

VISION

The Board of Trustees believes that a clearly stated purpose and direction for the district provide the foundation for continuous improvement and accountability. The Board shall adopt a long-range vision for district programs and activities that focuses on the achievement and well-being of all students and reflects the importance of preparing students for the future academically, professionally, and personally. The vision shall recognize the unique role of students, parents/guardians, staff, and community partners in contributing to a high-quality education for all students. The district's vision may be incorporated into its mission or purpose statement, philosophy or motto, long-term goals, short-term objectives, and comprehensive plans such as the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. [0100](#) - Philosophy)
(cf. [0200](#) - Goals for the School District)
(cf. [0400](#) - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. [0460](#) - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. [9000](#) - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend an appropriate process, with clearly defined procedures, timelines, and responsibilities, for establishing, reviewing, and updating the district's vision statements. This process shall include a review of relevant district documents and data including, but not limited to, information about student demographics, student achievement, current programs, and emerging educational issues. The process shall incorporate an analysis and identification of district strengths and areas in which growth is needed. Input shall be solicited from parents/guardians, students, staff, and community members through methods such as surveys, focus groups, advisory committees, and/or public meetings and forums.

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. [2230](#) - Representative and Deliberative Groups)
(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

The Board shall review the district's vision statements annually, in conjunction with the update to the LCAP, to ensure consistency among all documents that set direction for the district. Following these reviews, the Board may revise or reaffirm the direction it has established for the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate the district's vision to staff, parents/guardians, and the community.

(cf. [1113](#) - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. [1100](#) - Communication with the Public)

Board decisions regarding curriculum, policies, the budget, collective bargaining agreements, and other district operations shall be aligned with the district's vision. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff's implementation of district programs and activities supports attainment of the district's vision.

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The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding district progress toward the vision.

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[52060-52077](#) Local control and accountability plan

Management Resources:

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The School Board Role in Creating the Conditions for Student Achievement: A Review of the Research, May 2017

Governing to Achieve: A Synthesis of Research on School Governance to Support Student Achievement, August 7, 2014

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WEB SITES

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

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The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for developing and regularly reviewing the district's vision and direction which includes:

1. Clearly defined procedures, timelines and responsibilities
2. Identification of the strengths and needs of the district
3. Input from parents/guardians, students, staff and community members through procedures which may include surveys, focus groups, advisory committees and/or public meetings and forums

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

4. Board adoption of district vision statements at a public meeting

As part of this process, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board of Trustees with relevant district documents and data, including current district mission and vision statements, if any, and information about student demographics, student achievement, student enrollment patterns, current programs and recent program cuts, staffing and professional development needs, budget trends, facilities, technology and emerging educational issues.

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

PHILOSOPHY

In order to establish and support a guiding vision for the district, the Governing Board shall develop, articulate, and regularly review an overarching set of fundamental principles which describe the district's core beliefs, values, and tenets. The Board and district staff shall incorporate these principles into all programs, activities, and operations of the district.

(cf. [0000](#) - *Vision*)

(cf. [0200](#) - *Goals for the School District*)

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

(cf. [9000](#) - *Role of the Board*)

It is the philosophy of the district that:

1. All students can learn and succeed.
2. Every student should have an opportunity to receive a quality education regardless of his/her social, cultural, or economic background.

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

3. Every student in the district has a right to be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, as prohibited by law or district policy.
4. The future of our nation and community depends on students possessing the skills to be lifelong learners, collaborative and creative problem solvers, and effective, contributing members of a global and technologically advanced society.
5. Highly skilled and dedicated teachers and educational support staff have the capacity to guide students toward individual achievement and growth, and have a direct and powerful influence on student learning and life experiences.
6. A safe, nurturing environment and positive school climate are necessary for learning, academic achievement, and student development.

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

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

7. Parents/guardians have a right and an obligation to be engaged in their child's education and to be involved in the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of their child.

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

8. The needs of the whole child must be addressed, as the ability of children to learn is affected by social, health, and economic conditions and other factors outside the classroom.

PHILOSOPHY (continued)

9. Early identification of learning and behavioral difficulties and timely and appropriate support and intervention contribute to student success.
10. Students and staff are encouraged and motivated by high expectations and recognition for their accomplishments.
11. School improvement is a dynamic process requiring flexibility and innovation to meet the needs of students in a changing world.
12. Professional development for the Board and district staff is essential for the growth and success of the district and its students.

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

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

(cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [9240](#) - Board Training)

13. The diversity of the student body and school staff enriches the learning experience, promotes cultural awareness and acceptance, and serves as a model for citizenship in a global society.
14. A common set of norms and protocols is crucial to effective governance.
15. Communication, trust, respect, collaboration, and teamwork strengthen the relationship among Board members and between the Board and Superintendent, and contribute to the effectiveness of the governance team.
16. The community and district are inextricably connected partners, wherein the community's engagement in issues that impact the schools enhances the district's programs and student learning.

(cf. [1000](#) - Concepts and Roles)

17. Two-way communication with all stakeholders is essential for establishing continuity, support, and shared goals both within the district and with the surrounding community.
18. The Board has a responsibility to advocate on behalf all students, keep current on legislative issues affecting education, and build positive relationships with local, state, and federal representatives.
19. A fiscally sound budget which is reflective of the district's vision is imperative to the financial stability of the district and to the attainment of its goals.

PHILOSOPHY (continued)

20. Responsibility for district programs and operations is shared by the entire educational community, with ultimate accountability resting with the Board as the basic embodiment of representative government.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51002 Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals

51019 Definition of philosophy

51100-51101 Parental involvement

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The School Board Role in Creating the Conditions for Student Achievement: A Review of the Research, May 2017

Governing to Achieve: A Synthesis of Research on School Governance to Support Student Achievement, August 7, 2014

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WEB SITES

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

National School Climate Center: <http://schoolclimate.org>

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GOALS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

As part of the Governing Board's responsibility to set direction for the school district, the Board shall adopt long-term goals focused on the achievement of all district students. The district's goals shall be aligned with the district's vision, mission, philosophy, and priorities.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

In developing goals and identifying strategies to achieve those goals, the Board and Superintendent shall solicit input and review from key stakeholders. The Board shall also review and consider quantitative and/or qualitative data, including data disaggregated by student subgroup and school site, to ensure that district goals are aligned with student needs.

Goals shall be established for all students and each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, which may include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth and homeless students, and shall address each of the state priorities identified in Education Code 52060 and any additional local priorities established by the Board. These goals shall be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). (Education Code 52060, 52062, 52063; 5 CCR 15497)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

The LCAP shall include a clear description of each goal, one or more of the state or local priorities addressed by the goal, any student subgroup(s) or school site(s) to which the goal is applicable, and expected progress toward meeting the goal for the term of the LCAP and in each year. (5 CCR 15497)

Each year the district's update to the LCAP shall review progress toward the goals and describe any changes to the goals. (Education Code 52060-52061)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

In addition to the goals identified in the LCAP, and consistent with those goals, the district and each school site may establish goals for inclusion in another district or school plan or for any other purpose. Such goals may address the improvement of governance, leadership, fiscal integrity, facilities, community involvement and collaboration, student wellness and other conditions of children, and/or any other areas of district or school operations. As appropriate, each goal shall include benchmarks or short-term objectives that can be used to determine progress toward meeting the goal.

GOALS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT (continued)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17002 State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair
42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula
44258.9 County superintendent review of teacher assignment
51002 Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals
51020 Definition of goal
51021 Definition of objective
51041 Evaluation of the educational program
51210 Course of study for grades 1-6
51220 Course of study for grades 7-12
52050-52059 Public Schools Accountability Act, especially:
52052 Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
60119 Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution
64000-64001 Consolidated application process

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15497 Local control and accountability plan template

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Accountability, adequate yearly progress
6312 Local educational agency plan

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

State Priorities for Funding: The Need for Local Control and Accountability Plans, Fact Sheet, August 2013

WEB SITES

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

The Board of Trustees believes that careful planning is essential to effective implementation of district programs and policies. Comprehensive plans shall identify cohesive strategies for school improvement, provide stability in district operations, and be aligned to ensure consistency among district approaches for student academic growth and achievement.

Comprehensive plans adopted by the district shall include the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and other plans required by law or determined by the Board to be in the best interest of the district. Such plans may describe anticipated short- and long-term needs, measurable outcomes, priorities, activities, available resources, timelines, staff responsibilities, and strategies for internal and external communications regarding the plan.

- (cf. 0000 - Vision)*
- (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*
- (cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*
- (cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*
- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*
- (cf. 0500 - Accountability)*
- (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 4141.6/4241.6 - Concerted Action/Work Stoppage)*
- (cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*
- (cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

The process for developing comprehensive plans shall include broad participation of school and community representatives. Committees may, and when required by law shall, be appointed to assist in the development of such plans. District comprehensive plans are subject to review and approval by the Board.

- (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*
- (cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*
- (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*
- (cf. 9130 - Board Committees)*

School-level plans may be developed to meet the unique circumstances of individual school sites, provided that they are consistent with law, Board policies, district administrative regulations, the district vision, the LCAP, and other districtwide plans. School plans shall be subject to review and approval of the Superintendent or designee, except when law or Board policy requires Board approval of the plan.

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

Comprehensive plans shall be available to the public, and shall be reviewed and updated at regular intervals as specified within the plan or required by law.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

35035 *Powers and duties of the superintendent*

35291 *Rules (power of governing board)*

39831.3 *Transportation safety plan*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

56195-56195.10 *Comprehensive local plans for special education*

56205-56208 *Requirements for special education plan*

64001 *Single school plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

560 *Civil defense and disaster preparedness plans*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6312 *Local educational agency plan*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in district programs and activities. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual or group based on race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

All individuals shall be treated equitably in the receipt of district and school services. Personally identifiable information collected in the implementation of any district program, including, but not limited to, student and family information for the free and reduced-price lunch program, transportation, or any other educational program, shall be used only for the purposes of the program, except when the Superintendent or designee authorizes its use for another purpose in accordance with law. Resources and data collected by the district shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status or any other category identified above.

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

District programs and activities shall be free of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any derogatory or discriminatory name, image, practice, or other

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in the annual parental notification distributed pursuant to Education Code 48980 and, as applicable, in announcements, bulletins, catalogs, handbooks, application forms, or other materials distributed by the district. The notification shall also be posted on the district's web site and social media and in district schools and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and other prominent locations as appropriate.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In addition, the annual parental notification shall inform parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, including information on educational rights issued by the California Attorney General. Alternatively, such information may be provided through any other cost-effective means determined by the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 234.7)

The district's nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parents/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or more of a school's students speak a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be translated into that other language.

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any implementing standards and/or regulations. When structural changes to existing district facilities are needed to provide individuals with

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

disabilities access to programs, services, activities, or facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a transition plan that sets forth the steps for completing the changes.

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, assistive technologies or other modifications to increase accessibility to district and school web sites, notetakers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large-print materials. Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to a school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The individual identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the employee responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state federal civil rights laws is hereby designated as the district's ADA coordinator. He/she shall receive and address requests for accommodation submitted by individuals with disabilities, and shall investigate and resolve complaints regarding their access to district programs, services, activities, or facilities.

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*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*48980 *Parental notifications*48985 *Notices to parents in language other than English*51007 *Legislative intent: state policy*GOVERNMENT CODE8310.3 *California Religious Freedom Act*11000 *Definitions*11135 *Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state*12900-12996 *Fair Employment and Housing Act*54953.2 *Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act*

Legal Reference: continued on next page

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Legal Reference: continued

PENAL CODE

422.55 *Definition of hate crime*

422.6 *Interference with constitutional right or privilege*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 *Uniform complaint procedures*

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act*

1681-1688 *Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX*

2301-2415 *Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act*

6311 *State plans*

6312 *Local education agency plans*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 *Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964*

2000e-2000e-17 *Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended*

2000h-2000h-6 *Title IX*

12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

36.303 *Auxiliary aids and services*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.1-100.13 *Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI*

104.1-104.39 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

106.1-106.61 *Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:*

106.9 *Dissemination of policy*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

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California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment

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Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students, May 2016

Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015

Dear Colleague Letter, May 26, 2011

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Notice of Non-Discrimination, Fact Sheet, August 2010

Dear Colleague Letter: Electronic Book Readers, June 29, 2010

Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices in Education, August 1991

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, September 2010

Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, June 2003

WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, December 2008

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

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

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

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

Pacific ADA Center: <http://www.adapacific.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Americans with Disabilities Act:

<http://www.ada.gov>

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

World Wide Web Consortium, Web Accessibility Initiative: <http://www.w3.org/wai>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

EQUITY

The Board of Trustees believes that the diversity that exists among the district's community of students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members is integral to the district's vision, mission, and goals. Addressing the needs of the most marginalized learners requires recognition of the inherent value of diversity and acknowledgement that educational excellence requires a commitment to equity in the opportunities provided to students and the resulting outcomes.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

In order to eradicate institutional bias of any kind, including implicit or unintentional biases and prejudices that affect student achievement, and to eliminate disparities in educational outcomes for students from historically underserved and underrepresented populations, the district shall proactively identify class and cultural biases as well as practices, policies, and institutional barriers that negatively influence student learning, perpetuate achievement gaps, and impede equal access to opportunities for all students.

The Board shall make decisions with a deliberate awareness of impediments to learning faced by students of color and/or diverse cultural, linguistic, or socio-economic backgrounds. To ensure that equity is the intentional result of district decisions, the Board shall consider whether its decisions address the needs of students from racial, ethnic, and indigent communities and remedy the inequities that such communities experienced in the context of a history of exclusion, discrimination, and segregation. Board decisions shall not rely on biased or stereotypical assumptions about any particular group of students.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)
(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement policies and strategies to promote equity in district programs and activities, through measures such as the following:

1. Routinely assessing student needs based on data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and socio-economic and cultural backgrounds in order to enable equity-focused policy, planning, and resource development decisions

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

EQUITY (continued)

2. Analyzing expenditures and allocating financial and human resources in a manner that provides all students with equitable access to district programs, support services, and opportunities for success and promotes equity and inclusion in the district. Such resources include access to high-quality administrators, teachers, and other school personnel; funding; technology, equipment, textbooks, and other instructional materials; facilities; and community resources or partnerships.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

3. Enabling and encouraging students to enroll in, participate in, and complete curricular and extracurricular courses, advanced college preparation programs, and other student activities

(cf. 6141.4 - International Baccalaureate Program)

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

4. Building a positive school climate that promotes student engagement, safety, and academic and other supports for students

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

5. Adopting curriculum and instructional materials that accurately reflect the diversity among student groups

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

6. Providing and/or collaborating with local agencies and community groups to ensure the availability of necessary support services for students in need

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

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

7. Promoting the employment and retention of a diverse staff that reflects the student demographics of the community

8. Providing district staff with ongoing, researched-based, professional learning and professional development on culturally responsive instructional practices

EQUITY (continued)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

9. Conducting program evaluations that focus on equity and address the academic outcomes and performance of all students on all indicators

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The Board shall regularly monitor the intent and impact of district policies and decisions in order to safeguard against disproportionate or unintentional impact on access to district programs and achievement goals for specific student populations in need of services.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Educational equity

52077 Local control and accountability plan

60040 Selection of instructional materials

GOVERNMENT CODE

11000 Definitions

11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

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Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS

The Board of Trustees believes that comprehensive planning is necessary at each school in order to focus school improvement efforts on student academic achievement and facilitate the effective use of available resources. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school plans provide clear direction and identify cohesive strategies aligned with school and district goals.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0415 - Equity)
(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Each district school that participates in one or more federal and/or state categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application process pursuant to Education Code 64000 shall establish a school site council in accordance with Education Code 65000-65001. The school site council shall develop, approve, and annually review and update a school plan for student achievement (SPSA) which consolidates the plans required for those categorical programs into a single plan, unless otherwise prohibited by law. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1431 - Waivers)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The Superintendent or designee shall review each school's SPSA to ensure that it meets the content requirements for all applicable programs, is based on an analysis of current practices and student academic performance, and reasonably links improvement strategies to identified needs of the school and its students. The Superintendent or designee shall also ensure consistency between the specific actions included in the district's local control and accountability plan and the strategies identified in each school's SPSA.

The Board shall, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, review and approve each school's SPSA whenever there are any material revisions affecting the academic programs for students participating in the categorical programs addressed in the SPSA. (Education Code 64001)

If the Board does not approve a school's SPSA, it shall communicate its specific reasons for disapproval of the plan to the school site council. The school site council shall then revise and resubmit the SPSA to the Board for its approval. (Education Code 64001)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school administrators and school site council members receive training on the roles and responsibilities of the school site council.

SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS (continued)

The SPSA may serve as the school improvement plan required when a school is identified for targeted or comprehensive support pursuant to 20 USC 6303. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Any complaint alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the establishment of school site councils or the development of the SPSA may be filed with the district in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4670 and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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EDUCATION CODE

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65000-65001 School site councils

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS

School Site Councils

Each school that operates a program requiring the development of a school plan for student achievement (SPSA) pursuant to Education Code 64001 shall have a school site council composed of the following: (Education Code 65000)

1. The principal or designee
2. Classroom teachers at the school, selected by the classroom teachers at the school
3. Other school personnel who are not teachers, selected by the other personnel at the school who are not teachers
4. Parents/guardians of students attending the school and/or other members of the community, selected by the parents/guardians of students attending the school
5. If the school is a secondary school, students attending the school selected by other secondary students

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Half of the school site council membership shall consist of school staff in the categories listed in items #1-3 above, the majority of whom shall be classroom teachers. For an elementary school site council, the remaining half shall be parents/guardians and/or community members. For a secondary school site council, the remaining half shall be parents/guardians, community members, and/or students. (Education Code 65000)

A district employee may serve as a parent/guardian representative on the school site council of the school his/her child attends, provided the employee does not work at that school. (Education Code 65000)

The bylaws of each school site council shall include the method of selecting members and officers, terms of office, responsibilities of council members, time commitment, and a policy of nondiscrimination and equity.

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

School site councils shall operate in accordance with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS (continued)**School Plan for Student Achievement**

The school site council shall develop and annually review and update an SPSA that addresses all federal and/or state categorical programs in which the school participates pursuant to Education Code 64000. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The SPSA shall be developed with the review, certification, and advice of the school English learner advisory committee, if required. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

Other school and district committees, including, but not limited to, a parent advisory committee established to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), advisory committee established for special education programs, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges leadership teams, may also be consulted on the content of the plan.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Before developing the content of the SPSA, the school site council shall conduct a comprehensive needs assessment pursuant to 20 USC 6314, including an analysis of verifiable state data consistent with the state priorities specified in Education Code 52060 and the indicators in the state accountability system. The school may consider any other data developed by the district to measure student outcomes. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

The SPSA shall include all of the following: (Education Code 64001)

1. Goals to improve student outcomes, including goals that address the needs of student groups as identified through the needs assessment
2. Evidence-based strategies, actions, or services
3. Proposed expenditures based on the projected resource allocation from the district to address the findings of the needs assessment, including identifying resource inequities, which may include a review of the district's budgeting, the LCAP, and school-level budgeting, if applicable

SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS (continued)

In addition to meeting the requirements common to all applicable school plans, the SPSA shall address any content required by law for each individual categorical program in which the school participates.

The school site council shall approve the proposed SPSA at a meeting for which public notice has been posted. Whenever there are material revisions to the SPSA which affect the academic programs for students participating in applicable programs, the SPSA shall be submitted to the Governing Board for review and approval at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 35147, 64001)

The school site council shall regularly monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the SPSA and modify any activities that prove ineffective. At least once per year, the principal or designee shall evaluate results of improvement efforts and report to the Board, school site council, and other interested parties regarding progress toward school goals.

The school site council may amend the SPSA at any time through the same process required for the annual update of the plan.

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CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter School Authorization

The Board of Trustees recognizes that charter schools may assist the district in offering diverse learning opportunities for students. In considering any petition to establish a charter school within the district, the Board shall give thoughtful consideration to the potential of the charter school to provide students with a high-quality education that enables them to achieve to their fullest potential.

One or more persons may submit a petition to the Board for a charter school to be established within the district or for the conversion of an existing district school to a charter school. (Education Code [47605](#))

Any petition for a charter school shall include all components, signatures, and statements required by law, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. The proposed charter shall be attached to the petition. (Education Code [47605](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with legal counsel, as appropriate, regarding compliance of the charter petition with legal requirements.

The Superintendent or designee may work with charter school petitioners prior to the formal submission of the petition in order to ensure compliance of the petition with legal requirements. As needed, the Superintendent or designee may also meet with the petitioners to establish workable plans for contracted services which the district may provide to the proposed charter school.

The Board shall not require any district student to attend the charter school nor shall it require any district employee to work at the charter school. (Education Code [47605](#))

Timelines for Board Action

Within 60 days of receiving a charter petition, the Board shall hold a public hearing on the charter provisions, at which time the Board shall consider the level of support for the petition by teachers, other district employees, and parents/guardians. A petition is deemed received on the day the petitioner submits a petition to the district office, along with a signed certification that the petitioner deems the petition to be complete. (Education Code [47605](#))

The Board shall either grant or deny the petition at a public hearing held within 90 days of receiving the petition, or within 120 days with the consent of both the petitioner and the Board. (Education Code [47605](#))

(cf. [9320](#) - Meetings and Notices)

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continued)

At least 15 days before the public hearing at which the Board will grant or deny the charter, the district shall publish all staff recommendations regarding the petition, including any recommended findings and, if applicable, certification from the County Superintendent of Schools regarding the potential fiscal impact of the charter school on the district. During the public hearing, the petitioners shall have equal time and opportunity to present evidence and testimony in response to the staff recommendations and findings. (Education Code [47605](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain accurate records, in relation to each charter petition, of documents submitted, the Board's proceedings, and the findings upon which the Board's decision is made.

Approval of Petition

A charter petition shall be granted only if the Board is satisfied that doing so is consistent with sound educational practice and the interests of the community in which the school is proposing to locate. In granting charters, the Board shall consider the academic needs of the students the charter school proposes to serve and shall give preference to petitions that demonstrate the capability to provide comprehensive learning experiences for students who are identified by the petitioner as academically low-achieving, based on standards established by California Department of Education (CDE). (Education Code [47605](#))

Prior to authorizing any charter, the Board shall verify that the charter includes adequate processes and measures for monitoring and holding the school accountable for fulfilling the terms of its charter and complying with all applicable laws, including Education Code 47604.1. Such processes and measures shall include, but are not limited to, fiscal accountability systems, multiple measures for evaluating the educational program, inspection and observations of any part of the charter school, and regular reports to the Board.

(*cf.* [0420.41](#) - *Charter School Oversight*)

The approval or denial of a charter petition shall not be controlled by collective bargaining agreements nor subject to review or regulation by the Public Employment Relations Board. (Education Code [47611.5](#))

The Board may approve one or more memoranda of understanding to clarify the financial and operational agreements between the district and the charter school. Any such memorandum of understanding shall be annually reviewed by the Board and charter school governing body and amended as necessary.

The Board may initially grant a charter for a specified term not to exceed five years. (Education Code [47607](#))

(*cf.* [0420.42](#) - *Charter School Renewal*)

(*cf.* [0420.43](#) - *Charter School Revocation*)

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continued)

When a petition is approved by the Board, it shall be the responsibility of the petitioners to provide written notice of the Board's approval and a copy of the charter to the County Superintendent of Schools, the CDE, and the State Board of Education (SBE). (Education Code [47605](#))

Denial of Petition

The Board shall summarily deny any charter petition that proposes to:

1. Operate a charter school as or by a for-profit corporation, a for-profit educational management organization, or a for-profit charter management organization (Education Code [47604](#))
2. Convert a private school to a charter school (Education Code [47602](#))
3. Serve students in a grade level that is not served by the district, unless the petition proposes to serve students in all the grade levels served by the district (Education Code [47605](#))
4. Offer nonclassroom-based instruction (Education Code [47612.7](#))

Regarding all other charter petitions, the Board shall deny a petition only if the Board makes written factual findings specific to the petition that one or more of the following conditions exist: (Education Code [47605](#); 5 CCR [11967.5.1](#))

1. The charter school presents an unsound educational program that has a likelihood of physical, educational, or psychological harm to, or which is not likely to provide an educational benefit for, the students to be enrolled in the charter school.
2. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
3. The petition does not contain the number of signatures required.
4. The petition does not contain a clear, unequivocal statement described in Education Code [47605](#)(e), including that the charter school will be nonsectarian and that the school shall not charge tuition or discriminate against any student based on the characteristics specified in Education Code [220](#).
5. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the charter provisions in Education Code [47605](#)(c).
6. The petition does not contain a declaration as to whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the school's employees for purposes of collective bargaining pursuant to Government Code [3540-3549.3](#).

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continued)

7. The charter school is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate. Analysis of this finding shall include consideration of the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school. A written factual finding shall detail specific facts and circumstances regarding:
 - a. The extent to which the proposed charter school would substantially undermine existing services, academic offerings, or programmatic offerings
 - b. Whether the proposed charter school would duplicate a program currently offered within the district, when the existing program has sufficient capacity for the students proposed to be served within reasonable proximity to where the charter school intends to locate

8. The district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school. The district meets this criterion if it has a negative interim certification, or has a qualified interim certification and the County Superintendent certifies that approving the charter school would result in the district having a negative interim certification.

The Board shall not deny a petition based on the actual or potential costs of serving students with disabilities, nor shall it deny a petition solely because the charter school might enroll students with disabilities who reside outside the special education local plan area in which the district participates. (Education Code [47605.7](#), [47647](#))

(*cf.* [0430](#) - *Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education*)

Appeals

If the Board denies a petition, the petitioner may choose to submit the petition to the County Board of Education and, if then denied by the County Board, to SBE. (Education Code [47605](#))

At the request of the petitioner, the Board shall prepare the documentary record, including a transcript of the public hearing at which the Board denied the charter, no later than 10 business days after the petitioner makes the request. (Education Code [47605](#))

Within 30 days of receipt of an appeal submitted to SBE, the Board may submit a written opposition to SBE detailing, with specific citations to the documentary record, how the Board did not abuse its discretion in denying the petition. (Education Code [47605](#))

If either the County Board or SBE remands the petition to the Board because the petition on appeal contains new or different material terms, the Board shall reconsider the petition and grant shall or deny the petition within 30 days. (Education Code [47605](#))

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continued)

Legal Reference:

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[220](#) *Nondiscrimination*

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION

Petition Signatures

A petition for the establishment of a start-up charter school must be signed by either of the following: (Education Code [47605](#))

1. A number of parents/guardians equivalent to at least one-half of the number of students that the charter school estimates will enroll in the school for its first year of operation
2. A number of teachers equivalent to at least one-half of the total number of teachers that the charter school estimates will be employed at the school during its first year of operation

A petition that proposes to convert an existing public school to a charter school must be signed by at least 50 percent of the permanent status teachers currently employed at the school. (Education Code [47605](#))

(cf. [4116](#) - Probationary/Permanent Status)

Any petition circulated to collect signatures shall include a prominent statement explaining that a parent/guardian's signature means that the parent/guardian is meaningfully interested in having a child attend the charter school, or a teacher's signature means that the teacher is meaningfully interested in teaching at the charter school. (Education Code [47605](#))

Staff Advisory Committee

The Superintendent or designee may establish a staff advisory committee to evaluate the completeness of a charter petition based on the requirements in Education Code [47605](#) and to identify any concerns that should be addressed by the petitioners.

(cf. [2230](#) - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

Components of Charter Petition

All charter petitions shall comply with the applicable requirements of Education Code [47605](#), other state and federal laws, and district policies.

The charter petition shall include affirmations that the charter school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and operations; will not charge tuition; and will not discriminate against a student on the basis of characteristics listed in Education Code [220](#). The petition shall also contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of: (Education Code [47605](#))

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION (continued)

1. The educational program of the proposed school, designed, among other things, to identify those whom the school is attempting to educate, what it means to be an "educated person" in the 21st century, and how learning best occurs. The goals identified in that program shall include the objective of enabling students to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners.

The petition shall include a description of the charter school's annual goals for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup of students identified pursuant to Education Code [52052](#), including ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. These goals shall be aligned with the state priorities listed in Education Code [52060](#) that apply to the grade levels served. The petition also shall describe specific annual actions to achieve those goals. The petition may identify additional priorities established for the proposed school, goals aligned with those priorities, and specific annual actions to achieve those goals.

(cf. [0420.41](#) - *Charter School Oversight*)

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

If the proposed charter school will serve high school students, the petition shall describe the manner in which the school will inform parents/guardians about the transferability of courses to other public high schools and the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements. Courses offered by the charter school that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges may be considered transferable, and courses approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the "a-g" admissions criteria may be considered to meet college entrance requirements.

2. The measurable student outcomes identified for use by the charter school. Student outcomes means the extent to which all students of the school demonstrate that they have attained the skills, knowledge, and attitudes specified as goals in the school's educational program, including outcomes that address increases in student academic achievement both schoolwide and for each numerically significant subgroup of students served by the charter school. The student outcomes shall align with the state priorities identified in Education Code [52060](#) that apply for the grade levels served by the charter school.
3. The method by which student progress in meeting the identified student outcomes is to be measured. To the extent practicable, the method for measuring student outcomes for state priorities shall be consistent with the way information is reported on a school accountability report card.

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

4. The governance structure of the charter school, including, but not limited to, the process to be followed by the school to ensure parent/guardian involvement.
5. The qualifications to be met by individuals to be employed by the charter school.

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION (continued)

6. The procedures that the charter school will follow to ensure the health and safety of students and staff, including the following requirements:
 - a. Each charter school employee shall furnish the school with a criminal record summary as described in Education Code [44237](#).
 - b. The charter school shall develop a school safety plan which includes the topics listed in Education Code [32282](#)(a)(2)(A)-(J).
 - c. The charter school's safety plan shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 each year.
7. The means by which the charter school will achieve a balance of racial and ethnic students, special education students, and English learner students, including redesignated fluent English proficient students, that is reflective of the general population residing within the district's territorial jurisdiction.
8. The charter school's student admission policy. The petition shall, in accordance with Education Code [47605](#)(e), specify procedures for determining enrollment when the number of applicants exceeds the school's capacity, including requirements for the use of a public random drawing, admission preferences, and priority order of preferences as required by law and subject to Governing Board approval.
9. The manner in which annual, independent financial audits shall be conducted, which shall employ generally accepted accounting principles, and the manner in which audit exceptions and deficiencies shall be resolved to the Board's satisfaction.
10. The procedures by which students can be suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons or otherwise involuntarily removed for any reason, including an explanation of how the charter school will comply with federal and state constitutional procedural and substantive due process requirements as specified in Education Code [47605](#) and a statement that the suspension procedures will include requirements pertaining to the provision of homework assignments to suspended students as specified in Education Code 47606.2.

Such procedures shall also include processes by which the charter school will notify the superintendent of a district, and by which the charter school may be notified by the superintendent of a district, when a student or former student of the charter school is expelled or subject to any of the circumstances specified in Education Code [47605](#)(e)(3).

11. The manner by which staff members of the charter school will be covered by the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or federal social security.

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION (continued)

12. The public school attendance alternatives for students residing within the district who choose to not attend the charter school.
13. A description of the rights of any district employee upon leaving district employment to work in the charter school and of any rights of return to the district after employment at the charter school.
14. The procedures to be followed by the charter school and the Board to resolve disputes relating to charter provisions.
15. A declaration as to whether or not the charter school will be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the school's employees for purposes of collective bargaining under Government Code [3540-3549.3](#).
16. Consistent with 5 CCR [11962](#), the procedures to be used if the charter school closes, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Designation of a responsible entity to conduct closure-related activities
 - b. Notification to parents/guardians, the Board, the county office of education, the special education local plan area in which the charter school participates, the retirement systems in which the school's employees participate, and the California Department of Education, providing at least the following information:
 - (1) The effective date of the closure
 - (2) The name(s) and contact information of the person(s) to whom reasonable inquiries may be made regarding the closure
 - (3) The students' districts of residence
 - (4) The manner in which parents/guardians may obtain copies of student records, including specific information on completed courses and credits that meet graduation requirements
 - c. Provision of a list of students at each grade level, the classes they have completed, and their districts of residence to the responsible entity designated in accordance with item #16a above
 - d. Transfer and maintenance of all student records, all state assessment results, and any special education records to the custody of the responsible entity designated in accordance with item #16a above, except for records and/or assessment results that the charter may require to be transferred to a different entity

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION (continued)

- e. Transfer and maintenance of personnel records in accordance with applicable law
 - f. Completion of an independent final audit within six months after the closure of the charter school that includes an accounting of all financial assets and liabilities pursuant to 5 CCR [11962](#) and an assessment of the disposition of any restricted funds received by or due to the school
 - g. Disposal of any net assets remaining after all liabilities of the charter school have been paid or otherwise addressed pursuant to 5 CCR [11962](#)
 - h. Completion and filing of any annual reports required pursuant to Education Code [47604.33](#)
 - i. Identification of funding for the activities identified in item #16a-h above
Charter school petitioners shall provide information to the Board regarding the proposed operation and potential effects of the school, including, but not limited to: (Education Code [47605](#))
1. The facilities to be used by the charter school, including where the school intends to locate
(cf. [7160](#) - Charter School Facilities)
 2. The manner in which administrative services of the charter school are to be provided
 3. Potential civil liability effects, if any, upon the charter school and district
 4. Financial statements that include a proposed first-year operational budget, including start-up costs and cash-flow and financial projections for the first three years of operation
 5. If the charter school is to be operated by or as a nonprofit public benefit corporation, the names and relevant qualifications of all persons whom the petitioner nominates to serve on the governing body of the charter school

Location of Charter School

Unless otherwise exempted by law, the charter petition shall identify a single charter school that will operate within the geographic boundaries of the district. A charter school may propose to operate at multiple sites within the district as long as each location is identified in the petition. (Education Code [47605](#), [47605.1](#))

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION (continued)

A charter school may establish a resource center, meeting space, or other satellite facility within the jurisdiction of the school district where the charter school is physically located if both of the following conditions are met: (Education Code [47605.1](#))

1. The facility is used exclusively for the educational support of students who are enrolled in nonclassroom-based independent study of the charter school.
2. The charter school provides its primary educational services in, and a majority of the students it serves are residents of, the county in which the school is authorized.

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Biggs, California

Board Policy

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

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CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT

The Board of Trustees recognizes its ongoing responsibility to oversee that any charter school authorized by the Board is successfully fulfilling the terms of its charter and is providing a high-quality educational program for students enrolled in the charter school.

(cf. [0420.4](#) - Charter School Authorization)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall identify at least one staff member to serve as a contact person for each charter school authorized by the Board. (Education Code [47604.32](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall visit each charter school at least annually and may inspect or observe any part of a charter school at any time. (Education Code [47604.32](#), [47607](#))

The Superintendent or designated charter school contact shall attend meetings of the charter school governing body whenever possible and shall periodically meet with a representative of the charter school.

Waivers

If the charter school wishes to request a general waiver of any state law or regulation applicable to it, it shall request that the district submit a general waiver request to the State Board of Education (SBE) on its behalf. Upon approval of the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall submit such a waiver request to the SBE on behalf of the charter school.

(cf. [1431](#) - Waivers)

Provision of District Services

The charter school may purchase administrative or other services from the district or any other source. (Education Code [47613](#))

Whenever the district agrees to provide administrative or support services to a charter school, the district and the charter school shall develop a memorandum of understanding which clarifies the financial and operational agreements between them.

At the request of a charter school, the Superintendent or designee shall create and submit any reports required by the State Teachers' Retirement System or Public Employees' Retirement System on behalf of the charter school. The district may charge the charter school for the actual costs of the reporting services, but shall not require the charter school to purchase payroll processing services from the district as a condition for creating and submitting these reports. (Education Code [47611.3](#))

CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Continued)

Material Revisions to Charter

Material revisions to a charter may only be made with Board approval. Material revisions shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to petitions for the authorization of charter schools as set forth in Education Code [47605](#) and shall include, but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement for charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. (Education Code [47607](#))

If an approved charter school proposes to establish or move operations to one or more additional sites or grade levels, the charter school shall request a material revision to its charter and shall notify the Board of those additional locations or grade levels. The Board shall consider approval of the additional locations or grade levels at an open meeting. (Education Code [47605](#))

The Board shall have the authority to determine whether a proposed change in charter school operations constitutes a material revision of the approved charter.

Monitoring Charter School Performance

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor each charter school that is authorized by the district to determine whether it complies with all legal requirements applicable to charter schools, including making all reports required of charter schools in accordance with Education Code [47604.32](#). Any violations of law shall be reported to the Board.

The Board shall monitor each charter school to determine whether it is achieving the measurable student outcomes set forth in the charter, both schoolwide and for each numerically significant student subgroup served by the school as defined in Education Code [52052](#). This determination shall be based on the measures specified in the approved charter and any applicable memorandum of understanding, and on the charter school's annual review and assessment of its progress toward the goals and actions identified in its local control and accountability plan (LCAP), as reported in the California School Dashboard.

The Board shall monitor the fiscal condition of the charter school based on any financial report or information obtained from the charter school, including, but not limited to, the charter school's preliminary budget, annual update of the charter school's LCAP, first and second interim financial reports, and final unaudited report for the full prior year. (Education Code [47604.32](#), [47604.33](#), [47606.5](#))

The district may charge up to one percent of a charter school's revenue for the actual costs of supervisory oversight of the school. However, if the charter school is able to obtain substantially rent-free facilities from the district, the district may charge up to three percent of the charter school's revenue for actual costs of supervisory oversight or, if the facility is provided under Education Code [47614](#), the pro-rata share facilities costs calculated pursuant

CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Continued)

to 5 CCR [11969.7](#). If the district charges the pro-rata share, it may also charge one percent of the charter school's revenue in oversight fees. If the district is given responsibility for supervisory oversight of a charter school that was authorized by SBE on appeal, the district is not limited to these percentages and may charge for the actual costs of supervisory oversight and for the administrative costs necessary to secure charter school funding. (Education Code [47613](#))

(*cf.* [7160](#) - *Charter School Facilities*)

Technical Assistance/Intervention

Whenever a charter school is identified for technical assistance based on the performance of one or more numerically significant student subgroups on SBE-established criteria, the charter school shall receive technical assistance from the County Superintendent of Schools. Such technical assistance shall be focused on building the charter school's capacity to develop and implement actions and services responsive to student and community needs, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (Education Code 45607.3)

1. Assisting the charter school to identify its strengths and weaknesses in regard to the state priorities applicable to the charter school pursuant to Education Code [47605](#). This shall include working collaboratively with the charter school to review performance data on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard and other relevant local data and to identify effective, evidence-based programs or practices that address any areas of weakness.
2. Working collaboratively with the charter school to secure assistance from an academic, programmatic, or fiscal expert or team of experts to identify and implement effective programs and practices that are designed to improve performance in any areas of weakness identified by the charter school. Another service provider, including, but not limited to, a school district, county office of education, or charter school, may be solicited to act as a partner to the charter school in need of technical assistance.
3. Obtaining from the charter school timely documentation demonstrating that it has completed the activities described in items #1 and 2 or substantially similar activities, or has selected another service provider to work with the charter school to complete the activities described in items #1 and 2 or substantially similar activities, and ongoing communication with the Board to assess the charter school's progress in improving student outcomes.

In addition, if, in three out of four consecutive school years, a charter school fails to improve outcomes for three or more numerically significant student subgroups, or for all of the student subgroups if the school has fewer than three subgroups, in regard to one or more state or school priorities identified in the charter, the district: (Education Code [47607.3](#))

CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Continued)

1. Shall provide technical assistance to the charter school based on the California School Dashboard
2. May request that the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), with SBE approval, assign the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide advice and assistance to the charter school pursuant to Education Code [52074](#)

In accordance with law, the Board may deny a charter school's renewal petition or may revoke a charter based on the charter school's poor performance, especially with regard to inadequate academic achievement of all numerically significant subgroups of students served by the charter school.

*(cf. [0420.42](#) - Charter School Renewal)
(cf. [0420.43](#) - Charter School Revocation)*

Complaints

Each charter school shall establish and maintain policies and procedures to enable any person to file a complaint, in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures as specified in 5 CCR [4600-4670](#), alleging the school's noncompliance with Education Code [47606.5](#) or [47607.3](#). (Education Code [52075](#))

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

A complainant who is not satisfied with the decision may appeal the decision to the SPI. (Education Code [52075](#))

If the charter school finds merit in the complaint or the SPI finds merit in an appeal, a remedy shall be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians. (Education Code [52075](#))

School Closure

In the event that the Board revokes or denies renewal of a charter or the charter school ceases operation for any reason, the Superintendent or designee shall, when applicable in accordance with the charter and/or a memorandum of understanding, provide assistance to facilitate the transfer of the charter school's former students and to finalize financial reporting and close-out.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notification to the California Department of Education, within 10 calendar days of the Board's action, if renewal of the charter is denied, the charter is revoked, or the charter school will cease operation for any reason.

CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Continued)

Such notification shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the circumstances of the closure, the effective date of the closure, and the location of student and personnel records. (Education Code [47604.32](#); 5 CCR [11962.1](#))

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[215.5](#) *Student identification cards, inclusion of safety hotlines*

[220](#) *Nondiscrimination*

[221.61](#) *Posting of Title IX information on web site*

[221.9](#) *Sex equity in competitive athletics*

[222](#) *Lactation accommodations for students*

[222.5](#) *Pregnant and parenting students, notification of rights*

[231.5-231.6](#) *Sexual harassment policy*

[234.4](#) *Mandated policy on bullying prevention*

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[35183.1](#) *Graduation ceremonies; tribal regalia or recognized object of religious/cultural significance*

[35330](#) *Field trips and excursions; student fees*

[38080-38086](#) *School meals*

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[41024](#) *Report of expenditure of state facility funds*

[42100](#) *Annual statement of receipts and expenditures*

[44030.5](#) *Reporting change in employment status due to alleged misconduct*

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[47640-47647](#) *Special education funding for charter schools*

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[48000](#) *Minimum age of admission for kindergarten; transitional kindergarten*

[48010-48011](#) *Minimum age of admission (first grade)*

[48206.3-48208](#) *Students with temporary disabilities; individual instruction*

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

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[48913.5](#) *Suspended students, homework assignments*

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[48985](#) Parental notification,
[49005-49006.4](#) Seclusion and restraint
[49011](#) Student fees
[49014](#) Public School Fair Debt Collection Act
[49061](#) Student records
[49062.5](#) Student records, name or gender changes
[49070](#) Challenging student records
[49073.2](#) Privacy of student and parent/guardian personal information
[49076.7](#) Student records; data privacy; Social Security numbers
[49110](#) Authority to issue work permits
[49381](#) Human trafficking prevention
[49414](#) Epinephrine auto-injectors
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[49428](#) Notification of mental health services
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[49431.9](#) Advertisement of non-nutritious foods
[49475](#) Health and safety, concussions and head injuries
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[7221-7221j](#) *Charter schools*

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Biggs, California

Exhibit

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

A charter school shall be subject to the terms of its charter; any memorandum of understanding between the school and the district Governing Board; the state and federal constitutions; applicable federal laws; state laws that apply to governmental agencies in general; and other legal requirements that are expressly applicable to charter schools, including, but not limited to, the following requirements.

Governance

1. Comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code [54950-54963](#)), California Public Records Act (Government Code [6250-6270](#)), conflict of interest laws (Government Code [1090-1099](#)), and Political Reform Act (Government Code [81000-91014](#)), including the adoption of a conflict of interest code pursuant to Government Code [87300](#) (Education Code 47604.1)
2. Except as otherwise authorized by Government Code [54954](#), hold the meetings of its governing body within the physical boundaries of the county in which the charter school is located or, if a nonclassroom-based charter school that does not have a facility or operates one or more resource centers, hold governing body meetings within the physical boundaries of the county in which the greatest number of students enrolled in the charter school reside. In addition, a two-way teleconference location shall be established at the school site and/or resource center, as applicable. (Education Code 47604.1)

Operations

3. Not be operated as, or be operated by, a for-profit corporation, a for-profit educational management organization, or a for-profit charter management organization (Education Code [47604](#))
4. Be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations (Education Code [47605](#))

Admission/Enrollment

5. Adhere to all laws establishing the minimum age for public school attendance (Education Code [47610](#))
6. Serve students who are California residents and who, if over 19 years of age, are continuously enrolled in a public school and making "satisfactory progress" toward a high school diploma as defined in 5 CCR [11965](#) (Education Code [47612](#))

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7. Serve students with disabilities in the same manner as such students are served in other district schools (Education Code [47646](#), [56145](#))
8. Admit all students who wish to attend the charter school, according to the following criteria and procedures:
 - a. Admission to the charter school shall not be determined according to the student's or parent/guardian's place of residence within the state, except that any existing public school converting partially or entirely to a charter school shall adopt and maintain a policy giving admission preference to students who reside within that school's former attendance area. (Education Code [47605](#))

If a charter school will be physically located in a public elementary school attendance area in which 50 percent or more of the student enrollment is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, it may also establish an admission preference for students who are currently enrolled in that public elementary school and for students who reside in the public school attendance area. (Education Code [47605.3](#))

- b. If the number of students who wish to attend the charter school exceeds the school's capacity, attendance shall be determined by a public random drawing, with preference extended to students currently attending the charter school and students who reside in the district, except as provided for in Education Code [47614.5](#). (Education Code [47605](#))
 - c. Other admission preferences may be permitted by the Board of the district on an individual school basis consistent with law. (Education Code [47605](#))
9. Not discourage a student from enrolling or seeking to enroll in the charter school, nor encourage a current student from disenrolling, for any reason, including, but not limited to, the student's academic performance, nationality, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation or because the student is a student with disabilities, academically low achieving, an English learner, neglected or delinquent, homeless, economically disadvantaged, or a foster youth. The charter school shall not request or require a student's records to be submitted before enrollment. The charter school shall post on its web site the California Department of Education's (CDE) notice of these requirements and shall provide the notice to parents/guardians or students age 18 and older when the parent/guardian or student inquires about enrollment, before conducting an enrollment lottery, and before disenrollment of a student. (Education Code [47605](#))
10. Immediately enroll a homeless student, except where such enrollment would conflict with Education Code [47605](#)(d) (Education Code [48850](#); 42 USC [11431-11435](#))

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11. Comply with the requirements of Education Code [48850-48859](#) regarding the enrollment and placement of foster youth (Education Code [48853.5](#), [48859](#))
12. Allow a student who is enrolled in the charter school but receiving individual instruction at home or a hospital due to a temporary disability to return to the charter school when well enough to do so, provided the student returns during the school year in which the individual instruction was initiated (Education Code 48207.3)

Nondiscrimination

13. Not discriminate against any student on the basis of the characteristics listed in Education Code [220](#) (Education Code [47605](#))
14. Adopt policy that is consistent with the model policy developed by the California Attorney General addressing the charter school's response to immigration enforcement, notify parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, prohibit the collection of information or documents regarding the immigration status of students or their family members, and fulfill other requirements of Education Code [234.7](#)
15. Post specified information related to the prohibition against discrimination under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in a prominent and conspicuous location on the school web site or on the web site of the charter operator (Education Code [221.61](#))
16. If the charter school offers competitive athletics, annually post on the school's web site or on the web site of the charter operator the total enrollment of the school classified by gender, the number of students who participate in competitive athletics classified by gender, and the number of boys' and girls' teams classified by sport and by competition level (Education Code [221.9](#))
17. Provide specified accommodations to pregnant and parenting students, including, but not limited to, the provision of parental leave and reasonable accommodations on campus to a lactating student to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other needs related to breastfeeding. The charter school shall notify pregnant and parenting students and parents/guardians of the rights and options available to pregnant and parenting students. (Education Code [222](#), [222.5](#), 46015)
18. If a direct-funded charter school, adopt and implement uniform complaint procedures to resolve complaints of unlawful discrimination or alleged violation of a state or federal law or regulation governing educational programs, in accordance with 5 CCR [4600-4670](#) (5 CCR [4600](#))

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Tuition and Fees

19. Not charge tuition (Education Code [47605](#))
20. Not charge student fees for any activity that is an integral component of the educational program, except as authorized by those Education Code provisions that explicitly apply to charter schools
21. Not bill, nor take any negative action against, a student or former student for a debt owed to the charter school. The school shall provide an itemized invoice for any amount owed by the parent/guardian on behalf of a student or former student before pursuing payment of the debt and shall provide a receipt to the parent/guardian for each payment made to the school. (Education Code 49014)

School Plans

22. Adopt a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and update the plan by July 1 each year, after holding a public hearing, consulting with specified stakeholders, and using the template adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE). As part of the LCAP adoption and annual update to the LCAP, the governing body of the charter school shall separately adopt a local control funding formula budget overview for parents/guardians, based on the template developed by the SBE. (Education Code [47604.33](#), [47606.5](#), [52064](#), [52064.1](#))
23. If the charter school applies for federal and/or state categorical program funding through the state's consolidated application, establish a school site council to develop and annually review a school plan for student achievement, unless the school chooses to use its LCAP for this purpose (Education Code [64000-64001](#), 65000-65001)
24. Develop a comprehensive safety plan in accordance with Education Code [32282](#) and review and update the plan by March 1 each year (Education Code [47605](#))
25. Develop a transportation safety plan that includes procedures to ensure that a student is not left unattended on a school bus, student activity bus, youth bus, or child care motor vehicle and procedures for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany students on a school activity bus. In addition, ensure that each school bus, student activity bus, youth bus, or child care motor vehicle is equipped with a child safety alert system that requires the driver to either manually contact or scan the device, thereby prompting the driver to inspect the entirety of the interior of the vehicle before exiting, unless the student activity bus is exempted by law. (Education Code [39831.3](#); Vehicle Code [28160](#))

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Curriculum and Instruction

26. Offer at least the number of instructional minutes required by law for the grade levels provided by the charter school (Education Code [47612.5](#))
27. If the charter school offers a kindergarten program, also offer a transitional kindergarten program to students whose fifth birthday is from September 2 through December 2 (Education Code [48000](#))
28. If the charter school serves students in grade 9, adopt a fair, objective, and transparent mathematics placement policy with specified components (Education Code [51224.7](#))
29. If the charter school serves students in any of grades 7-12, provide comprehensive sexual health education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention education at least once in junior high or middle school and once in high school (Education Code [51931](#), [51934](#))
30. If the charter school serves students in any of grades 6-12, identify and implement methods of informing parents/guardians of human trafficking prevention resources (Education Code 49381)
31. If the charter school provides independent study, meet the requirements of Education Code [51745-51749.6](#), except that the school may be allowed to offer courses required for graduation solely through independent study as an exception to Education Code [51745](#)(e) (Education Code [47612.5](#), [51747.3](#); 5 CCR [11705](#))
32. Accept and provide full or partial credit for coursework satisfactorily completed by a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or a student participating in a newcomer program while attending another school (Education Code [51225.2](#))
33. Meet all statewide standards and conduct any statewide assessments applicable to noncharter public schools (Education Code [47605](#), [47612.5](#), [60605](#))

Special Education

34. Provide assistive technology devices in a student's home or other settings if the individualized education program team determines that such access is necessary. The charter school shall also provide an assistive technology device or comparable device to a student who enrolls in another local educational agency, for two months after the student leaves the charter school or until alternative arrangements can be made, whichever occurs first. (Education Code 56040.3)

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35. If the charter school is an independent member of a special education local plan area and has a master contract with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school:
- a. Pay the full amount of the tuition or fees for students with disabilities enrolled in programs or services provided pursuant to that contract (Education Code [56365](#))
 - b. Conduct at least one onsite visit to the nonpublic, nonsectarian school prior to a student's placement and at least once each school year (Education Code [56366.1](#))

High School Graduation

36. Exempt a foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, or migrant student who transfers between schools after the second year of high school, or a student participating in a newcomer program for newly immigrant students in grades 11-12, from any of the charter school's graduation requirements that exceed state requirements, unless the charter school determines that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements by the end of the fourth year of high school (Education Code [51225.1](#), [51225.2](#))
37. Grant a high school diploma to any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination (Education Code [51413](#))

Student Expression

38. Allow a student to wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance as an adornment at school graduation ceremonies, unless the charter school determines that an item is likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the ceremony (Education Code 35183.1)
39. Provide students the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards; the distribution of printed materials or petitions; the wearing of buttons, badges, and other insignia; and the right of expression in official publications (Education Code [48907](#), [48950](#))

Staffing

40. Require its teachers to hold a certificate, permit, or other document issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) as required for the teacher's certificated assignment. Teachers employed by the charter school during the 2019-20 school year shall have until July 1, 2025 to obtain the required certificate required. (Education Code [47605](#), 47605.4)

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41. Not hire any person who has been convicted of a violent or serious felony except as otherwise provided by law, and, if the charter school contracts with an entity for specified services, verify that any employee of that entity who will have contact with students has had a criminal background check (Education Code [44830.1](#), [45122.1](#), [45125.1](#))
42. Report to the CTC any change in a certificated employee's employment status (dismissal, nonreelection, resignation, suspension, unpaid administrative leave for more than 10 days, retirement, or other decision not to employ or reemploy) as a result of an allegation of misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending (Education Code [44030.5](#))
43. If the charter school chooses to make the state teachers' retirement plan available to its employees, meet the requirements of Education Code [47611](#) regarding the State Teachers' Retirement System (Education Code [47610](#))
44. Meet the requirements of Government Code [3540-3549.3](#) related to collective bargaining in public education employment (Education Code [47611.5](#))

Parent/Guardian Involvement

45. On a regular basis, consult with parents/guardians and teachers regarding the charter school's educational programs (Education Code [47605](#))
46. Notify parents/guardians of applicant students and currently enrolled students that parental involvement is not a requirement for acceptance to, or continued enrollment at, the charter school (Education Code [47605](#))
47. If 15 percent or more of the students at the charter school speak a single primary language other than English, provide all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to parents/guardians in English and in the primary language (Education Code [48985](#))

Nutrition

48. Provide each eligible student with one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each school day, except as provided for a charter school that offers nonclassroom-based instruction (Education Code [47613.5](#))
49. If the charter school participates in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast program, not promote any food or beverage during the school day that does not comply with state nutritional standards pursuant to Education Code [49430-49434](#), and not participate in a corporate incentive program that offers free or discounted non-nutritious foods or beverages as rewards for students who reach certain academic goals (Education Code [49431.9](#))

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50. If the charter school participates in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast program, notify parents/guardians within 10 days of their child's meal account reaching a negative balance; not take any action directed at a student to collect unpaid school meal fees; ensure that a student with unpaid school meal fees is not denied a meal of the student's choice, shamed, or treated differently; and prohibit student discipline from resulting in the denial or delay of a nutritionally adequate meal (Education Code [49557.5](#))
51. If the charter school participates in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast program and is a very high poverty school, as defined, apply to the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide lunch and/or breakfast free of charge to all students under a federal universal service provision (Education Code [49564](#))

Student Health

52. Adopt a policy on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention for grades 7-12, and an age-appropriate policy for grades K-6, and review the policy at least every five years (Education Code [215](#))
53. If the charter school serves grades 7-12 and issues student identification cards, print the telephone numbers of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the National Domestic Violence Hotline on the identification cards (Education Code 215.5)
54. Notify students and parents/guardians at least twice during the school year on how to initiate access to available student mental health services on campus or in the community (Education Code 49428)
55. Provide annual training on child abuse and neglect reporting requirements to employees and persons working on the charter school's behalf who are mandated reporters, within the first six weeks of each school year or within six weeks of employment (Education Code [44691](#))
56. If the charter school offers an athletic program, annually provide information sheets about concussions/head injuries and sudden cardiac arrest to athletes and their parents/guardians, which must be signed and returned to the school before the athlete initiates practice or competition. In the event that an athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury, passes out, or faints during or immediately after participation in an athletic activity, the student shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day and shall not be permitted to return to the activity until the student is evaluated by a licensed health care provider and receives written clearance to do so. (Education Code [33479-33479.5](#), [49475](#))
57. If the charter school offers an interscholastic athletic program, develop and post a written emergency action plan that describes procedures to be followed in the event

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- of sudden cardiac arrest and other medical emergencies, acquire at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) for the school, and make the AED available at on-campus athletic activities or events (Education Code 35179.4, 35179.6)
58. Provide school nurses or other voluntary, trained personnel with emergency epinephrine auto-injectors of the type required pursuant to Education Code [49414](#) (Education Code [49414](#))
 59. If the charter school chooses to make an opioid antagonist available to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose, comply with the requirements of Education Code [49414.3](#), including, but not limited to, providing training to personnel who volunteer to administer the opioid antagonist

Student Conduct/Discipline

60. Adopt a policy on bullying and cyberbullying prevention, post specified information on bullying and harassment prevention, and annually make CDE's online training module on bullying prevention available to school site certificated employees and other employees who have regular interaction with students (Education Code 234.4, 234.6, [32283.5](#))
61. Adopt and display a written policy on sexual harassment, include the policy as part of any orientation for new and continuing students, and post a poster notifying students of the policy (Education Code [231.5](#), 231.6)
62. Prohibit seclusion and behavioral restraint of students as a means of discipline, and only use such methods to control student behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a student or others that cannot be immediately prevented by a less restrictive response (Education Code 49005-49006.4)
63. Neither recommend for expulsion a student in grades K-12 nor suspend a student in grades K-8 for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the authority of school personnel in the performance of their duties (Education Code 48901.1)
64. Upon request, provide a student who is suspended for two or more days with the homework assigned during the period of suspension (Education Code 48913.5)

Student and Parent/Guardian Records

65. Not collect or solicit social security numbers or the last four digits of social security numbers from students or their parents/guardians unless otherwise required to do so by state or federal law (Education Code [49076.7](#))

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66. Upon written request, not include the directory information of a student or the personal information of a parent/guardian, as defined, in the minutes of a meeting of the governing body (Education Code 49073.2)
67. If a student subject to compulsory full-time education is expelled or leaves the charter school without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, notify the Superintendent of the school district of the student's last known address within 30 days and, upon request, provide that district with a copy of the student's cumulative record, including a transcript of grades or report card, and health information (Education Code [47605](#))
68. If the charter school serves high school students, submit to the Student Aid Commission, for use in the Cal Grant program, the grade point average (GPA) of all students in grade 12 and verification of high school graduation or its equivalent for students who graduated in the prior academic year. However, such information shall not be submitted when students opt 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](#), [69432.92](#))
69. Upon receipt of government-issued documentation of a change of name or gender or, if such documentation is not available, upon request in accordance with the procedure in Education Code [49070](#), update and reissue a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender (Education Code 49062.5, [49070](#))

Facilities

70. Comply with the California Building Standards Code as adopted and enforced by the local building enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area in which the charter school is located, unless the charter school facility meets either of the following conditions: (Education Code [47610](#), [47610.5](#))
 - a. The facility complies with the Field Act pursuant to Education Code [17280-17317](#) and [17365-17374](#).
 - b. The facility is exclusively owned or controlled by an entity that is not subject to the California Building Standards Code, including, but not limited to, the federal government.

Finance

71. Promptly respond to all reasonable inquiries from the district, the county office of education, or the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), including, but not limited to, inquiries regarding the charter school's financial records (Education Code [47604.3](#))

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72. Maintain written contemporaneous records that document all student attendance and make these records available for audit and inspection (Education Code [47612.5](#))
73. Identify and report to the SPI any portion of the charter school's average daily attendance that is generated through nonclassroom-based instruction, including, but not limited to, independent study, home study, work study, and distance and computer-based education (Education Code [47612.5](#), [47634.2](#); 5 CCR [11963.2](#))
74. Annually prepare and submit financial reports to the district Board and the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the following reporting cycle:
 - a. By July 1, a preliminary budget for the current fiscal year. For a charter school in its first year of operation, financial statements submitted with the charter petition pursuant to Education Code [47605\(g\)](#) will satisfy this requirement. (Education Code [47604.33](#))
 - b. By December 15, an interim financial report for the current fiscal year reflecting changes through October 31. (Education Code [47604.33](#))
 - c. By March 15, a second interim financial report for the current fiscal year reflecting changes through January 31. (Education Code [47604.33](#))
 - d. By September 15, a final unaudited report for the full prior year. The report submitted to the Board shall include an annual statement of all the charter school's receipts and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. (Education Code [42100](#), [47604.33](#))
 - e. By December 15, a copy of the charter school's annual, independent financial audit report for the preceding fiscal year, unless the charter school's audit is encompassed in the district's audit. The audit report shall also be submitted to the State Controller and CDE. (Education Code [47605](#))
75. If the charter school receives state facilities funding pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act (Education Code [17070.10-17079.30](#)), annually report a detailed list of all expenditures of state funds and of the school's matching funds for completed projects, and submit an audit of completed facilities projects within one year of project completion (Education Code [41024](#))

Accountability

76. Annually adopt a school accountability report card (Education Code [47612](#); California Constitution, Article 16, Section 8.5)

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CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL

The Board of Trustees believes that the ongoing operation of a charter school should be dependent on the school's effectiveness in achieving its mission and goals for student learning and other student outcomes. Whenever a charter school submits a petition for renewal of its charter, the Board shall review the petition thoroughly and in a timely manner, consistent with the timelines set out in the Education Code. The Board shall consider renewal petitions only of charters originally authorized by the Board itself or by the State Board of Education (SBE) on appeal after initial denial by the Board.

The Board shall deny the renewal petition of any charter school operated as or by a for-profit corporation, a for-profit educational management organization, or a for-profit charter management organization. (Education Code 47604)

When a charter school, concurrently with its renewal petition, proposes to expand operations to one or more additional sites or grade levels, the charter school shall request a material revision to its charter. The material revision may be made only with the approval of the Board and in accordance with the standards and criteria in Education Code 47605 for material revisions. (Education Code 47607)

The Board recommends that a charter school submit its petition for renewal to the Board sufficiently early before the expiration of the term of the charter to allow the Board's deliberations and decision on the renewal petition to be completed with minimal disruption to the charter school's educational program in the renewal year.

The petition for renewal shall include a reasonably comprehensive description of how the charter school has met all new charter school requirements enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11966.4)

Criteria for Granting or Denying Renewal

Renewals shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to new charter petitions as set forth in Education Code 47605. However, a charter renewal shall not be denied based on the fiscal impact of the charter school on the district or a finding that the charter school is unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is located, as described in Education Code 47605. (Education Code 47607)

The signature requirement for charter authorization petitions is not applicable to petitions for renewal. (Education Code 47607)

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In determining whether to grant a charter renewal, the Board shall review both schoolwide performance and the performance of numerically significant student subgroups on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard, giving greater weight to performance on measurements of academic performance. If the Dashboard indicators are not yet available for the most recently completed academic year before renewal, the Board shall consider verifiable data provided by the charter school related to the Dashboard indicators, such as data from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or any successor system, for the most recent academic year. The Board shall only consider data from sources adopted by SBE. (Education Code 47607, 47607.2)

Following the Board's review, a renewal of the charter petition may be granted in accordance with a three-tiered system based on school performance, as follows:

1. Renewal of Five to Seven Years
 - A. A charter school that is not eligible for technical assistance pursuant to Education Code 47607.3 shall be granted renewal for a period of five to seven years when, for two consecutive years immediately preceding the renewal, or for two of the three years immediately preceding the renewal for any renewal submitted in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year, the charter school achieved either of the following: (Education Code 47607)
 - (1) Received the two highest performance levels schoolwide on all the state indicators included in the Dashboard for which the charter school receives performance levels, provided the charter school has schoolwide performance levels on at least two measurements of academic performance per year in each of the two years
 - (2) For all measurements of academic performance, received performance levels schoolwide that are the same or higher than the state average and, for a majority of numerically significant student subgroups performing statewide below the state average in each respective year, received performance levels that are higher than the state average, provided that the charter school has performance levels on at least two measurements of academic performance for at least two subgroups
 - B. If the charter school satisfies the above criteria, it shall only be required to update the renewal petition to include a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed and, as necessary, to reflect the current program offered by the charter school. (Education Code 47607)

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2. Renewal of Five Years

- A. A renewal shall be granted for five years if clear and convincing evidence, demonstrated by verified data, shows either of the following: (Education Code 47607.2)
- (1) Measurable increases in academic achievement, as defined by at least one year's progress for each year in school
 - (2) Strong postsecondary outcomes, as defined by college enrollment, persistence, and completion rates equal to similar peers
- B. For any such charter school, the Board may deny the renewal petition upon making written factual findings that the charter school failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward meeting standards that provide a benefit to students at the school, that the closure of the charter school is in the best interest of students, and that the Board's decision provided greater weight to performance on measurements of academic performance. (Education Code 47607.2)

3. Denial/Two-Year Renewal

- A. The Board shall generally not renew a charter if, for two consecutive years immediately preceding the renewal decision, or for two of the three years immediately preceding the renewal for any renewal submitted in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year, either of the following applies: (Education Code 47607.2)
- (1) The charter school has received the two lowest performance levels schoolwide on all the state indicators included in the Dashboard for which it receives performance levels, provided the charter school has schoolwide performance levels on at least two measurements of academic performance per year in each of the two years
 - (2) For all measurements of academic performance, the charter school has received performance levels schoolwide that are the same or lower than the state average and, for a majority of numerically significant student subgroups performing statewide below the state average in each respective year, received performance levels that are lower than the state average, provided that the charter school has performance levels on at least two measurements of academic performance for at least two subgroups

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- B. However, the Board may grant a two-year renewal to any such charter school if the Board makes written factual findings, setting forth specific facts to support the findings, that: (Education Code 47607.2)
- (1) The charter school is taking meaningful steps to address the underlying cause(s) of low performance, and those steps are reflected, or will be reflected, in a written plan adopted by the governing body of the charter school.
 - (2) There is clear and convincing evidence, demonstrated by verified data, showing achievement of the criteria specified in item #2a above

In addition to all the grounds stated above for denial of a charter renewal, the Board may deny renewal of a charter upon a finding that the school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors or a finding that the school is not serving all students who wish to attend. When denying a charter renewal for either of these reasons, the Board shall provide the charter school at least 30 days' notice of the alleged violation and a reasonable opportunity to cure the violation, including the submission of a proposed corrective action plan. The Board may deny the renewal for these reasons only upon a finding that either the corrective action proposed by the charter school has been unsuccessful or that the violations are sufficiently severe and pervasive as to render a corrective action plan unviable. Any finding that a school is not serving all students who wish to attend shall specifically identify the evidence supporting the finding. (Education Code 47607)

A charter school that qualifies for the state's Dashboard Alternative School Status shall not be subject to any of the above criteria. Instead, in determining whether to grant a charter renewal for such a charter school, the Board shall consider, in addition to the charter school's performance on the state and local indicators included in the Dashboard, the charter school's performance on alternative metrics applicable to the charter school based on the student population served. The Board shall meet with the charter school during the first year of the charter school's term to mutually agree to discuss alternative metrics to be considered and shall notify the charter school of the alternative metrics to be used within 30 days of this meeting. The Board may deny a charter renewal only upon making written findings, setting forth specific facts to support the findings, that the closure of the charter school is in the best interest of students. (Education Code 47607)

Timelines for Board Action

Within 60 days of receiving the renewal petition, the Board shall hold a public hearing to review documentation submitted by the charter school, determine the level of support for the petition, and obtain public input. A petition is deemed received on the day the petitioner

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submits a petition to the district office, along with a signed certification that the petitioner deems the petition to be complete. (Education Code 47605)

The Board shall either grant or deny the charter renewal within 90 days of receiving the petition. The date may be extended by an additional 30 days if both the petitioner and the Board agree to the extension. (Education Code 47605)

At least 15 days before the public hearing at which the Board will grant or deny the charter petition, the Board shall publish all staff recommendations and recommended findings regarding the petition. During the public hearing, petitioners shall have equal time and opportunity to present evidence and testimony to respond to the staff recommendations and findings. (Education Code 47605)

If the Board fails to make a written factual finding when required for denial of the petition pursuant to the section "Criteria for Granting or Denying Renewal" above within the required time period, the absence of a written factual finding shall be deemed an approval of the renewal petition. (5 CCR 11966.4)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notification to CDE, within 10 calendar days of the Board's action, whenever a renewal of the charter is granted or denied. (Education Code 47604.32; 5 CCR 11962.1)

If the Board denies a renewal petition, the charter school may submit its application for renewal to the County Board within 30 days of the Board's written factual findings supporting the denial. (Education Code 47605, 47607.5)

School Closure

If a charter is not renewed and the charter school ceases operation, the school closure procedures specified in the charter in accordance with Education Code 47605 and 5 CCR 11962 shall be implemented. (Education Code 47604.32, 47605)

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<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 11960-11969	Charter schools
Ed. Code 47600-47616.7	Charter Schools Act of 1992
Ed. Code 52052	Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups
Ed. Code 56145-56146	Special education services in charter schools
Ed. Code 60600-60649	Assessment of academic achievement

<u>Federal</u>	<u>Description</u>
20 USC 7223-7225	Charter schools

<u>Management Resources</u>	<u>Description</u>
CSBA Publication	Charter Schools: A Guide for Governance Teams, rev. 2016
CSBA Publication	The Role of the Charter School Authorizer, Online Course
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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Biggs, California

Board Policy

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CHARTER SCHOOL REVOCATION

The Board of Trustees expects any charter school it authorizes to provide a sound educational program that promotes student learning and to carry out its operations in a manner that complies with law and the terms of its charter. The Board may revoke a charter in accordance with law.

(cf. [0420.4](#) - Charter School Authorization)

(cf. [0420.41](#) - Charter School Oversight)

(cf. [0420.42](#) - Charter School Renewal)

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

When the Board determines, in writing, that any violation under Education Code [47607](#) constitutes a severe and imminent threat to the health or safety of students, the Board may immediately revoke the school's charter. When such a determination is made, the Board shall approve and deliver to the charter school's governing body, the County Board of Education, and the California Department of Education (CDE) a Notice of Revocation by Determination of a Severe and Imminent Threat to Pupil Health or Safety. (Education Code [47607](#); 5 CCR [11968.5.3](#))

In all other circumstances, the Board may revoke a charter after providing due process and using the procedures described below. The Board may revoke a charter if it makes a written factual finding specific to that charter school and supported by substantial evidence that the charter school has done any of the following: (Education Code [47607](#))

1. Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter
2. Failed to meet or pursue any of the student outcomes identified in the charter
3. Failed to meet generally accepted accounting principles or engaged in fiscal mismanagement
4. Violated any law

The Board shall also consider revoking the charter of any charter school for which the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) has provided advice and assistance pursuant to Education Code [47607.3](#) if CCEE has issued either of the following findings: (Education Code [47607.3](#))

1. That the charter school has failed or is unable to implement the recommendations of the CCEE

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2. That the inadequate performance of the charter school, as based on the California School Dashboard, is so persistent or acute as to require revocation of the charter

In determining whether to revoke a charter, the Board shall consider increases in student academic achievement for all numerically significant groups of students served by the charter school, as defined in Education Code [52052](#). (Education Code [47607](#), [47607.3](#))

Revocation Procedures

If the Board is considering a revocation of a charter school, it shall take action to approve and deliver a Notice of Violation to the charter school's governing body. The Notice of Violation shall identify: (Education Code [47607](#); 5 CCR [11965](#), [11968.5.2](#))

1. The charter school's alleged violation(s).
2. All evidence relied upon by the Board in determining that the charter school committed the alleged violation(s), including the date and duration of the alleged violation(s). The Notice shall show that each alleged violation is both material and uncured and that it occurred within a reasonable period of time before the Notice of Violation is issued.
3. The period of time that the Board has concluded is a reasonable period of time for the charter school to remedy or refute the identified violation(s). In identifying this time period, the Board shall consider the amount of time reasonably necessary to remedy each identified violation, which may include the charter school's estimation as to the anticipated remediation time.

At least 72 hours prior to any meeting at which the Board will consider issuing a Notice of Violation, the Board shall provide the charter school with notice and all relevant documents related to the proposed action. (5 CCR [11968.5.2](#))

(*cf.* [9320](#) - *Meetings and Notices*)

By the end of the remedy period identified in the Notice of Violation, the charter school's governing body may submit to the Board a detailed written response and supporting evidence addressing each identified violation, including, as applicable, a refutation, remedial action taken, or proposed remedial action. (5 CCR [11968.5.2](#))

At the conclusion of the remedy period specified in the Notice of Violation, the Board shall evaluate any response and supporting evidence provided by the charter school's governing body and shall take one of the following actions: (5 CCR [11968.5.2](#))

1. Discontinue revocation of the charter and provide timely written notice of such action to the charter school's governing body

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2. Continue revocation of the charter, by issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke to the charter school's governing body within 60 calendar days of the conclusion of the remedy period, if there is substantial evidence that the charter school has failed to remedy a violation identified in the Notice of Violation or to refute a violation to the Board's satisfaction. All evidence relied upon by the Board for the decision shall be included in the Notice of Intent to Revoke.

If the Board issues a Notice of Intent to Revoke, it shall hold a public hearing concerning the revocation on the date specified in the notice, which shall be no later than 30 days after providing the notice. Within 30 calendar days after the public hearing, or within 60 calendar days if extended by written mutual agreement of the Board and the charter school, the Board shall issue a final decision on the revocation of the charter. (Education Code [47607](#); 5 CCR [11968.5.2](#))

If the Board fails to meet the timelines specified above for issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke or a final decision, the revocation process shall be deemed terminated. (5 CCR [11968.5.2](#))

Within 10 calendar days of the Board's final decision, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the final decision to CDE and the County Board. (Education Code [47604.32](#); 5 CCR [11968.5.2](#))

Appeals

If the Board revokes a charter, the charter school may, within 30 days of the Board's final decision, appeal the revocation to the County Board. The County Board's decision may subsequently be appealed to the State Board of Education by either the charter school or the district. However, a revocation based upon the findings of CCEE pursuant to Education Code [47607.3](#) may not be appealed. (Education Code [47607](#), [47607.3](#); 5 CCR [11968.5.3-11968.5.5](#))

School Closure

If a charter school ceases operation due to revocation, the Board and/or the charter school shall implement the school closure procedures specified in the charter in accordance with Education Code [47605](#) and 5 CCR [11962](#). (Education Code 47603.32)

CHARTER SCHOOL REVOCATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

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California Department of Education, Charter Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cs>

National Association of Charter School Authorizers: <http://www.qualitycharters.org>

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

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COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Governing Board recognizes its obligation to provide a free appropriate public education to all individuals with disabilities, aged 3 to 21 years, who reside in the district.

(cf. [3541.2](#) - *Transportation for Students with Disabilities*)

(cf. [4112.23](#) - *Special Education Staff*)

(cf. [5144.2](#) - *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)*)

(cf. [6146.4](#) - *Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities*)

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

(cf. [6159.1](#) - *Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education*)

(cf. [6159.2](#) - *Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education*)

(cf. [6159.3](#) - *Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students*)

(cf. [6159.4](#) - *Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students*)

(cf. [6164.4](#) - *Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education*)

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

In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, the district shall participate as a member of a Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) with other districts and the county office of education pursuant to Education Code [56195.1](#).

The district shall enter into agreements with other members of the SELPA in accordance with Education Code [56195.1](#) and [56195.7](#). Consistent with these agreements, the district shall adopt policies governing the programs and services it operates. (Education Code [56195.8](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall work with the other members of the SELPA to develop a local plan for the education of individuals with disabilities. The plan shall be approved by the Board and the other members of the SELPA, and shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code [56195.1](#))

The local plan shall be reviewed at least once every three years and updated as needed to ensure the information contained in the plan remains relevant and accurate. The local plan shall be updated cooperatively by a committee of representatives of special and regular education teachers and administrators selected by the groups they represent and with participation by parent/guardian members of the community advisory committee, or parents/guardians selected by the community advisory committee, to ensure adequate and effective participation and communication. (Education Code [56195.9](#))

Special education programs and services shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The results of such evaluations shall be used to identify and correct any program deficiencies.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[56000-56001](#) Education for individuals with exceptional needs

[56020-56035](#) Definitions

[56040-56046](#) General provisions

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[56190-56194](#) Community advisory committees

[56195-56195.10](#) Local plans

[56205-56208](#) Local plan requirements

[56213](#) Special education local plan areas with small or sparse populations

[56240-56245](#) Staff development

[56300-56385](#) Identification and referral, assessment, instructional planning

[56440-56447.1](#) Programs for individuals between the ages of three and five years

[56500-56508](#) Procedural safeguards, including due process rights

[56520-56524](#) Behavioral interventions

[56600-56606](#) Evaluation, audits and information

[56836-56836.05](#) Administration of local plan

GOVERNMENT CODE

[7579.5](#) Surrogate parent, appointment, qualifications, liability

[95000-95029](#) California Early Intervention Services Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

[361](#) Limitations on parental control

[726](#) Limitations on parental control

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[3000-3089](#) Regulations governing special education

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[1400-1482](#) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

[794](#) Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

[12101-12213](#) Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

[99.10-99.22](#) Inspection, review and procedures for amending education records

[104.1-104.39](#) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

[300.1-300.818](#) Assistance to states for the education of children with disabilities, including:

[300.500-300.520](#) Due process procedures for parents and children

[303.1-303.654](#) Early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Special Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education

Programs: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Definitions

Free appropriate public education (FAPE) means special education and related services that are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge; meet the standards of the California Department of Education, including the requirements of 34 CFR [300.1-300.818](#); include appropriate preschool, elementary school, or secondary school education for individuals between the ages of 3 and 21; and are provided in conformity with an individualized education program (IEP) that meets the requirements of 34 CFR [300.320-300.324](#). (Education Code [56040](#); 34 CFR [300.17](#), [300.101](#), [300.104](#))

Least restrictive environment means that, to the maximum extent appropriate, students with disabilities, including individuals in public or private institutions or other care facilities, be educated with individuals who are nondisabled, including the provision of nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities. Special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of students with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only if the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in the regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. (Education Code [56040.1](#); 34 CFR [300.107](#), [300.114](#), [300.117](#))

Elements of the Local Plan

The local plan developed by the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code [56122](#), [56205](#), [56206](#))

1. Policies, procedures, and programs, that are consistent with state laws, regulations, and policies and 20 USC [1412](#)(a), 20 USC [1413](#)(a)(1), and 34 CFR 300.201 governing the following:
 - a. Free appropriate public education
 - b. Full educational opportunity
 - c. Child find and referral
 - d. Individualized education programs, including development, implementation, review, and revision
 - e. Least restrictive environment
 - f. Procedural safeguards
 - g. Annual and triennial assessments

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- h. Confidentiality
- i. Transition from the Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities programs pursuant to 20 USC [1431](#) to the preschool program
- j. Children in private schools
- k. Compliance assurances, including general compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC [1400-1482](#)), Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC [794](#)), the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC [12101-12213](#)), related federal regulations, and Education Code [56000-56865](#)
- l. A description of the governance and administration of the local plan in accordance with Education Code [56205](#)(a)(12)
- m. Personnel qualification to ensure that personnel, including special education teachers and personnel and paraprofessionals are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained in accordance with Education Code [56058](#) and [56070](#) and 20 USC [1412](#)(a)(14) and 1413(a)(3)
- n. Performance goals and indicators
- o. Participation in state and districtwide assessments, including assessments described in 20 USC [6301](#) et seq. and alternate assessments in accordance with 20 USC [1412](#)(a)(16), and reports relating to assessments
- p. Supplementation of state, local, and other federal funds, including nonsupplantation of funds
- q. Maintenance of financial effort
- r. Opportunities for public participation before adoption of policies and procedures
- s. Suspension and expulsion rates
- t. Access to instructional materials by blind individuals with exceptional needs and others with print disabilities in accordance with 20 USC [1412](#)(a)(23)
- u. Overidentification and disproportionate representation by race and ethnicity of children as individuals with exceptional needs, including children with disabilities with a particular impairment described in 20 USC [1401](#) and [1412](#)(a)(24)

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- v. Prohibition of mandatory medication use pursuant to Education Code [56040.5](#) and [20 USC 1412\(a\)\(25\)](#)
2. An annual budget plan, including descriptions of the SELPA's allocation plan in accordance with Education Code [56836-56845](#), all revenues by revenue source received by the SELPA specifically for the purpose of special education, a breakdown of the distribution of funds to each local educational agency (LEA) within the SELPA, projected total special education expenditures by each LEA, projected total expenditures by the SELPA and the LEAs within the SELPA, projected funding to be received specifically for regionalized operations, and a breakdown of projected SELPA operating expenditures
3. An annual service plan, describing the services to be provided by each LEA, regardless of whether the LEA participates in the local plan, including the nature of the services and the physical location at which the services will be provided. This description shall demonstrate that all individuals with exceptional needs shall have access to services and instruction appropriate to meet their needs as specified in their individualized education programs.
4. Beginning July 1, 2023, an annual assurances support plan to demonstrate how the SELPA and its participating agencies are coordinating for purposes of assuring effective outcomes for students with disabilities, including a description of:
 - a. How the governing board of the SELPA will support participating agencies in achieving the goals, actions, and services identified in their local control and accountability plans
 - b. How the governing board of the SELPA will connect participating agencies in need of technical assistance to the statewide system of support
 - c. The services, technical assistance, and support the governing board of the SELPA will provide to meet the required policies, procedures, and programs specified in Education Code [56205](#)
5. A description of programs for early childhood special education from birth through five years of age
6. A description of the method by which members of the public, including parents/guardians of individuals with disabilities who are receiving services under the plan, may address questions or concerns pursuant to Education Code [56205](#)
7. A description of a dispute resolution process, including mediation and arbitration to resolve disputes over the distribution of funding, the responsibility for service provision, and the other governance activities specified within the local plan

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8. Verification that the plan has been reviewed by the community advisory committee in accordance with Education Code [56205](#) and that the committee had at least 30 days to conduct this review before submission of the local plan to CDE
9. A description of the process being utilized to refer students for special education instruction pursuant to Education Code [56303](#)
10. A description of the process being utilized to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools, the method of ensuring that all requirements of each student's IEP are being met, and a method for evaluating whether the student is making appropriate educational progress
11. A description of how specialized equipment and services will be distributed within the local plan area in a manner that minimizes the necessity to serve students in isolated sites and maximizes the opportunities to serve students in the least restrictive environment

The local plan, annual budget plan, annual service plan, and annual assurances support plan shall be written in language that is understandable to the general public. They shall be adopted at a public hearing of the SELPA, for which notice of the hearing shall be posted in each school in the SELPA at least 15 days before the hearing. (Education Code [56205](#))

Availability of the Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall post on the district's web site the approved local plan, annual budget plan, annual service plan, and annual assurances support plan and any updates or revisions to the plans. A complete copy of the local plan, annual budget plan, annual service plan, annual assurances support plan, and policies and procedures shall be held on file in the district office and shall be accessible to any interested party. (Education Code [56205.5](#))

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DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The Board of Trustees recognizes that technological resources can enhance student achievement by increasing student access to information, supporting teacher effectiveness, and facilitating the administration of student assessments. Effective use of technology can also increase the efficiency of the district's noninstructional operations and governance.

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, for Board approval, a comprehensive three-year technology plan based on an assessment of current uses of technology in the district and an identification of future needs. The Superintendent or designee may appoint an advisory committee consisting of a variety of staff and community stakeholders to assist with the development of the technology plan.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

The plan shall be integrated into the district's vision and goals for student learning and shall contain research-based strategies and methods for the effective use of technology. When required for state or federal grant programs in which the district participates, the plan shall also address all components required for receipt of such grants.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any use of technological resources in the district protects the private and confidential information of students and employees in accordance with law.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference:

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

22584-22585 *Student Online Personal Information Protection Act*

EDUCATION CODE

10550-10555 *Telecommunications standards*

11800 *K-12 High Speed Network grant program*

Legal Reference: (Continued on next page)

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Legal Reference: (continued)

49060-49085 *Student records*
51006 *Computer education and resources*
51007 *Programs to strengthen technological skills*
51865 *California distance learning policy*
51870-51871.5 *Educational technology planning*
60010 *Instructional materials, definition*
66940 *Distance learning*
PENAL CODE
502 *Computer crimes, remedies*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*
1232h *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47
254 *Universal service discounts (E-rate)*
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16
Part 312 *Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule*
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
Part 99 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy*
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47
54.500-54.523 *Universal service support for schools*

Management Resources:

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California K-12 Education Technology Plan Template, Criteria, and Guiding Questions, November 2014
Empowering Learning: A Blueprint for California Education Technology 2014-2017, April 2014
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS
E-rate Modernization Order, July 11, 2014
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education, Education Technology Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et>
California Educational Technology Professionals Association: <http://www.cetpa.net>
Computer-Using Educators: <http://www.cue.org>
Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>
ON[the]LINE, digital citizenship resources: <http://www.onthelineca.org>
Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership: <http://www.portical.org>

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The district's technology plan shall address, at a minimum, the following components:

1. Background Information: A guide to the district's use of technology for the next three years, including:
 - a. Specific starting and ending dates of the plan
 - b. An overview of the district's location and demographics
 - c. A description of how stakeholders from the district and community were involved in the planning process
 - d. A description of the relevant research behind the strategies and/or methods in the plan and how the research supports the plan's curricular and professional development goals

2. Curriculum: Clear goals and realistic strategies for using telecommunications and information technology to improve educational services, including:
 - a. A description of teachers' and students' current access to instructional technology and current use of digital tools, including district policies or practices to ensure equitable technology access for all students
 - b. Goals and an implementation plan, including annual activities, for:
 - (1) How technology will be used to improve teaching and learning, how these goals align with district curricular goals and other plans, how the district budget and local control and accountability plan support these goals, and whether future funding proposals or partnerships may be needed for successful implementation
 - (2) How and when students will acquire the technology skills and information literacy skills needed for college and career readiness
 - (3) Internet safety and the appropriate and ethical use of technology in the classroom

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)
(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

3. Professional Development: A professional development strategy to ensure that staff understands how to use new technologies to improve education services, including:
 - a. A summary of teachers' and administrators' current technology proficiency and integration skills and needs for professional development
 - b. Goals and an implementation plan, including annual activities, for providing professional development opportunities based on district needs assessment data and the curriculum component of the technology plan

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

4. Infrastructure, Hardware, Technical Support, Software, and Asset Management: An assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, asset management, and other services that will be needed to improve education services, including:
 - a. A description of existing hardware, Internet access, electronic learning resources, technical support, and asset management in the district
 - b. A description of technology hardware, electronic learning resources, networking and telecommunications infrastructure, physical plant modifications, technical support, and asset management needed by district teachers, students, and administrators to support the activities in the curriculum and professional development components of the plan

(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 7000 - Facilities Master Plan)

5. Monitoring and Evaluation: An evaluation process that enables the school to monitor progress toward the specific goals and mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise, including:

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- a. The process for evaluating the plan's overall progress and impact on teaching and learning
- b. The schedule for evaluating the effect of plan implementation and a description of the process and frequency of communicating evaluation results to technology plan stakeholders

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

6. **Noninstructional Uses of Technology:** A description of how technology will be used to improve district governance, district and school site administration, support services, and communications

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

7. **Cost:** An estimate of the cost for each year of the plan and each of its major components

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COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN

The Board of Trustees recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The Board is fully committed to maximizing school safety and to creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

The school site council at each district school shall develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations. (Education Code 32281, 32286)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The school safety plan shall take into account the school's staffing, available resources, and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site.

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year and forwarded to the Board for approval. (Education Code 32286, 32288)

The Board shall review the comprehensive safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall approve the plan(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

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By October 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the California Department of Education of any schools that have not complied with the requirements of Education Code 32281. (Education Code 32288)

Access to Safety Plan(s)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public. (Education Code 32282)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall share the comprehensive safety plans and any updates to the plans with local law enforcement, the local fire department, and other first responder entities. (Education Code 32281)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

32260-32262 Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985

32270 School safety cadre

32280-32289 School safety plans

32290 Safety devices

35147 School site councils and advisory committees

35183 School dress code; uniforms

35291 Rules

35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules

41020 Annual audits

48900-48927 Suspension and expulsion

48950 Speech and other communication

49079 Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion

67381 Violent crime

GOVERNMENT CODE

54957 Closed session meetings for threats to security

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

626.8 Disruptions

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11987-11987.7 School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements

11992-11993 Definition, persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7111-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

7912 Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

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Management Resources:

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Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex Discrimination, July 2016

Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014

Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, rev. 2011

Community Schools: Partnerships Supporting Students, Families and Communities, Policy Brief, October 2010

Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2010

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PUBLICATIONS

Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, January 2007

U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe School Climates, 2004

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: <http://www.caloes.ca.gov>

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

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

Federal Bureau of Investigation: <http://www.fbi.gov>

National Center for Crisis Management: <http://www.schoolcrisisresponse.com>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

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

U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center: <http://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac>

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Development and Review of Comprehensive School Safety Plan

The school site council shall consult with local law enforcement, the local fire department, and other first responders in the writing and development of the comprehensive school safety plan. When practical, the school site council shall also consult with other school site councils and safety committees. (Education Code 32281, 32282)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

The school site council may delegate the responsibility for developing a comprehensive safety plan to a school safety planning committee composed of the following members: (Education Code 32281)

1. The principal or designee
2. One teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization
3. One parent/guardian whose child attends the school
4. One classified employee who is a representative of the recognized classified employee organization
5. Other members, if desired

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

Before adopting the comprehensive safety plan, the school site council or school safety planning committee shall hold a public meeting at the school in order to allow members of the public the opportunity to express an opinion about the plan. (Education Code 32288)

The school site council or safety planning committee shall notify, in writing, the following persons and entities of the public meeting: (Education Code 32288)

1. The local mayor
2. A representative of the local school employee organization
3. A representative of each parent organization at the school, including the parent teacher association and parent teacher clubs

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

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4. A representative of each teacher organization at the school

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

5. A representative of the school's student body government

6. All persons who have indicated that they want to be notified

In addition, the school site council or safety planning committee may notify, in writing, the following entities of the public meeting: (Education Code 32288)

1. Representatives of local religious organizations

2. Local civic leaders

3. Local business organizations

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

Content of the Safety Plan

Each comprehensive safety plan shall include an assessment of the current status of any crime committed on campus and at school-related functions. (Education Code 32282)

The assessment may include, but not be limited to, reports of crime, suspension and expulsion rates, and surveys of students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding their perceptions of school safety.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

The plan shall identify appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety, including all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Penal Code 11164-11174.3

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

2. Routine and emergency disaster procedures including, but not limited to:

- a. Adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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- b. An earthquake emergency procedure system in accordance with Education Code 32282

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)

- c. A procedure to allow public agencies, including the American Red Cross, to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)
(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)
(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

- 3. Policies pursuant to Education Code 48915(d) for students who commit an act listed in Education Code 48915(c) and other school-designated serious acts that would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

- 4. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

- 5. A policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying pursuant to Education Code 200-262.4

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

- 6. If the school has adopted a dress code prohibiting students from wearing "gang-related apparel" pursuant to Education Code 35183, the provisions of that dress code and the definition of "gang-related apparel"

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

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7. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of students, parents/guardians, and employees to and from school

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

8. A safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

9. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

10. Procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including procedures related to individuals with guns on campus and at school-related functions

Among the strategies for providing a safe environment, the comprehensive safety plan may also include:

1. Development of a positive school climate that promotes respect for diversity, personal and social responsibility, effective interpersonal and communication skills, self-esteem, anger management, and conflict resolution

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

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

2. Disciplinary policies and procedures that contain prevention strategies, such as strategies to prevent bullying, hazing, and cyberbullying, as well as behavioral expectations and consequences for violations

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

3. Curriculum that emphasizes prevention and alternatives to violence, such as multicultural education, character/values education, social and emotional learning, media analysis skills, conflict resolution, community service learning, and education related to the prevention of dating violence

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

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4. Parent involvement strategies, including strategies to help ensure parent/guardian support and reinforcement of the school's rules and increase the number of adults on campus

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

5. Prevention and intervention strategies related to the sale or use of drugs and alcohol which shall reflect expectations for drug-free schools and support for recovering students

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

6. Collaborative relationships among the city, county, community agencies, local law enforcement, the judicial system, and the schools that lead to the development of a set of common goals and community strategies for violence prevention instruction

7. District policy related to possession of firearms and ammunition on school grounds

(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)

8. Measures to prevent or minimize the influence of gangs on campus

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

9. Procedures for receiving verification from law enforcement when a violent crime has occurred on school grounds and for promptly notifying parents/guardians and employees of that crime

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

10. Assessment of the school's physical environment, including a risk management analysis and development of ground security measures such as procedures for closing campuses to outsiders, installing surveillance systems, securing the campus perimeter, protecting buildings against vandalism, and providing for a law enforcement presence on campus

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

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11. Guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of mental health professionals, community intervention professionals, school counselors, school resource officers, and police officers on school campuses. Guidelines may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Strategies to create and maintain a positive school climate, promote school safety, and increase student achievement
 - b. Strategies to prioritize mental health and intervention services, restorative and transformative justice programs, and positive behavior interventions and support
 - c. Protocols to address the mental health care of students who have witnessed a violent act at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds, while coming or going from school, during a lunch period whether on or off campus, or during or while going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity

12. Strategies for suicide prevention and intervention

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

13. Procedures to implement when a person interferes with or disrupts a school activity, remains on campus after having been asked to leave, or creates a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of students or staff

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

14. Crisis prevention and intervention strategies, which may include the following:

- a. Identification of possible crises that may occur, determination of necessary tasks that need to be addressed, and development of procedures relative to each crisis, including the involvement of law enforcement and other public safety agencies as appropriate

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)

- b. Threat assessment strategies to determine the credibility and seriousness of a threat and provide appropriate interventions for the potential offender(s)
- c. Assignment of staff members responsible for each identified task and procedure

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- d. Development of an evacuation plan based on an assessment of buildings and grounds and opportunities for students and staff to practice the evacuation plan
 - e. Coordination of communication to schools, Governing Board members, parents/guardians, and the media
- (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)
- f. Development of a method for the reporting of violent incidents
 - g. Development of follow-up procedures that may be required after a crisis has occurred, such as counseling
15. Staff development in violence prevention and intervention techniques, including preparation to implement the elements of the safety plan

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

16. Environmental safety strategies, including, but not limited to, procedures for preventing and mitigating exposure to toxic pesticides, lead, asbestos, vehicle emissions, and other hazardous substances and contaminants

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

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Local Control And Accountability Plan

The Board of Trustees desires to ensure the most effective use of available funding to improve outcomes for all students. A comprehensive, data-driven planning process shall be used to identify annual goals and specific actions which are aligned with the district budget and facilitate continuous improvement of district practices.

(cf. [0000](#) - Vision)

(cf. [0200](#) - Goals for the School District)

(cf. [0415](#) - Equity)

The Board shall adopt a districtwide local control and accountability plan (LCAP), based on the template adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), that addresses the state priorities in Education Code [52060](#) and any local priorities adopted by the Board. The LCAP shall be updated on or before July 1 of each year and, like the district budget, shall cover the next fiscal year and two subsequent fiscal years. (Education Code [52060](#), [52064](#); 5 CCR [15494-15497](#))

(cf. [3100](#) - Budget)

The LCAP shall focus on improving outcomes for all students, particularly those who are "unduplicated students" or are part of any numerically significant student subgroup that is at risk of or is underperforming.

Unduplicated students include students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and foster youth, as defined in Education Code [42238.01](#) for purposes of the local control funding formula (LCFF). (Education Code [42238.02](#))

(cf. [3553](#) - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

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

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

Numerically significant student subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when there are at least 30 students in the subgroup or at least 15 foster youth or homeless students. (Education Code [52052](#))

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall review the school plan for student achievement (SPSA) submitted by each district school pursuant to Education Code [64001](#) to ensure that the specific actions included in the LCAP are consistent with strategies included in the SPSA. (Education Code [52062](#))

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

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The LCAP shall also be aligned with other district and school plans to the extent possible in order to minimize duplication of effort and provide clear direction for program implementation.

(cf. [0400](#) - *Comprehensive Plans*)
(cf. [0440](#) - *District Technology Plan*)
(cf. [0450](#) - *Comprehensive Safety Plan*)
(cf. [5030](#) - *Student Wellness*)
(cf. [6171](#) - *Title I Programs*)
(cf. [7110](#) - *Facilities Master Plan*)

As part of the LCAP adoption and annual update to the LCAP, the Board shall separately adopt an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians, based on the template developed by the SBE, which includes specified information relating to the district's budget. The budget overview shall be adopted, reviewed, and approved in the same manner as the LCAP and the annual update. (Education Code [52064.1](#))

Any complaint that the district has not complied with legal requirements pertaining to the LCAP may be filed pursuant to AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code [52075](#))

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

Plan Development

The Superintendent or designee shall gather data and information needed for effective and meaningful plan development and present it to the Board and community. Such data and information shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding the number of students in student subgroups, disaggregated data on student achievement levels, and information about current programs and expenditures.

The Board shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students in developing the LCAP. Consultation with students shall enable unduplicated students and other numerically significant student subgroups to review and comment on LCAP development and may include surveys of students, student forums, student advisory committees, and/or meetings with student government bodies or other groups representing students. (Education Code [52060](#); 5 CCR [15495](#))

(cf. [1220](#) - *Citizen Advisory Committees*)
(cf. [4140/4240/4340](#) - *Bargaining Units*)
(cf. [6020](#) - *Parent Involvement*)

Public Review and Input

The Board shall establish a parent advisory committee to review and comment on the LCAP. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians and shall include

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parents/guardians of unduplicated students as defined above. (Education Code [52063](#); 5 CCR [15495](#))

Whenever district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners, with at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board shall establish an English learner parent advisory committee composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners to review and comment on the LCAP. (Education Code [52063](#); 5 CCR [15495](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall present the LCAP to the committee(s) before it is submitted to the Board for adoption, and shall respond in writing to comments received from the committee(s). (Education Code [52062](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall notify members of the public of the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP. The notification shall be provided using the most efficient method of notification possible, which may not necessarily include producing printed notices or sending notices by mail. All written notifications related to the LCAP shall be provided in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code [48985](#). (Education Code [52062](#))

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

As part of the parent/guardian and community engagement process, the district shall solicit input on effective and appropriate instructional methods, including, but not limited to, establishing language acquisition programs to enable all students, including English learners and native English speakers, to have access to the core academic content standards and to become proficient in English. (Education Code [305-306](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the administrator(s) of the special education local plan area of which the district is a member to ensure that specific actions for students with disabilities are included in the LCAP and are consistent with strategies included in the annual assurances support plan for the education of students with disabilities. (Education Code [52062](#))

(cf. [0430](#) - *Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education*)

The Board shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP. The public hearing shall be held at the same meeting as the budget hearing required pursuant to Education Code [42127](#) and AR 3100 - Budget. (Education Code [42127](#), [52062](#))

(cf. [9320](#) - *Meetings and Notices*)

Local Control And Accountability Plan (continued)**Adoption of the Plan**

The Board shall adopt the LCAP prior to adopting the district budget, but at the same public meeting. This meeting shall be held after the public hearing described above, but not on the same day as the hearing. (Education Code [52062](#))

The Board may adopt revisions to the LCAP at any time during the period in which the plan is in effect, provided the Board follows the process to adopt the LCAP pursuant to Education Code [52062](#) and the revisions are adopted in a public meeting. (Education Code [52062](#))

Submission of Plan to County Superintendent of Schools

Not later than five days after adoption of the LCAP, the district budget, and the budget overview for parents/guardians, the Board shall file the LCAP, the budget, and the budget overview with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code [42127](#), [52064.1](#), [52070](#))

If the County Superintendent sends, by August 15, a written request for clarification of the contents of the LCAP, the Board shall respond in writing within 15 days of the request. If the County Superintendent then submits recommendations for amendments to the LCAP within 15 days of receiving the Board's response, the Board shall consider those recommendations in a public meeting within 15 days of receiving the recommendations. (Education Code [52070](#))

If the County Superintendent does not approve the district's LCAP, the Board shall accept technical assistance from the County Superintendent focused on revising the plan so that it can be approved. (Education Code 52071)

Monitoring Progress

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually in accordance with the timeline and indicators established by the Superintendent and the Board, regarding the district's progress toward attaining each goal identified in the LCAP. Evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an assessment of district and school performance reported on the California School Dashboard. Evaluation data shall be used to recommend any necessary revisions to the LCAP.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall seek and/or accept technical assistance or other intervention that may be required pursuant to Education Code 52071 or [52072](#) or 20 USC [6311](#) when a school or a numerically significant student subgroup is not making sufficient progress toward the goals in the LCAP.

(cf. [0520](#) - Intervention for Underperforming Schools)

(cf. [0520.1](#) - Comprehensive and Targeted Support and Improvement)

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

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Local Control And Accountability Plan

Goals and Actions Addressing State and Local Priorities

The district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and annual updates shall include, for the district and each district school: (Education Code [52060](#))

1. A description of the annual goals established for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code [52052](#), including ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. The LCAP shall identify goals for each of the following state priorities:

- a. The degree to which district teachers are appropriately assigned in accordance with Education Code [44258.9](#) and fully credentialed in the subject areas and for the students they are teaching; every district student has sufficient access to standards-aligned instructional materials as determined pursuant to Education Code [60119](#); and school facilities are maintained in good repair as specified in Education Code [17002](#)

(cf. [1312.4](#) - *Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures*)

(cf. [3517](#) - *Facilities Inspection*)

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

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

(cf. [6161.1](#) - *Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials*)

- b. Implementation of the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), including how the programs and services will enable English learners to access the Common Core State Standards and the English language development standards for purposes of gaining academic content knowledge and English language proficiency

(cf. [6011](#) - *Academic Standards*)

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

- c. Parent/guardian involvement and family engagement, including efforts the district makes to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and how the district will promote parent/guardian participation in programs for unduplicated students, as defined in Education Code [42238.02](#) and Board policy, and students with disabilities

(cf. [3553](#) - *Free and Reduced Price Meals*)

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

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

- d. Student achievement, as measured by all of the following as applicable:

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- (1) Statewide assessments of student achievement
- (2) The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University; have successfully completed career technical education (CTE) sequences or programs of study that align with SBE-approved career technical education standards and frameworks, including, but not limited to, those described in Education Code [52302](#), [52372.5](#), or 54692; and have successfully completed both college entrance courses and CTE sequences or programs
- (3) The percentage of English learners who make progress toward English proficiency as measured by the SBE-certified assessment of English proficiency
- (4) The English learner reclassification rate
- (5) The percentage of students who have passed an Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher
- (6) The percentage of students who demonstrate college preparedness in the Early Assessment Program pursuant to Education Code [99300-99301](#)

(cf. [0500](#) - Accountability)
 (cf. [6141.5](#) - Advanced Placement)
 (cf. [6162.5](#) - Student Assessment)
 (cf. [6162.51](#) - State Academic Achievement Tests)
 (cf. [6178](#) - Career Technical Education)

- e. Student engagement, as measured by school attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school dropout rates, high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates, as applicable

(cf. [5113.1](#) - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
 (cf. [5147](#) - Dropout Prevention)
 (cf. [6146.1](#) - High School Graduation Requirements)

- f. School climate, as measured by student suspension and expulsion rates and other local measures, including surveys of students, parents/guardians, and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness, as applicable

(cf. [5137](#) - Positive School Climate)
 (cf. [5144](#) - Discipline)
 (cf. [5144.1](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
 (cf. [5144.2](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

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- g. The extent to which students have access to and are enrolled in a broad course of study that includes all of the subject areas described in Education Code [51210](#) and [51220](#), as applicable, including the programs and services developed and provided to unduplicated students and students with disabilities, and the programs and services that are provided to benefit these students as a result of supplemental and concentration grant funding pursuant to Education Code [42238.02](#) and [42238.03](#)

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

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

- h. Student outcomes, if available, in the subject areas described in Education Code [51210](#) and [51220](#), as applicable

2. Any goals identified for any local priorities established by the Board.

(cf. [0200](#) - *Goals for the School District*)

3. A description of the specific actions the district will take during each year of the LCAP to achieve the identified goals, including the enumeration of any specific actions necessary for that year to correct any deficiencies in regard to the state and local priorities specified in items #1-2 above. Such actions shall not supersede provisions of existing collective bargaining agreements within the district.

For purposes of the descriptions required by items #1-3 above, the Board may consider qualitative information, including, but not limited to, findings that result from any school quality review conducted pursuant to Education Code [52052](#) or any other reviews. (Education Code [52060](#))

For any local priorities addressed in the LCAP, the Board and Superintendent or designee shall identify and include in the LCAP the method for measuring the district's progress toward achieving those goals. (Education Code [52060](#))

To the extent practicable, data reported in the LCAP shall be reported in a manner consistent with how information is reported on the California School Dashboard. (Education Code [52060](#))

Increase or Improvement in Services for Unduplicated Students

The LCAP shall demonstrate how the district will increase or improve services for unduplicated students at least in proportion to the increase in funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students. (5 CCR [15494-15496](#))

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When the district expends supplemental and/or concentration grant funds on a districtwide or schoolwide basis during the year for which the LCAP is adopted, the district's LCAP shall: (5 CCR [15496](#))

1. Identify those services that are being funded and provided on a districtwide or schoolwide basis
2. Describe how such services are principally directed towards, and are effective in, meeting the district's goals for unduplicated students in the state priority areas and any local priority areas
3. If the enrollment of unduplicated students is less than 55 percent of district enrollment or less than 40 percent of school enrollment, describe how these services are the most effective use of the funds to meet the district's goals for its unduplicated students in the state priority areas and any local priority areas. The description shall provide the basis for this determination, including, but not limited to, any alternatives considered and any supporting research, experiences, or educational theory.

Availability of the Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall prominently post the LCAP, any updates or revisions to the LCAP, and the LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians on the homepage of the district's web site. (Education Code [52064.1](#), [52065](#))

(cf. [1113](#) - District and School Web Sites)

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COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN

The following policy establishes actions that will be taken by the district to provide a safe learning and working environment during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and shall supersede any conflicting language in existing district policies or administrative regulations until the Governing Board determines that the need for this policy no longer exists. The Board acknowledges that, due to the evolving nature of the pandemic, federal, state, and local orders impacting district operations are subject to change without notice. In the event that any federal or state law and/or order or local order may conflict with this policy, the law or order shall govern.

The Board may also adopt resolutions or take other actions as needed to respond to such orders or provide further direction during the pandemic.

To limit the impact of the pandemic on the education of district students, the district shall implement learning recovery, social-emotional support, and other measures and strategies designed to keep students learning and engaged in the instructional program.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall establish, implement, and maintain a COVID-19 safety plan that complies with any mandatory public health guidance of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the COVID-19 prevention program ("CPP") consistent with the regulations of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, any orders of state or local health authorities, and any other applicable law and/or health order(s). The Superintendent or designee shall ensure, at a minimum, that the COVID-19 safety plan complies with all mandatory guidance and gives priority to recommended practices that are identified as being particularly effective at COVID-19 mitigation. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review public health guidance to ensure that the district's COVID-19 mitigation strategies are current with public health mandates or recommendations.

The district's COVID-19 safety plan shall be posted on the district's web site.

To promote transparency and facilitate decision-making regarding COVID-19 mitigation strategies, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on a regular basis regarding the following:

1. Level of community transmission of COVID-19
2. COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the community and among students and staff
3. Any local COVID-19 outbreaks or increasing trends

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4. Changes to local, state, and/or federal public health guidance, orders, and laws
5. Any revisions to the district's COVID-19 safety plan

Reporting to the Public Health Department

Upon learning that a school employee or student who has tested positive for COVID-19 was present on campus while infectious, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately, and in no case later than 24 hours after learning of the positive case, notify the local health officer or the local health officer's representative about the positive case. The notification shall be made even if the individual who tested positive has not provided prior consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information and shall include all of the following information, if known: (Education Code 32090)

1. Identifying information of the individual who tested positive, including full name, address, telephone number, and date of birth
2. The date of the positive test, the school(s) at which the individual was present, and the date the individual was last onsite at the school(s)
3. The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the report

If a school has two or more outbreaks of COVID-19 and is subject to a safety review by CDPH pursuant to Education Code 32090, the Superintendent or designee shall cooperate fully with the review.

Statewide Instructional Mode Survey

On or before the second and fourth Monday of each month, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the California Collaborative for Educational (CCEE) information required under Education Code 32091, in accordance with the form and procedures determined by CCEE.

Stakeholder Engagement and Community Relations

The district shall solicit input from stakeholders on how to best support students following the learning disruptions of the pandemic through appropriate methods, which may include surveys, community and family meetings, and other methods identified by the Superintendent or designee.

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The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local health authorities to ensure that parents/guardians are provided with the information needed to ensure that public health guidance is observed in the home as well as in school, such as information about isolation and quarantine requirements, face mask requirements, symptom checks prior to school attendance, and who to contact when students have symptoms and/or were exposed.

The Superintendent or designee shall use a variety of methods to regularly communicate with students, parents/guardians, and the community regarding community transmission levels, district operations, school schedules, and steps the district is taking to promote the health and safety of students. In addition, the members of the Board have a responsibility as community leaders to communicate matters of public interest in a manner that is consistent with Board policies and bylaws regarding public statements.

The district shall continue to collaborate with local health officials and agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that district operations reflect current recommendations and best practices for COVID-19 mitigation strategies. The Superintendent or designee shall keep informed about resources and services available in the community to assist students and families in need.

Learning Recovery and Social-Emotional Support

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan for assessing students' current academic levels early in the school year to ensure that each student is provided with appropriate opportunities for learning recovery based on need. The plan may include:

1. Use of interim or diagnostic assessments
2. Review of available data from assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
3. Review of attendance data from the 2020-2021 school year
4. Review of prior year grades
5. Discussion of student needs and strengths with parents/guardians and former teachers

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a learning recovery program that, at a minimum, provides supplemental instruction and support for social emotional well-being, and to the maximum extent permissible meals and snacks, to eligible students. (Education Code 43522)

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Supplemental Instruction and Support

The district shall provide students with evidence-based supports and interventions in a tiered framework that bases universal, targeted, and intensive supports on students' needs for academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports through a program of engaging learning experiences in a positive school climate. (Education Code 43522)

Targeted and intensive supports may include: (Education Code 43522)

1. Extending instructional learning time based on student learning needs including through summer school or intersessional instructional programs
2. Tutoring or other one-on-one or small group learning supports provided by certificated or classified staff
3. Learning recovery programs and materials designed to accelerate student academic proficiency, English language proficiency, or both
4. Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning, such as:
 - a. The provision of health, counseling, or mental health services
 - b. Access to school meal programs
 - c. Access to before and after school programs
 - d. Programs to address student trauma and social-emotional learning
 - e. Referrals for support for family or student needs
5. Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports
6. Supports for credit deficient students to complete graduation or grade promotion requirements and to increase or improve students' college eligibility
7. Additional academic services for students, such as diagnostic, progress monitoring, and benchmark assessments of student learning
8. Other interventions identified by the Superintendent or designee

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To ensure schoolwide implementation of the district's tiered framework of supports, the Superintendent or designee shall plan staff development that includes: (Education Code 43522)

1. Accelerated learning strategies and effective techniques for closing learning gaps, including training in facilitating quality learning opportunities for all students
2. Strategies, including trauma-informed practices, to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health needs and academic needs

Reengagement for Chronically Absent Students

The Superintendent or designee shall implement strategies for identifying, locating, and reengaging students who were chronically absent or disengaged during the 2020-21 school year, including students who were kindergarten-age but who did not enroll in kindergarten. Strategies for reengaging students may include:

1. Personal outreach to families, including by staff who are known to families
2. Door-to-door campaigns
3. The use of social media to spread awareness about the implementation of COVID-19 mitigation strategies
4. Welcoming and supporting students who experienced chronic absenteeism due to the COVID-19 pandemic or who are returning to school after a long absence

Student Absence and Attendance

The Board recognizes that COVID-19 will continue to impact the attendance of students. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians of expectations regarding school attendance. Such notification shall direct any student who contracts the virus or is subject to a quarantine order to stay home in accordance with state and local health orders.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure continuity of instruction for students who may be under a quarantine order to stay home, by offering such students independent study or other instructional delivery channels that allows the student to continue to participate in the instructional program to the greatest extent possible.

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Nondiscrimination

The Board prohibits discrimination based on actual or perceived medical condition or disability status. (Government Code 11135)

Individual students and staff shall not be identified as being COVID-positive, nor shall students be shamed, treated differently, or denied access to a free and appropriate public education because of their COVID-19 status or medical condition. Staff shall not disclose confidential or privileged information, including the medical history or health information of students and staff except as allowed by law. (Education Code 49450)

The Superintendent or designee shall investigate any reports of harassment, intimidation, and bullying targeted at any student based on their medical condition or COVID status, exposure, or high-risk status.

State References

- 2 CCR 11087-11098 California Family Rights Act*
- 5 CCR 202 Exclusion of students with a contagious disease*
- 5 CCR 306 Explanation of absence*
- 5 CCR 420-421 Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes*
- Ed. Code 44978 Sick leave, certificated employees*
- Ed. Code 45191 Personal illness and injury leave, classified employees*
- Ed. Code 48205 Excused absences*
- Ed. Code 48213 Prior parent notification of exclusion; exemption*
- Ed. Code 48240 Supervisors of attendance*
- Ed. Code 49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent*
- Gov. Code 11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state*
- Gov. Code 12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act*
- H&S Code 120230 Exclusion of persons from school when residence is in isolation or quarantine*
- Lab. Code 245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014*

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- 29 CFR 825.100-825.702 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993*
- 29 USC 2601 Paid sick leave*
- 29 USC 2601-2654 Family Care and Medical Leave Act*
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- 42 USC 1760 Note National School Lunch program waivers addressing COVID-19*

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California Department of Education Publication

- FAQs for 2019 Novel Coronavirus*
- FAQs on Grading and Graduation Requirements*
- CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gathering, March 16, 2020*
- School Guidance on Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19, March 7, 2020*

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- California Department of Public Health*
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

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Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

BP 0500(a)

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to ensure accountability to the public for the performance of the district and each district school. The Board shall regularly review the effectiveness of district programs, personnel, and fiscal operations, with a focus on the capacity to improve student achievement. The Board shall establish appropriate processes and measures to monitor results and to evaluate progress toward accomplishing the district's vision and goals set forth in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

(cf. 9400 - Board Self-Evaluation)

District and school performance shall be annually evaluated based on multiple measures specified in the California Accountability and Continuous Improvement System as reported on the California School Dashboard.

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

The district's alternative schools serving high-risk student populations, including continuation high schools, opportunity schools, community day schools, and nonpublic, nonsectarian schools pursuant to Education Code 56366, shall be subject to an alternative accountability system established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 52052, 56366)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

The district and each district school shall demonstrate comparable improvement in academic achievement for all numerically significant student subgroups. Numerically significant subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when the subgroup consists of at least 30 students with a valid test score or 15 foster youth or homeless students. (Education Code 52052)

The Superintendent shall provide regular reports to the Board and the public regarding district and school performance. Opportunities for feedback from students, parents/guardians,

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staff, and community members shall be made available as part of any review and evaluation of district programs and operations and as part of the development or annual update of the LCAP.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
 (cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
 (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
 (cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
 (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
 (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Evaluation results may be used as a basis for revising district or school goals, updating the LCAP or other comprehensive plans, identifying and developing strategies to address disparities in achievement among student subgroups, implementing programmatic changes, determining the need for additional support and assistance, awarding incentives or rewards, and establishing other performance-based consequences.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
 (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
 (cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

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 33400-33407 California Department of Education evaluation of district programs
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 52052-52052.1 Public school performance accountability program
 52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
 56366 Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools
 60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1068-1074 Alternative schools accountability model, assessments
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6311 Accountability, state plan
 6312 Local educational agency plan
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 200.12-200.24 State accountability system
 200.30-200.48 State and LEA report cards and plans

*Management Resources:*WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
 California Department of Education, Accountability: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac>
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Biggs, California

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to inform parents/guardians and the community about the conditions, needs, and progress at each district school and to provide data by which parents/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between schools. The process of gathering and analyzing data also provides opportunities for school and district staff to review achievements and identify areas for improvement.

The Board shall annually issue a school accountability report card (SARC) for each school site. (Education Code 35256)

In preparing the district's report cards, the Superintendent or designee may choose to use or adapt the model template provided by the California Department of Education. If the model template is not used, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that data are reported in a manner that is consistent with the definitions for school conditions as provided in the template. At least every three years, the Board shall compare the content of the district's report cards to the state's model template, recognizing that variances are allowed by law as necessary to meet local needs. (Education Code 33126.1, 35256)

The Board shall annually approve the SARCs for all district schools and shall evaluate the data contained in the SARCs as part of the Board's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for communicating the information contained in the SARCs to all stakeholders, including opportunities for staff and the community to discuss their content.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Notification and Dissemination of SARCs

The Superintendent or designee shall annually publicize the issuance of the SARCs and notify parents/guardians that a paper copy will be provided upon request. On or before February 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall make the SARCs available in paper copy and on the Internet. (Education Code 35256)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1240 County superintendent, general duties
17002 Definition, including good repair
17014 Plan for building maintenance
17032.5 Portable classroom maintenance
17070.15 School Facilities Act; definitions
17089 Portable classroom maintenance
33126 School Accountability Report Card
33126.1 School Accountability Report Card model template
33126.15 School Accountability Report Card template
33126.2 Secretary of Education school accountability report card study
35256 School Accountability Report Card
35256.1 Information required in the School Accountability Report Card
35258 Internet access to the School Accountability Report Card
41409 Calculation of statewide averages
41409.3 Salary information required in the School Accountability Report Card
46112 Minimum school day for grades 1 through 3
46113 Minimum school day for grades 4 through 8
46117 Minimum kindergarten school day
46141 Minimum school day (high school)
51225.3 Requirements for graduation
52052 Academic performance index
52056 Meeting growth targets
60119 Textbook sufficiency
60600-60618 General provisions
60640-60648 Standardized testing and reporting program
60800 Physical fitness testing
60850 High school exit examination
60851 High school exit examination
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 16, Section 8.5(e) Allocations to State School Fund
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 State plans, including local educational agency report cards

Management Resources:

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Report Cards, September 12, 2003

WEB SITES

CSBA, SARC Select: <http://www.csba.org/Services/Services/DistrictServices/SARC.aspx>
California Department of Education, School Accountability Report Card:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa>
U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind Act: <http://www.nclb.gov>

INTERVENTION FOR UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees desires that all district schools provide a high-quality educational program that maximizes the achievement of each district student. The district shall provide assistance to schools to support the continuous improvement of student performance within the priorities identified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and to enhance the achievement of low-performing student subgroups.

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

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

At its discretion, the Board may submit a request to the County Superintendent of Schools for technical assistance regarding the following: (Education Code 52071)

1. Identifying the district's strengths and weaknesses in regard to state priorities addressed in the LCAP, including collaboration between the district and County Superintendent to review performance data on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard and other relevant local data and to identify effective, evidence-based programs or practices that address any areas of weakness
2. Securing assistance from an academic, programmatic, or fiscal expert, or team of experts, to identify and implement effective programs and practices that are designed to improve performance in any areas of weakness identified by the district

In the event that the County Superintendent requires the district to receive technical assistance based on a determination that one or more numerically significant student subgroups in a district school meet the performance criteria established pursuant Education Code [52064.5](#), the Board shall work with the County Superintendent and shall provide the County Superintendent timely documentation of the district's completion of the activities listed in items #1-2 above or substantially similar activities. (Education Code 52071)

With the approval of the County Superintendent, the district may, at its own expense, engage another service provider, including, but not limited to, another school district, the county office of education, or a charter school, to act as a partner to the district in filling the district's need for technical assistance. (Education Code 52071)

If referred to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence by either the County Superintendent or the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the district shall implement the recommendations of that agency in order to accomplish the goals set forth in the district's LCAP. (Education Code 52071, [52074](#))

If the SPI identifies the district as needing intervention, the district shall cooperate with any action taken by the SPI or any academic advisor appointed by the SPI, which may include one or more of the following: (Education Code [52072](#))

1. Revision of the district's LCAP

INTERVENTION FOR UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS - *Continued*

2. Revision of the district's budget, in conjunction with changes in the LCAP, that would allow the district to improve the outcomes for all student subgroups in regard to state and local priorities
3. A determination to stay or rescind any district action that would prevent the district from improving outcomes for all student subgroups, provided that action is not required by a collective bargaining agreement

In addition, any school identified by the California Department of Education for comprehensive support and improvement, targeted support and improvement, or additional targeted support and improvement shall develop and implement a school plan in accordance with 20 USC [6311](#). Such schools may be required to partner with an external entity, agency, or individual with demonstrated expertise and capacity to identify and implement more rigorous interventions.

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

(cf. [0520.1](#) - *Comprehensive and Targeted Support and Improvement*)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

[52052](#) Numerically significant student subgroups

[52059.5](#) Statewide system of support

[52060-52077](#) Local control and accountability plan

[60640-60649](#) California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

[64001](#) School plan for student achievement

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[6311-6322](#) Improving basic programs for disadvantaged students, especially:

[6311](#) State plans

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California School Dashboard

CSI/TSI/ATSI Frequently Asked Questions

California ESSA Consolidated State Plan, 2017

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Non-Regulatory Guidance: Using Evidence to Strengthen Education Investments, 2016

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COMPREHENSIVE AND TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT

The Board of Trustees is committed to enabling all district students to meet state academic achievement standards. The district shall provide support and assistance to increase student achievement in all district schools, especially any school that has been identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) as in need of comprehensive support and improvement (CSI), targeted support and improvement (TSI), or additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI).

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

(cf. [0520](#) - Intervention for Underperforming Schools)

(cf. [6011](#) - Academic Standards)

(cf. [6171](#) - Title I Programs)

When any school is identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the school community, including the principal, teachers, and parent/guardians of students of the school, of the identification and, if applicable, shall inform the school of the student subgroup(s) which are consistently underperforming at the school.

School Plan

Upon receiving notification from CDE that a district school has been identified as eligible for CSI, TSI, or ATSI, the district shall, in partnership with principals, other school leaders, teachers, and parents/guardians, develop and implement a plan to improve student outcomes at the school. The plan shall: (20 USC [6311](#))

1. Be based on all state indicators in the California School Dashboard, including student performance against state-determined long-term goals, except that any school subject to the state's Dashboard Alternative School Status that has fewer than 100 students may focus on the state indicators that are more applicable to the nature of its program
2. Be based on a school-level needs assessment
3. Include evidence-based interventions
4. If the school is identified for CSI or ATSI, identify resource inequities, which may include a review of district and school-level budgets, to be addressed through implementation of the plan

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

The school plan for student achievement developed pursuant to Education Code [64001](#) may serve as the school improvement plan required for CSI, TSI, or ATSI, provided that the plan meets the requirements of 20 USC [6311](#). (Education Code [64001](#))

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

COMPREHENSIVE AND TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT - *continued*

The school improvement plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval. (20 USC [6311](#))

If any district school is identified for CSI, the district's local control and accountability plan shall include descriptions of how the district provides support to CSI school(s) in developing the CSI plan and how the district will monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the CSI plan to support student and school improvement.

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

Monitoring and Intervention

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the performance of each school identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI.

After two years of implementing the school plan, if any such school has been unsuccessful in improving student outcomes to a level that exceeds initial eligibility criteria, the district shall identify the problem and take additional action as necessary.

If a school identified for CSI fails to improve student outcomes within four years to a level that exceeds the CSI eligibility criteria, it shall be subject to more rigorous interventions that include, but are not limited to, partnering with an external entity, agency, or individual with demonstrated expertise and capacity to:

1. Conduct a new needs assessment that focuses on systemic factors and conduct a root cause analysis that identifies gaps between current conditions and desired conditions in student performance and progress
2. Use the results of the analysis along with stakeholder feedback to develop a new improvement plan that includes:
 - a. A prioritized set of evidence-based interventions and strategies
 - b. A program evaluation component with support to conduct ongoing performance and progress monitoring

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[52052](#) Numerically significant student subgroups

[52059.5](#) Statewide system of support

[52060-52077](#) Local control and accountability plan

[64001](#) School plan for student achievement

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[6311-6322](#) Improving basic programs for disadvantaged students, especially:

[6311](#) State plans

[6313](#) Eligibility of schools and school attendance areas; funding allocation

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