#) - *Student Wellness*)
- (cf. [5146](#) - *Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students*)
- (cf. [5147](#) - *Dropout Prevention*)
- (cf. [6158](#) - *Independent Study*)
- (cf. [6164.2](#) - *Guidance/Counseling Services*)
- (cf. [6164.5](#) - *Student Success Teams*)
- (cf. [6173](#) - *Education for Homeless Children*)
- (cf. [6173.1](#) - *Education for Foster Youth*)
- (cf. [6173.2](#) - *Education of Children of Military Families*)
- (cf. [6175](#) - *Migrant Education Program*)
- (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*)

Students who are identified as truants shall be subject to the interventions specified in law and administrative regulation.

A student's truancy, tardiness, or other absence from school shall not be the basis for his/her out-of-school suspension or expulsion. Alternative disciplinary strategies and positive reinforcement for attendance shall be used whenever possible.

- (cf. [5144](#) - *Discipline*)
- (cf. [5144.1](#) - *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the district's progress in improving student attendance rates for all students and for each numerically significant student population. Such information shall be used to evaluate the effectiveness of strategies implemented to reduce chronic absence and truancy and to make changes as needed. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall engage school staff in program evaluation and improvement and in identification of how to best allocate available community resources.

School Attendance Review Board

In accordance with law and administrative regulation, habitual truants may be referred to a school attendance review board (SARB).

The Board may submit a nomination to the County Superintendent of Schools for a person who will serve on the county SARB as a representative of school districts. (Education Code [48321](#))

CHRONIC ABSENCE AND TRUANCY (continued)

The Board shall appoint members of the district's SARB, who may include, but are not limited to, a parent/guardian as well as representatives of the district; county probation department; county welfare department; county office of education; law enforcement agencies; community-based youth service centers; school guidance personnel; child welfare and attendance personnel; school or county health care personnel; school, county, or community mental health personnel; the county district attorney's office; and the county public defender's office. (Education Code [48321](#))

The district's SARB shall operate in accordance with Education Code [48320-48325](#) and procedures established by the Superintendent or designee.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE[1740](#) *Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)*[37223](#) *Weekend classes*[41601](#) *Reports of average daily attendance*[46000](#) *Records (attendance)*[46010-46014](#) *Absences*[46110-46119](#) *Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools*[46140-46147](#) *Attendance in junior high and high schools*[48200-48208](#) *Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)*[48225.5](#) *Work permits, entertainment and allied industries*[48240-48246](#) *Supervisors of attendance*[48260-48273](#) *Truants*[48290-482967](#) *Failure to comply; complaints against parents*[48320-48325](#) *School attendance review boards*[48340-48341](#) *Improvement of student attendance*[48400-48403](#) *Compulsory continuation education*[48900](#) *Suspension and expulsion*[49067](#) *Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade*[52052](#) *Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups*[60901](#) *Chronic absence*GOVERNMENT CODE[54950-54963](#) *The Ralph M. Brown Act*PENAL CODE[270.1](#) *Chronic truancy; parent/guardian misdemeanor*[272](#) *Parent/guardian duty to supervise and control minor child; criminal liability for truancy*[830.1](#) *Peace officers*VEHICLE CODE[13202.7](#) *Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy*WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE[256-258](#) *Juvenile hearing officer*[601-601.4](#) *Habitually truant minors*[11253.5](#) *Compulsory school attendance*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5[306](#) *Explanation of absence*[420-421](#) *Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes*[15497.5](#) *Local control and accountability plan template*COURT DECISIONS*L.A. v. Superior Court of San Diego County, (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 976*

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California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance: <http://www.cascwa.org>

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

California Healthy Kids Survey: <http://chks.wested.org>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

Administrative Regulation

Students

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CHRONIC ABSENCE AND TRUANCY

Definitions

Chronic absentee means a student who is absent for any reason on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year, when the total number of days the student is absent is divided by the total number of days the student is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays. (Education Code 60901)

Truant means a student who is absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year, or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. (Education Code 48260)

Habitual truant means a student who has been reported as a truant three or more times within the same school year, provided the district has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the student and his/her parent/guardian. (Education Code 48262, 48264.5)

Chronic truant means a student who has been absent from school without a valid excuse for 10 percent or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, provided the district has met the requirements of Education Code 48260-48263 and 48291. (Education Code 48263.6)

For purposes of classifying a student as a truant, *valid excuse* includes, but is not limited to, the reasons for which a student shall be excused from school pursuant to Education Code 48205 and 48225.5. A valid excuse also may include other reasons that are within the discretion of school administrators and, based on the facts of the student's circumstances, are deemed to constitute a valid excuse. (Education Code 48260)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)

Attendance Supervisor(s)

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint or contract with a supervisor of attendance and assistant supervisors as necessary to supervise the attendance of district students. Such supervisors shall perform duties related to compulsory full-time education, truancy, compulsory continuation education, work permits, and any additional duties prescribed by the Superintendent. (Education Code 48240, 48243, 48244)

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Addressing Chronic Absence

When a student is identified as a chronic absentee, the attendance supervisor shall communicate with the student and his/her parents/guardians to determine the reason(s) for the excessive absences, ensure the student and parents/guardians are aware of the adverse consequences of poor attendance, and jointly develop a plan for improving the student's school attendance.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The student may be referred to a student success team or school-site attendance review team to assist in evaluating his/her needs and identifying strategies and programs to assist him/her.

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

A student who is struggling academically may be offered tutoring or other supplemental instruction, extended learning opportunities, and/or alternative educational options as appropriate.

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Whenever chronic absenteeism is linked to a health issue or nonschool condition, the attendance supervisor may recommend school or community resources and/or collaborate with community agencies and organizations to address the needs of the student and his/her family.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

Addressing Truancy

An attendance supervisor or designee, peace officer, probation officer, or school administrator or designee may, as applicable, arrest or assume temporary custody during school hours of any minor student found away from his/her home who is absent from school

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without a valid excuse. Any person arresting or assuming temporary custody of a minor student shall deliver the student and make reports in accordance with Education Code 48265 and 48266. (Education Code 48264, 48265, 48266)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

The attendance supervisor shall investigate a complaint from any person that a parent/guardian has violated the state compulsory education laws contained in Education Code 48200-48341. (Education Code 48290)

When a student has been identified as a truant as defined above, the following steps shall be implemented based on the number of truanancies he/she has committed:

1. Initial truancy
 - a. The student shall be reported to the attendance supervisor. (Education Code 48260)
 - b. The student's parent/guardian shall be notified by the most cost-effective method possible, which may include email or a telephone call, that: (Education Code 48260.5)
 - (1) The student is truant.
 - (2) The parent/guardian is obligated to compel the student to attend school. If the parent/guardian fails to meet this obligation, he/she may be guilty of an infraction of the law and subject to prosecution pursuant to Education Code 48290-48296.
 - (3) Alternative educational programs are available in the district.
 - (4) The parent/guardian has the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the student's truancy.
 - (5) The student may be subject to arrest or held in temporary custody by a probation officer, a peace officer, a school administrator or attendance supervisor or his/her designee under Education Code 48264 if found away from home and absent from school without a valid excuse.
 - (6) The student may be subject to suspension, restriction, or delay of his/her driving privilege pursuant to Vehicle Code 13202.7.
 - (7) It is recommended that the parent/guardian accompany the student to school and attend classes with the student for one day.

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

- c. The student may be required to attend makeup classes on one day of a weekend pursuant to Education Code 37223. (Education Code 48264.5)
 - d. The student and, as appropriate, his/her parent/guardian may be requested to attend a meeting with a school counselor or other school designee to discuss the root causes of the attendance issue and develop a joint plan to improve the student's attendance. (Education Code 48264.5)
2. Second truancy
- a. Any student who has once been reported as a truant shall again be reported to the attendance supervisor as a truant if he/she is absent from school without a valid excuse one or more days or is tardy on one or more days during the school year. (Education Code 48261)
 - b. The student may be required to attend makeup classes on one day of a weekend pursuant to Education Code 37223. (Education Code 48264.5)
 - c. The student may be assigned to an after-school or weekend study program within the county. If the student fails to successfully complete this study program, he/she shall be subject to item #3 below. (Education Code 48264.5)
 - d. An appropriate district staff member shall make a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the student and his/her parent/guardian by communicating with the parent/guardian at least once using the most cost-effective method possible, which may include email or a telephone call. (Education Code 48262)
 - e. The student may be given a written warning by a peace officer. A record of that warning may be kept at the school for not less than two years or until the student graduates or transfers from the school. If the student transfers, the record may be forwarded to the new school. (Education Code 48264.5)
3. Third truancy (habitual truancy)
- a. A student who is habitually truant, irregular in school attendance, or habitually insubordinate or disorderly during attendance at school may be referred to, and required to attend, a school attendance review board (SARB) program, a truancy mediation program established by the district attorney or the probation officer, or a comparable program deemed acceptable by the district's attendance supervisor. (Education Code 48263, 48264.5)
 - b. Upon making a referral to the SARB or the probation department, the attendance supervisor shall provide the student and parent/guardian, in

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writing, the name and address of the SARB or probation department and the reason for the referral. This notice shall indicate that the student and parent/guardian shall be required, along with the district staff person making the referral, to meet with the SARB or a probation officer to consider a proper disposition of the referral. (Education Code 48263)

- c. If the student does not successfully complete the truancy mediation program or other similar program, he/she shall be subject to item #4 below. (Education Code 48264.5)
4. Fourth truancy
 - a. Upon his/her fourth truancy within the same school year, the student may be referred to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. (Education Code 48264.5; Welfare and Institutions Code 601)
 - b. If a student has been adjudged by the county juvenile court to be a habitual truant, the attendance supervisor shall notify the juvenile court and the student's probation or parole officer whenever the student is truant or tardy on one or more days without a valid excuse in the same or succeeding school year, or is habitually insubordinate or disorderly at school. The juvenile court and probation or parole officer shall be notified within 10 days of the violation. (Education Code 48267)
 5. Absence for 10 percent of school days (chronic truancy)
 - a. The attendance supervisor shall ensure that the student's parents/guardians are offered language-accessible support services to address the student's truancy.
 - b. If a chronically truant student is at least age 6 years and is in any of grades K-8, the attendance supervisor shall notify the student's parents/guardians that failure to reasonably supervise and encourage the student's school attendance may result in the parent/guardian being found guilty of a misdemeanor pursuant to Penal Code 270.1.

Records

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain accurate attendance records for students identified as habitual or chronic truants. The Superintendent or designee also shall document all contacts with a student and his/her parent/guardian regarding the student's attendance, including a summary of all conversations and a record of all intervention efforts.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

CHRONIC ABSENCE AND TRUANCY (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall gather and transmit to the County Superintendent of Schools the number and types of referrals made to the SARB and of requests for petitions made to the juvenile court. (Education Code 48273)

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WORK PERMITS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that part-time employment can provide students with income as well as job experience that can help them develop appropriate workplace skills and attitudes. Upon obtaining an offer of employment, district students who are minors shall obtain work permits from the Superintendent or designee in accordance with law, regardless of whether the employment will occur when school is in session and/or not in session.

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

In determining whether to grant or continue a work permit, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether employment is likely to significantly interfere with the student's schoolwork. Students granted work permits must demonstrate and maintain a 2.0 grade point average and satisfactory school attendance. On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may approve a maximum work hour limit that is lower than the limit specified in law and administrative regulation.

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

Students with work permits may be exempted from attendance in a full-time day school provided they attend part-time classes. (Education Code 48230)

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

Work permits shall be limited to part-time employment as defined by law, except when the Superintendent or designee determines that circumstances warrant the granting of a permit for full-time employment.

Any student authorized to work full time when school is in session shall be enrolled in part-time continuation classes. A student age 14 or 15 who receives a permit to work full time shall also be enrolled in a work experience education program. (Education Code 49130, 49131, 49135)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

WORK PERMITS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48230 *Exemption from full-time school attendance for students with work permits*

48231 *Exemption from compulsory attendance for students entering attendance area near end of term*

49100-49101 *Compulsory attendance*

49110-49119 *Permits to work*

49130-49135 *Permits to work full time*

49140-49141 *Exceptions*

49160-49165 *Employment of minors; duties of employers*

49180-49183 *Violations*

51760-51769.5 *Work experience education*

52300-52499.66 *Career technical education*

LABOR CODE

1285-1312 *Employment of minors*

1391-1394 *Working hours for minors*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

16023-16027 *District records, retention and destruction*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11701-11707 *Prohibited and dangerous occupations for minors*

11750-11763 *Work permits and conditions, minor employed in entertainment industry*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

570.1-570.129 *Child labor regulations*

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Management Resources:

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Work Permit Handbook for California Schools: Laws and Regulations Governing the Employment of Minors, 2007

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

Child Labor Laws, 2000

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Work Experience Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/we>

California Department of Education, Office of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs and Workforce Development: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/wd>

California Department of Industrial Relations: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

WORK PERMITS

Before accepting employment, a student under the age of 18 who is subject to the state's compulsory attendance law, including students who have not yet graduated from high school or have not received a certificate of proficiency, shall obtain a work permit.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

The district may issue a permit authorizing employment while school is in session, including employment connected with a work experience education program pursuant to Education Code 51760-51769.5, to a minor student age 14-17. The district also may issue a permit to any minor age 12-17 to be employed during a regular school holiday, during a regular or specified occasional public school vacation, and when the student is exempt from compulsory school attendance because he/she arrived from another state within 10 days before the end of the school term pursuant to Education Code 48231. (Education Code 49111, 49113, 49160)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)

If a minor has obtained an offer of employment in the entertainment industry, he/she shall request a work permit from the California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, pursuant to Labor Code 1308.5 and 8 CCR 11752-11753.

A student shall not be required to obtain a work permit if he/she is self-employed; is working at odd jobs such as yard work and babysitting in private homes where he/she is not regularly employed; is a self-employed news carrier delivering newspapers to consumers on a regular route; is employed by his/her parent/guardian in domestic labor on or in connection with premises the parent/guardian owns, operates, or controls; or is otherwise exempted by law.

Persons Authorized to Issue Work Permits

The following individuals are authorized to issue a work permit to a minor student in the district: (Education Code 49110)

1. The Superintendent
2. An employee holding a services credential with a specialization in pupil personnel services or a certificated work experience education teacher or coordinator, when authorized by the Superintendent in writing
3. A principal, or another school administrator designated by the principal, provided that he/she:
 - a. Provides a self-certification that he/she understands the requirements of law for issuing a work permit

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- b. Does not issue a work permit to his/her own child

If the person designated to issue work permits is not available and delay in issuing a permit would jeopardize a student's ability to secure work, the Superintendent may authorize another person to issue the permit. (Education Code 49110)

Approval Process

The student's parent/guardian, foster parent, caregiver with whom the student resides, or residential shelter services provider shall file a written request for a work permit. (Education Code 49110)

The request for a work permit shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee on a form approved by the California Department of Education (CDE). The Superintendent or designee shall have discretion to determine whether or not to issue the work permit.

In determining whether to approve a work permit, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the student's date of birth, the type of work permit to be issued, and whether the student meets any other criteria established by the Board of Trustees. The Superintendent or designee may inspect the student's records and/or may confer with at least one of the student's teachers for evidence of satisfactory grades and school attendance and to determine whether the student possesses the motivation and maturity to maintain academic progress while working.

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

Minors shall not be approved to work in environments declared hazardous or dangerous for young workers or otherwise prohibited by child labor laws. (Labor Code 1290-1298; 29 CFR 570.33, 570.50-570.72)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the requested work hours do not exceed the maximum work hours specified in law based on the student's age and whether the employment will occur while school is in session and/or not in session. (Education Code 49111, 49112, 49116; Labor Code 1391-1391.1; 29 CFR 570.35)

Full-time employment may be authorized for students age 14-17 only in accordance with Education Code 49130-49135.

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

All work permits shall be issued in a format approved and authorized by the CDE. (Education Code 49117)

WORK PERMITS (continued)

Each permit shall authorize work for a specific employer. Whenever a student changes employers, he/she shall request a new permit.

The student may be issued more than one work permit if he/she works concurrently for more than one employer, provided that the total number of hours worked does not exceed the total number of hours allowed by law and the district.

Whenever a work permit is issued by a principal or other designated school administrator, the principal or designee shall submit to the Superintendent a copy of each work permit he/she issues, along with a copy of the application. (Education Code 49110)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically inspect the grades and attendance records of students granted work permits to ensure maintenance of academic progress and any additional criteria established in Board policy.

Expiration of Work Permits

Work permits issued during the school year shall expire five days after the opening of the next succeeding school year. (Education Code 49118)

Before the work permit expires, a student may apply for a renewed work permit in accordance with the procedures specified in the section "Approval Process" above.

Revocation of Work Permits

The Superintendent or designee shall revoke a student's work permit whenever he/she determines that employment is interfering with the student's education, that any provision or condition of the permit is being violated, or that the student is performing work in violation of law. (Education Code 49116, 49164)

The Superintendent may revoke a work permit issued by a principal of a public or private school located within the district if the Superintendent becomes aware of any grounds upon which the student may be deemed ineligible for a work permit under law. (Education Code 49110)

Retention of Records

The Superintendent or designee shall retain a copy of the work permit application and the work permit until the end of the fourth year after the work permit was issued. (5 CCR 16026)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

The Board of Trustees shall establish school attendance boundaries in order to maximize the efficient use of district facilities and effective administration of district schools. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review school attendance boundaries and, as necessary, make recommendations to the Board for boundary adjustments.

When reviewing school attendance boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the following factors:

1. School enrollment data, including declining enrollment patterns
2. Facility capacity and design, including potential commercial and residential developments
3. School feeder patterns, including maintaining, to the extent practicable, continuity of student attendance
4. Federal, state, or court mandates
5. Community input
6. Student safety
7. Transportation capacity
8. Community and neighborhood identity
9. Geographic features of the district, including traffic patterns
10. Educational programs, such as magnet schools and charter schools

(cf. 7160 - Charter School Facilities)

11. Consistency between municipal boundaries and high school boundaries
12. Other factors

(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

In order to alleviate overcrowding, the Superintendent or designee may place some students in a school outside of their attendance area. Parents/guardians of students who are attending schools outside of their attendance area shall be notified of the school their child will be attending as soon as possible. If available, transportation shall be provided for such students.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES (continued)

(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35291 Rules

35350 Transportation of students

35351 Assignment of students to particular schools

GOVERNMENT CODE

53311-53317.5 Establishment of community facilities district

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 31 Discrimination based on race, sex, color, ethnicity

COURT DECISIONS

Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275

Crawford v. Board of Education (1976) 17 Cal.3d 280

Jackson v. Pasadena City School District (1963) 59 Cal.2d 876

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Board of Trustees desires to provide enrollment options that meet the diverse needs and interests of district students and parents/guardians, while also balancing enrollment in order to maximize the efficient use of district facilities. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection and transfer of students among district schools in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

The parents/guardians of any student who resides within district boundaries may apply to enroll their child in any district school, regardless of the location of residence within the district. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)

(cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)

The Board shall annually review this policy. (Education Code 35160.5, 48980)

Enrollment Priorities

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)

The Superintendent or designee shall grant priority to any district student to attend another district school, including a charter school, outside of his/her attendance area as follows:

1. Any student enrolled in a district school that has been identified on the state's Open Enrollment List. (Education Code 48354)

(cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

2. Any student enrolled in a district school receiving Title I funds that has been identified for program improvement (PI), corrective action, or restructuring. (20 USC 6316)

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter Schools)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

3. Any student enrolled in a district school designated by the California Department of Education as "persistently dangerous." (20 USC 7912; 5 CCR 11992)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

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4. Any student who is a victim of a violent crime while on school grounds. (20 USC 7912)

Application and Selection Process

In order to ensure that priorities for enrollment in district schools are implemented in accordance with law, applications for intradistrict open enrollment shall be submitted between March 1 - June 1 of the school year preceding the school year for which the transfer is requested.

The Superintendent or designee shall calculate each school's capacity in a nonarbitrary manner using student enrollment and available space. (Education Code 35160.5)

Except for priorities listed above, the Superintendent or designee shall use a random, unbiased selection process to determine who shall be admitted whenever the school receives admission requests that are in excess of the school's capacity. (Education Code 35160.5)

Enrollment decisions shall not be based on a student's academic or athletic performance, except that existing entrance criteria for specialized schools or programs may be used provided that the criteria are uniformly applied to all applicants. Academic performance may be used to determine eligibility for, or placement in, programs for gifted and talented students. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

Transportation

Except as required by 20 USC 6316 for transfers out of Title I PI schools, the district shall not be obligated to provide transportation for students who attend school outside their attendance area.

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200 Prohibition against discrimination

35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35291 Rules

35351 Assignment of students to particular schools

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements

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48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

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48980 Notice at beginning of term

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11992-11994 Definition of persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6316 Transfers from program improvement schools

7912 Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

200.36 Dissemination of information

200.37 Notice of program improvement status, option to transfer

200.39 Program improvement, transfer option

200.42 Corrective action, transfer option

200.43 Restructuring, transfer option

200.44 Public school choice, program improvement schools

200.48 Transportation funding for public school choice

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

California Department of Education, Unsafe School Choice Option:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/usco.asp>

U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind: <http://www.nclb.gov>

INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT**Transfers for Victims of a Violent Criminal Offense**

Within a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 14 days, after it has been determined that a student has been the victim of a violent criminal offense while on school grounds, the student's parents/guardians shall be offered an option to transfer their child to an eligible school identified by the Superintendent or designee. In making the determination that a student has been a victim of a violent criminal offense, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the specific circumstances of the incident and consult with local law enforcement as appropriate. Examples of violent criminal offenses include, but are not limited to, attempted murder, battery with serious bodily injury, assault with a deadly weapon, rape, sexual battery, robbery, extortion, or hate crimes.

The Superintendent or designee shall consider the needs and preferences of the affected student and his/her parent/guardian in making the offer. If the parent/guardian elects to transfer his/her child, the transfer shall be completed as soon as practicable.

Transfers from a "Persistently Dangerous" School

Upon receipt of notification from the California Department of Education (CDE) that a district school has been designated as "persistently dangerous," the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians of students attending the school with the following notifications:

Within 20 days of receipt of the notification from CDE, notice of the option to transfer their child

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Parents/guardians who desire to transfer their child out of a "persistently dangerous" school shall provide a written request to the Superintendent or designee and shall rank-order their preferences from among all schools identified by the Superintendent or designee as eligible to receive transfer students. The Superintendent or designee may establish a reasonable timeline, not to exceed seven school days, for the submission of parent/guardian requests.

The Superintendent or designee shall consider the needs and preferences of students and parents/guardians before making an assignment, but is not obligated to accept the parent/guardian's preference if the assignment is not feasible due to space constraints or other considerations. For students whose parents/guardians accept the offer, the transfer shall generally be made within 30 school days of receiving the notice of the school's designation from the CDE. If parents/guardians decline the assigned school, the student may remain in his/her current school.

INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (continued)

The transfer shall remain in effect as long as the student's school of origin is identified as "persistently dangerous." The Superintendent or designee may choose to make the transfer permanent based on the educational needs of the student, parent/guardian preferences, and other factors affecting the student's ability to succeed if returned to the school of origin.

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with neighboring districts to develop an interdistrict transfer program in the event that space is not available in a district school.

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Agreements)

Other Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Except for transfers for victims of a violent crime and from a "persistently dangerous school," the following procedures shall apply to intradistrict open enrollment:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall identify those schools which may have space available for additional students. A list of those schools and open enrollment applications shall be available at each school site, the district office, and on the district's web site.
2. After the enrollment priorities have been applied in accordance with Board policy, if there are more requests for a particular school than there are spaces available, a random drawing shall be held from the applicant pool. A waiting list shall be established to indicate the order in which applicants may be accepted if openings occur during the year. Late applicants shall not be added to the waiting list for the current year but shall instead wait for a subsequent lottery.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to applicants as to whether their applications have been approved, denied, or placed on a waiting list. If the application is denied, the reasons for denial shall be stated.
4. Approved applicants must confirm their enrollment within 10 school days.

Notifications

Notifications shall be sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year describing all current statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the district. Such notification shall include: (Education Code 35160.5, 48980)

1. All options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance

INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (continued)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)

(cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)

(cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

2. Program options offered within local attendance areas
3. A description of any special program options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis
4. A description of the procedure for application for alternative attendance areas or programs and the appeals process available, if any, when a change of attendance is denied
5. A district application form for requesting a change of attendance
6. The explanation of attendance options under California law as provided by the CDE

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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INTRADISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUEST AND AGREEMENT

Student _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Name of Parent _____ Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip Code _____

District of Residence _____

I request that my child(ren), named above, be permitted to attend the _____ school. Reason(s) for request: _____

Should this request be granted, I agree and understand that:

- 1. I must furnish any transportation needed for my child to get to and from school unless otherwise stated herein.
- 2. If this request is granted, I will confirm my child's enrollment within two weeks of receipt of this form.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Approved [] Denied [] _____
Superintendent/Board Designee

Date

Reason(s) for denial: _____

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE

The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents/guardians of students who reside in one district may, for a variety of reasons, choose to enroll their child in a school in another district.

(cf. [0520.3](#) - Title I Program Improvement Districts)
(cf. [5111.12](#) - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)
(cf. [5116.1](#) - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. [5118](#) - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

Interdistrict Attendance Permits

The Board may enter into an agreement with any other school district, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of students who are residents of the districts. (Education Code [46600](#))

The agreement shall specify the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. It also may contain standards agreed to by both districts for reapplication and/or revocation of the student's permit. (Education Code [46600](#))

Upon receiving a permit for transfer into the district that has been approved by the student's district of residence, or upon receiving a written request from the parent/guardian of a district student who wishes to enroll in another district, the Superintendent or designee shall review the request and may approve or deny the permit subject to the terms and conditions of the interdistrict attendance agreement.

A child of an active military duty parent/guardian shall not be prohibited from transferring out of the district to a school district of choice, if the other school district approves the application for transfer. (Education Code [48301](#))

(cf. [6173.2](#) - Education of Children of Military Families)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[41020](#) Annual district audits

[46600-46611](#) Interdistrict attendance agreements

[48204](#) Residency requirements for school attendance

[48300-48316](#) Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

[48350-48361](#) Open Enrollment Act

[48900](#) Grounds for suspension or expulsion; definition of bullying

[48915](#) Expulsion; particular circumstances

[48915.1](#) Expelled individuals: enrollment in another district

[48918](#) Rules governing expulsion procedures

[48980](#) Notice at beginning of term

[52317](#) Regional occupational center/program, enrollment of students, interdistrict attendance

Legal Reference: Continued on next page

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE (continued)

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Transfer Law Comparison, Fact Sheet, March 2011

WEB SITES

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

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

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adopted: April 1, 2009
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revised: March 2, 2016

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INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE

The parent/guardian shall visit the campus and meet the administration prior to action on an outgoing interdistrict transfer request. New outgoing interdistrict requests shall be denied unless any of the following seven exceptions apply.

The Board of Trustees may approve interdistrict attendance request for the following reasons:

1. To meet the student's special mental or physical health needs as certified by a physician, school psychologist, or other appropriate school personnel

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

2. To allow the student to complete a school year when his/her parents/guardians have moved out of the district during that year
3. At least one parent/guardian is physically employed within the geographic boundaries of the receiving district, as verified by the Superintendent or designee. (Employment is defined as where the actual physical place of business is located). This provision does not authorize a net transfer of students out of a school district, calculated as the difference between the number of students exiting the district and the number of students entering the district, in a fiscal year in excess of 3% of the average daily attendance of the district or 25 students, whichever amount is greater
4. When the parent/guardian provides written evidence that the family will be moving into the district in the immediate future and would like the student to start the year in the district
5. When recommended by the school attendance review board or by county child welfare, probation, or social service agency staff in documented cases of serious home or community problems which make it inadvisable for the student to attend the school of residence
6. To allow the student that had approval the previous year for outgoing interdistrict agreements to remain with the receiving district.
7. When the Superintendent or designee determines that the request is one of extreme hardship.

Every interdistrict attendance permit shall stipulate the terms and conditions under which the permit may be revoked. (Education Code 46600)

The Board may deny initial request for interdistrict attendance permits if school facilities are overcrowded at the relevant grade level or based on other considerations that are not arbitrary. However, once a student is admitted, the district, may not deny him/her continued attendance because of overcrowded facilities at the relevant grade level.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE (continued)

The Board shall notify the parents/guardians of a student who is denied interdistrict attendance regarding the process for appeal to the County Board of Education as specified in Education Code 46601.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Students who are under consideration for expulsion or who have been expelled may not appeal interdistrict attendance denials or decisions while expulsion proceedings are pending or during the term of the expulsion. (Education Code 46601)

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Transportation

The district shall not provide transportation outside the school's attendance area.

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INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUEST AND AGREEMENT

Student _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Name of Parent _____ Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Residence Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Is the student currently expelled, on a suspended expulsion or discipline contract? yes no

School now attending? _____

Programs in which student participates: GATE Band Title 1 Special Education Athletics other

Application

I request that my child, named above, be permitted to attend the _____ School in the _____ School District during the _____ school year. Briefly state the reason for the request: _____

Agreement

Date of required meeting with principal: _____

Should this request be granted, I agree and understand that:

1. The above-named student(s) will be transferred back to his/her district of residence if facilities or programs become unavailable in the school the student is assigned to attend.
2. The parent will assume responsibility for all transportation for the above-named student(s) to and from school.
3. If the student demonstrates unsatisfactory attendance, scholarship, or citizenship, approval may be cancelled.
4. Falsification or misrepresentation of information on this form constitutes grounds for refusal or cancellation of this permit.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUEST AND AGREEMENT (continued)

5. This agreement expires at the close of the current school year.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Printed name of Parent/Guardian)

Agreement

The Board of Trustees of the following districts agree to permit the student(s), named above, to attend school in the requested district, subject to the following terms:

1. Pursuant to Education Code 46607, the District of Attendance shall be credited with the average daily attendance for determining state apportionments and revenue limits.
2. Any agreement may be nullified if the student fails to attend school regularly, fails to obey rules and regulations of the schools, does not attempt to further his/her education in a conscientious manner, or does not conform to conditions otherwise specified in the agreement.
3. Interdistrict requests for Special Education students have been approved on the stipulation that there would be no cost to the Biggs Unified School District as these services could be provided by the District.

Release/Denial of Release by District of Residence

The student(s) named above is/are released/denied release by the _____
School District for attendance in the _____ School District.

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____

Acceptance/Denial by Requested District of Attendance

Action of Requested District

The student(s) named above is/are accepted for/denied attendance in the _____
School District. S/he will be assigned to the _____ School.

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____

In addition to the conditions stated herein, this attendance agreement is subject to all the terms and conditions of the Interdistrict Attendance Agreement currently in effect between the above District of Residence and the District of Attendance. The District of Attendance is to receive the state apportionment for the Average Daily Attendance accrued in the same a manner as if the student were a resident of the District of Attendance. No tuition shall be charged.

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The Board of Trustees desires to offer enrollment options in order to provide children with opportunities for academic achievement that meet their diverse needs. Such options shall also be provided to children who reside within another district's boundaries in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Whenever a student is attending a district school on the Open Enrollment List as identified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, he/she may transfer to another school within or outside of the district, as long as the school to which he/she is transferring has a higher Academic Performance Index. (Education Code 48354, 48356)

A parent/guardian whose child is attending a district school on the Open Enrollment List and who wishes to have his/her child attend another school within the district shall apply for enrollment using BP/AR 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

In order to ensure that priorities for enrollment in district schools are implemented in accordance with law, the Board hereby waives the January 1 deadline in Education Code 48354 for all applications for transfer from nonresident parents/guardians of children attending a school on the Open Enrollment List in another district. Transfer applications shall be submitted between January 1st and February 1st of the preceding school year for which the transfer is requested.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)

The Board may deny a transfer out of or into the district upon a determination by the Board that the transfer would negatively impact a court-ordered or voluntary desegregation plan in accordance with Education Code 48355.

Standards for Rejection of Transfer Applications

Pursuant to Education Code 48356, the Board has adopted the following standards for acceptance and rejection of transfer applications submitted by a parent/guardian of a student attending a school in another district on the Open Enrollment List. The Superintendent or designee shall apply these standards in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation and shall ensure that the standards are applied uniformly and consistently.

As applicable, the Superintendent or designee may deny a transfer application under any of the following circumstances:

1. Upon a determination that approval of the transfer application would negatively impact the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building, including:

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- a. The class or grade level exceeding the district's limits pursuant to the state Class Size Reduction Program or the Morgan/Hart Class Size Reduction Program for Grades 9-12
- b. The site, classroom, or program exceeding the maximum student-teacher ratio specified in the district's collective bargaining agreement
- c. The site or classroom exceeding the physical capacity of the facility pursuant to the district's facilities master plan or other facility planning document
- d. The class or grade level exceeding capacity pursuant items #a-#c above in subsequent years as the student advances to other grade levels at the school

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

2. Upon a determination that approval of the transfer application would have an adverse financial impact on the district, including:
 - a. The hiring of additional certificated or classified staff
 - b. The operation of additional classrooms or instructional facilities
 - c. Expenses incurred by the district that would not be covered by the apportionment of funds received from the state resulting in a reduction of the resources available to resident students

Appeal Process for Denials of Transfer Applications

A parent/guardian may appeal the district's denial of a transfer application to the Board by filing a written request of appeal with the Superintendent or designee within 10 days of the receipt of the written notification of denial. In addition, a parent/guardian who believes he/she has been subject to discrimination may file an appeal using the district's Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

The Board shall schedule an appeal hearing as soon as practicable at a regular or special meeting of the Board. At the hearing, the parent/guardian shall have the right to present oral or written evidence, rebut district evidence, and question any district witnesses. Unless the parent/guardian requests that the hearing be held in open session, the hearing shall be held in closed session in order to protect the privacy of students in accordance with law.

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

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The Board shall make its decision by the next regularly scheduled meeting and shall send its decision to all concerned parties. The Board's decision shall be final.

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall collect data regarding the number of students who transfer out of the district pursuant to the Open Enrollment Act. He/she also shall collect data regarding the number of students who apply to transfer into the district, the number of requests granted, denied, or withdrawn, and the district schools and programs receiving applications.

When the Superintendent or designee anticipates that a particular school will receive a large number of transfer applications, he/she shall study the enrollment pattern at that school in order to anticipate future resident enrollment at the school and at the district schools into which those students would normally matriculate.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the implementation of this program.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

OPEN ENROLLMENT ACT TRANSFERS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200 Prohibition of discrimination

35160.5 District policies, rules, and regulations

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements

48200 Compulsory attendance

48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act

48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances

48915.1 Expelled individuals: enrollment in another district

52317 Regional Occupational Center/Program, enrollment of students, interdistrict attendance

FAMILY CODE

6500-6552 Caregivers

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6316 Transfers from program improvement schools

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4700-4703 Open Enrollment Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

200.36 Dissemination of information

200.37 Notice of program improvement status, option to transfer

200.39 Program improvement, transfer option

200.42 Corrective action, transfer option

200.43 Restructuring, transfer option

200.44 Public school choice, program improvement schools

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OPEN ENROLLMENT ACT TRANSFERS

Definitions

District of enrollment means the district, other than the district in which the student's parent/guardian resides, in which the parent/guardian intends to enroll his/her child. (Education Code 48352)

District of residence means the district in which the parent/guardian of a student resides and in which the student would otherwise be required to enroll pursuant to Education Code 48200. (Education Code 48352)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

Open enrollment school means a "low-achieving" school identified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) pursuant to Education Code 48352 and 5 CCR 4701. (Education Code 48352; 5 CCR 4701)

Transfer Applications into a District School

Enrollment priority shall be available to students who reside within this district. No student who resides within a school's attendance area or who is currently enrolled in a school shall be displaced by a student who is transferring pursuant Education Code 48350-48361 or 5 CCR 4700-4703. (Education Code 48354, 48356)

Applications shall be submitted within the deadlines established by Board policy.

However, the application deadline shall not apply to an application requesting a transfer if the parent/guardian with whom the student resides is enlisted in the military and was relocated by the military within 90 days prior to submitting the application. (Education Code 48354)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

The parent/guardian's application may request enrollment of his/her child in a specific school or program. Requests for admission to a magnet school or program designed to serve gifted and talented students shall be subject to the usual admission requirements established by the district for district students. Except for such specialized admission requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall not consider the student's previous academic achievement, athletic performance, physical condition, English language proficiency, family income, or any of the prohibited bases for discrimination listed in Education Code 200. (Education Code 48354, 48356)

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

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

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Students applying for open enrollment transfers shall be assigned priority for approval as follows: (Education Code 48356)

1. First priority for the siblings of students who already attend the desired school
2. Second priority for students transferring from a program improvement school ranked in decile 1 on the Academic Performance Index (API)

If the number of students who request a particular school exceeds the number of spaces available at that school, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a lottery, in the group priority order identified in items #1 and #2 above, to select students at random until all of the available spaces are filled. (Education Code 48356)

Within 60 days of receiving the application, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to the parent/guardian and the student's district of residence as to whether the application has been accepted or rejected. If the application has been rejected, the notice shall state the reasons for the rejection. If the application has been approved, the notification shall specify the particular school site and the school's address to which the student has been admitted. (Education Code 48357; 5 CCR 4702)

Terms of Approval

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the school to which the student is transferring has a higher API than the school in which the student was previously enrolled. (Education Code 48356)

The parent/guardian shall enroll his/her child on or before the first day of instruction or within 14 calendar days of receipt of the district's notice of approval of the application, whichever is later. If the parent/guardian fails to enroll his/her child within this timeframe, the district may decline to enroll the student. (5 CCR 4703)

Upon enrollment, the district shall grant the student any credits toward graduation that he/she received from his/her district of residence. The student shall be eligible for graduation from district schools upon completion of state and district graduation requirements. (Education Code 48358)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

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A student admitted to a district school through this process shall be deemed to have fulfilled district residency requirements pursuant to Education Code 48204 and shall not be required to reapply for enrollment in that school, regardless of whether his/her school of residence remains on the Open Enrollment List. (Education Code 48356; 5 CCR 4702)

Once admitted, a transfer student who wishes to matriculate into a district middle or high school or transfer to another district school shall reapply for admission to the new school pursuant to the requirements of Board policy and administrative regulation.

Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their children to school.

Transfers out of District Schools on the Open Enrollment List

Upon identification by the California Department of Education (CDE) that a district school is on the Open Enrollment List, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of each student enrolled in the school of the option to transfer. This notice shall be provided by the first day of instruction. However, if the CDE has not notified the district whether a school is on the list by the first day of instruction, the notification shall be provided no later than 14 calendar days after the Open Enrollment List is posted on the CDE's web site. (Education Code 48354; 5 CCR 4702)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

OPEN ENROLLMENT ACT TRANSFERS

**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION:
OPTION TO TRANSFER**

[Date]

To the parents/guardians of students at _____ School:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our school has been identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) as an Open Enrollment school for the _____ school year.

Why is our school on the Open Enrollment List?

The Open Enrollment Act, which became law in the spring of 2010, requires the CDE to annually create a list of 1,000 schools ranked by their Academic Performance Index (API). A school's API is a number that ranges from 200 to 1,000 and is calculated using the results for each school's students on statewide tests. The state has set 800 as the API target for all schools to meet. Schools that fall short of 800 are required to meet annual growth targets until that goal is achieved. Annual API growth targets will vary for each school.

For more information about how the Open Enrollment List is created, please visit the CDE's web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/op>.

What right does a parent have to request a transfer?

All parents/guardians of students attending a school on the Open Enrollment List have the option to request a transfer of their child to another school in this district or in another California district. The school to which your child transfers must have a higher API than the school your child is leaving. Our school's API is _____.

The following district schools are available to accept transfers: [*List schools with space available and higher API scores.*]

If you would like to transfer your child to one of the schools listed above, please contact that school for information about applying for intradistrict open enrollment. Information about the performance and academic achievement of each available school is enclosed.

If you would like to transfer your child to a school in another district, you must contact that school district for information regarding their application procedures and timelines. To find a school with a higher API, go to the CDE's website: <http://api.cde.ca.gov/reports>.

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Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from the new school.

We will keep you updated and informed about opportunities to discuss plans for our school. If you have questions, need additional information on how you can get involved in our school improvement efforts, or would like to discuss the school's instructional program, please feel free to call me and/or visit the school.

Sincerely,

[Name of Principal]

STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

The Board of Trustees may grant admission to students expelled from other districts in accordance with law and when consistent with the Board's goal to provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

If a student expelled from another district is granted enrollment, in accordance with the procedures specified below, he/she shall either establish legal residence in this district or enroll pursuant to an interdistrict attendance agreement. (Education Code 48915.1, 48915.2)

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance Agreements)

Enrollment During the Term of the Expulsion

The district shall not enroll a student expelled by another district for any of the offenses listed in Education Code 48915(a) or (c) (mandatory expulsion offenses) during the term of the student's expulsion, unless the enrollment is at a community day school. (Education Code 48915.2)

Upon receiving a request for enrollment from a student expelled from another district for acts other than those specified in Education Code 48915(a) or (c), the Board shall hold a hearing to determine whether the student poses a continuing danger to students or staff. The hearing shall be conducted and notice shall be provided in accordance with procedures governing expulsion of students described in Education Code 48918. (Education Code 48915.1)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

If the student or parent/guardian neglects to inform the district that the student was expelled from his/her previous district for an act other than those listed in Education Code 48915(a) or (c), the Board shall record and discuss this lack of compliance during the hearing. (Education Code 48915.1)

If the Board finds that a student expelled for acts other than those specified in Education Code 48915(a) or (c) does not pose a continuing danger to students or staff, the student may be admitted or conditionally admitted during the term of expulsion. If the Board determines that the student does pose a continuing danger to students or staff, the student shall not be admitted. (Education Code 48915.1)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM OTHER DISTRICTS (continued)

Enrollment After the Term of the Expulsion

A student expelled for an act specified in Education Code 48915(a) or (c) may enroll in the district after the term of his/her expulsion if the Board finds, at a hearing, that the student does not pose a continuing danger to students or staff. The hearing shall be conducted and notice shall be provided in accordance with procedures governing expulsion of students described in Education Code 48918. (Education Code 48915.2)

A student expelled for any act other than those specified in Education Code 48915(a) or (c) may request enrollment after the term of his/her expulsion in accordance with the district's procedures for establishing residency or interdistrict transfer.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46600 *Agreements for interdistrict attendance*

46601 *Failure to approve interdistrict attendance; expulsion prohibiting appeal*

48200 *Compulsory attendance*

48645.1 *Juvenile court school*

48660-48666 *Community day schools*

48915 *Expulsion; particular circumstances*

48915.1 *Expelled individuals: enrollment in another district*

48915.2 *Expelled student; enrollment during and after period of expulsion*

48918 *Rules governing expulsion procedures*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us>

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Trustees believes that grades serve a valuable instructional purpose by helping students and parents/guardians understand performance expectations and identifying the student's areas of strength and those areas needing improvement. Parents/guardians and students have the right to receive course grades that represent an accurate evaluation of the student's achievement.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a uniform grading system based on standards that apply to all students in that course and grade level. Principals and teachers shall ensure that student grades conform to this system. Teachers shall inform students and parents/guardians how student achievement will be evaluated in the classroom.

A teacher shall base a student's grades on impartial, consistent observation of the quality of the student's work and his/her mastery of course content and district standards. Students shall have the opportunity to demonstrate this mastery through a variety of methods such as classroom participation, homework, tests, and portfolios.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

The teacher of each course shall determine the student's grade. The grade assigned by the teacher shall not be changed by the Board or the Superintendent except as provided by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation. (Education Code 49066)

(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

Students in grades K-3 shall receive progress reports rather than letter grades.

When reporting student performance to parents/guardians, teachers may add narrative descriptions, observational notes, and/or samples of classroom work in order to better describe student progress in specific skills and subcategories of achievement.

A report card for a student with a disability may contain information about his/her disability, including whether that student received special education or related services, provided that the report card informs parents/guardians about their child's progress or level of achievement in specific classes, course content, or curriculum. However, transcripts that may be used to inform postsecondary institutions or prospective employers of the student's academic achievements shall not contain information disclosing the student's disability.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

Effect of Absences on Grades

If a student misses class without an excuse and does not subsequently turn in homework, take a test, or fulfill another class requirement which he/she missed, the teacher may lower the student's grade for nonperformance.

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

Grade Point Average

The Superintendent or designee shall determine the methodology to be used in calculating students' grade point averages (GPA), including the courses to be included within the GPA and whether extra grade weighting shall be applied to Advanced Placement, honors, and/or concurrent postsecondary courses.

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41505-41508 *Pupil Retention Block Grant*

48070 *Promotion and retention*

48205 *Excused absences*

48800-48802 *Enrollment of gifted students in community college*

48904-48904.3 *Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts*

49066 *Grades; finalization; physical education class*

49067 *Mandated regulations regarding student's achievement*

49069.5 *Students in foster care, grades and credits*

51242 *Exemption from physical education based on participation in interscholastic athletics*

76000-76002 *Enrollment in community college*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10060 *Criteria for reporting physical education achievement, high schools*

30008 *Definition of high school grade point average for student aid eligibility*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*

6101-6251 *School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994*

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99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

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GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Written report cards displaying students' grades in each subject or course shall be distributed to parents/guardians at the end of each grading period. Parents/guardians shall be offered an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher(s) to discuss the grades and strategies to improve their child's performance.

(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course, the teacher shall arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report. (Education Code [49067](#))

(cf. [5123](#) - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

For each student in grades 9-12, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain a transcript recording the courses taken, the term that each course was taken, credits earned, final grades, and date of graduation.

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

(cf. [6146.1](#) - High School Graduation Requirements)

Grades for Achievement

For grades K-3, students' level of progress shall be reported as follows:

- O Outstanding
- S Satisfactory
- N Needs Improvement

For grades 4-12, grades for achievement shall be reported for each grading period as follows:

A	(90-100%)	Outstanding Achievement	4.0 grade points
B	(80-89%)	Above Average Achievement	3.0 grade points
C	(70-79%)	Average Achievement	2.0 grade points
D	(60-69%)	Below Average Achievement	1.0 grade points
F	(0-59%)	Little or No Achievement	0 grade points
I		Incomplete	0 grade points

An Incomplete shall be given only when a student's work is not finished because of illness or other excused absence. If not made up within six weeks, the Incomplete shall become an F.

Because of the more rigorous nature of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, honors, and concurrent postsecondary courses, students receiving a grade of A, B, or C in those courses shall receive extra grade weighting as follows:

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

A	(90-100%)	Outstanding Achievement	5.0 grade points
B	(80-89%)	Above Average Achievement	4.0 grade points
C	(70-79%)	Average Achievement	3.0 grade points

(cf. [6141.5](#) - *Advanced Placement*)

(cf. [6172](#) - *Gifted and Talented Student Program*)

(cf. [6172.1](#) - *Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes*)

Grades for Physical Education

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class may be adversely affected due to the fact that the student, because of circumstances beyond his/her control, does not wear standardized physical education apparel. (Education Code [49066](#))

(cf. [6142.7](#) - *Physical Education and Activity*)

Student performance in high school physical education courses shall be based upon evaluation of the student's individual progress, attainment of goals in each instructional area, tests designed to determine skill and knowledge, and physical performance tests. (5 CCR [10060](#))

Grades for College Courses

When the district has approved a student to receive district credit for coursework completed at a community college or four-year college, he/she shall receive the same letter grade as is granted by the college.

Grades for Citizenship, Study Skills, and Effort

Grades for citizenship, study skills, and effort shall be reported as follows:

O Outstanding

S Satisfactory

N Needs Improvement

Pass/Fail Grading

The Superintendent or designee may identify courses or programs for which students may, with parent/guardian permission, elect to earn a Pass or Fail grade instead of a letter grade. Students who receive a Pass grade shall acquire the appropriate semester units of credit for the course. The grade shall not be counted in determining class rank, honors list, or membership in the California Scholarship Federation. Students who receive a Fail grade shall not receive credit for taking the course.

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**Peer Grading**

At their discretion, teachers may use peer grading of student tests, papers, and assignments as appropriate to reinforce lessons.

Repeating Classes

With the approval of the principal or designee, a student may repeat a course in order to raise his/her grade. Both grades received shall be entered on the student's transcript, but the student shall receive credit only once for taking the course. The highest grade received shall be used in determining the student's overall grade point average (GPA).

Withdrawal from Classes

A student who drops a course during the first six weeks of the grading period may do so without any entry on his/her permanent record card. A student who drops a course after the first six weeks of the grading period shall receive an F grade on his/her permanent record, unless otherwise decided by the principal or designee because of extenuating circumstances.

Effect of Absences on Grades

Teachers who may choose to withhold class credit because of excessive unexcused absences shall so inform students and parents/guardians of such a possibility at the beginning of the school year or semester. When a student reaches the number of unexcused absences defined as excessive in Board policy, the student and parent/guardian shall again be notified of the district's policy regarding excessive unexcused absences.

(*cf.* [5113](#) - *Absences and Excuses*)

The student and parent/guardian shall have a reasonable opportunity to explain the absences. (Education Code [49067](#))

If a student receives a failing grade because of excessive unexcused absences, the student's record shall specify that the grade was assigned because of excessive unexcused absences. (Education Code [49067](#))

Grades for a student in foster care shall not be lowered if the student is absent for any reason specified in Education Code [49069.5](#).

(*cf.* [6173.1](#) - *Education for Foster Youth*)

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

Grade Point Average

The Superintendent or designee shall calculate each student's GPA using the grade point assigned to each letter grade in accordance with the scale described in the section "Grades for Achievement" above. The grade points for all applicable coursework shall be totaled and divided by the number of courses completed. Pass/Fail grades shall not be included in the determination of a student's GPA.

(cf. [5126](#) - Awards for Achievement)

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

Each academic year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide to the Student Aid Commission the GPA of all district students in grade 12, except for students who have opted out or are permitted by the rules of the Student Aid Commission to provide test scores in lieu of the GPA. (Education Code [69432.9](#))

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The Board of Trustees expects students to progress through each grade level within one school year. Toward this end, instruction shall be designed to accommodate the variety of ways that students learn and provide strategies for addressing academic deficiencies as needed.

Students shall progress through the grade levels by demonstrating growth in learning and meeting grade-level standards of expected student achievement.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

When high academic achievement is evident, the teacher may recommend a student for acceleration to a higher grade level. The student's maturity level shall be taken into consideration in making a determination to accelerate a student.

Teachers shall identify students who should be retained or who are at risk of being retained at their current grade level as early as possible in the school year and as early in their school careers as practicable. Such students shall be identified at the following grade levels: (Education Code 48070.5)

1. Between grades 2 and 3
2. Between grades 3 and 4
3. Between grades 4 and 5
4. Between the end of the intermediate grades and the beginning of the middle school grades
5. Between the end of the middle school grades and the beginning of the high school grades

Students shall be identified for retention on the basis of failure to meet minimum levels of proficiency, as indicated by grades and the following additional indicators of academic achievement:

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

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

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Students between grades 2 and 3 and grades 3 and 4 shall be identified primarily on the basis of their level of proficiency in reading. Proficiency in reading, English language arts, and mathematics shall be the basis for identifying students between grades 4 and 5, between intermediate and middle school grades, and between middle school grades and high school grades. (Education Code 48070.5)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

If a student does not have a single regular classroom teacher, the Superintendent or designee shall specify the teacher(s) responsible for the decision to promote or retain the student. (Education Code 48070.5)

The teacher's decision to promote or retain a student may be appealed in accordance with AR 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention.

When any student in grades 2-9 is retained or recommended for retention the Superintendent or designee shall offer an appropriate program of remedial instruction to assist the student in meeting grade-level expectations. The Superintendent or designee also may offer supplemental instruction to a student in grades 2-6 who is identified as being at risk for retention. (Education Code 37252.2, 37525.8, 48070.5)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

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Legal Reference:

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41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant

46300 Method of computing average daily attendance

48010 Admittance to first grade

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48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention

56345 Elements of individualized education plan

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

200-202 Admission and exclusion of students

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FAQs Promotion, Retention, and Grading (students with disabilities)

FAQs Pupil Promotion and Retention

Kindergarten Continuance Form

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION

Acceleration from Kindergarten to First Grade

Any student who meets the age eligibility requirement and has completed one year of kindergarten shall be admitted to first grade unless the parent/guardian and the Superintendent or designee agree that the student shall continue in kindergarten. (Education Code 48010, 48011)

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

A student who does not meet the age eligibility requirement may be admitted to first grade at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee and with the consent of the parent/guardian upon determination that the student is ready for first-grade work, subject to the following minimum criteria: (Education Code 48011; 5 CCR 200)

1. The student is at least five years of age.
2. The student has attended a public school kindergarten for a long enough time to enable school personnel to evaluate his/her ability.
3. The student is in the upper five percent of his/her age group in terms of general mental ability.
4. The physical development and social maturity of the student are consistent with his/her advanced mental ability.
5. The parent/guardian of the student has filed a written statement with the district approving the placement in first grade.

Continuation in Kindergarten

Whenever the Superintendent or designee and the parents/guardians agree that a student shall continue in kindergarten for an additional year, the Superintendent or designee shall secure an agreement, signed by the parent/guardian, stating that the student shall continue in kindergarten for not more than one additional school year. (Education Code 46300, 48011)

The Superintendent or designee shall not approve a student's continuation in kindergarten until the student has been enrolled in kindergarten for close to one school year.

Retention at Other Grade Levels

If a student is identified as performing below the minimum standard for promotion to the next grade level based on the indicators specified in Board policy, the student shall be retained in his/her current grade level unless the student's regular classroom teacher

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determines, in writing, that retention is not the appropriate intervention for the student's academic deficiencies. This determination shall specify the reasons that retention is not appropriate for the student and shall include recommendations for interventions other than retention that, in the opinion of the teacher, are necessary to assist the student in attaining acceptable levels of academic achievement. (Education Code 48070.5)

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

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

If the teacher's recommendation to promote is contingent on the student's participation in a summer school or interim session remediation program, the student's academic performance shall be reassessed at the end of the remediation program, and the decision to retain or promote the student shall be reevaluated at that time. The teacher's evaluation shall be provided to and discussed with the student's parents/guardians and the principal before any final determination of retention or promotion. (Education Code 48070.5)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

When a student is identified as being at risk of retention, the Superintendent or designee shall so notify the student's parent/guardian as early in the school year as practicable. The student's parent/guardian shall be provided an opportunity to consult with the teacher(s) responsible for the decision to promote or retain the student. (Education Code 48070.5)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide a copy of the district's promotion/retention policy and administrative regulation to those parents/guardians who have been notified that their child is at risk of retention.

Appeal Process

Whenever a student's parent/guardian appeals the teacher's decision to promote or retain a student, the burden shall be on the parent/guardian to show why the teacher's decision should be overruled. (Education Code 48070.5)

To appeal a teacher's decision, the parent/guardian shall submit a written request to the Superintendent or designee specifying the reasons that the teacher's decision should be overruled. The appeal must be initiated within 10 school days of the determination of retention or promotion.

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The teacher shall be provided an opportunity to state orally and/or in writing the criteria on which his/her decision was based.

Within 30 days of receiving the request, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether or not to overrule the teacher's decision. Prior to making this determination, the Superintendent or designee may meet with the parent/guardian and the teacher. If the Superintendent or designee determines that the parent/guardian has overwhelmingly proven that the teacher's decision should be overruled, he/she shall overrule the teacher's decision.

The Superintendent or designee's determination may be appealed by submitting a written appeal to the Governing Board within 15 school days. Within 30 days of receipt of a written appeal, the Board shall meet in closed session to decide the appeal. The Board's decision may be made on the basis of documentation prepared as part of the appeal process or, at the discretion of the Board, the Board may also meet with the parent/guardian, the teacher, and the Superintendent or designee to decide the appeal. The decision of the Board shall be final.

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

If the final decision is unfavorable to the parent/guardian, he/she shall have the right to submit a written statement of objections which shall become part of the student's record.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

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