

**RESEARCH**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of academic research to improve educational programs and practices. Researchers shall respect the privacy rights of students, including their right to refrain from participation in research projects in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize research projects within the district by outside groups or persons when such research is aligned with district goals and objectives and is likely to benefit the district without disrupting the school program.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive prior notification of any surveys or evaluations that collect personal student information and that consent is obtained in accordance with law.

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

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*51513 Personal beliefs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

*1232h Protection of pupil rights*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

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

USDOE, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco/>

**RESEARCH**

Persons or groups wishing to use district staff, students or property in connection with an academic research project shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a written proposal which includes:

1. Name of researcher(s) and academic credentials
2. Purpose and scope of the project
3. Method of study or investigation to be used
4. Extent of participation expected of students and staff
5. Use to which project results will be put
6. Benefits to the school(s) or the district

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the extent to which the proposal:

1. Shows potential for improving instructional programs and strategies
2. Addresses a relevant educational problem, concern or issue
3. Is designed to minimize interruptions and demands upon the time of students and staff

The Superintendent or designee may approve the proposed project for a period of one school year or less. To extend any project into a second school year, the researcher(s) must obtain approval from the Superintendent or designee.

Researchers shall certify that they will use no school names in the publication of findings without the approval of the Superintendent or designee.

**LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that school libraries support the educational program by providing access to a variety of informational and supplemental resources that can inspire a love of reading, stimulate thought, the exploration of ideas and intellectual exchanges, and contribute to the academic achievement of all students. The Board desires that school libraries be stocked with up-to-date books, reference materials, and electronic resources that promote literacy, support academic standards, contain a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, accurately reflect and value society's diversity, and prepare students to become lifelong learners.

*(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*  
*(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

The Superintendent or designee may, in consultation with teacher librarians, classroom teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate, develop and regularly update a plan for school libraries that describes the district's goals for school libraries and the distribution of funds to school sites to support libraries. As appropriate, the plan may also address staffing, facilities, selection and evaluation of materials, the development and maintenance of classroom libraries, prevention of loss or damage of library materials, prioritization of needs, and other related matters. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the library plan is aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan and other district and school plans.

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*  
*(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)*  
*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*  
*(cf. 6161.2 - Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials)*

**Staffing**

To staff school libraries, the district may employ one or more teacher librarians who possess appropriate credentials issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. (Education Code 18120, 44868, 5 CCR 80024.6, 80053)

The Superintendent or designee may assign teacher librarians to perform the following duties in accordance with the authorizations of their credential: (5 CCR 80053, 80053.1)

1. Instruct students in accessing, evaluating, using, and integrating information and resources in the library program and/or provide departmentalized instruction in information literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship

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2. Plan and coordinate school library programs with the district's instructional programs through collaboration with teachers
3. Select materials for school and district libraries
4. Develop and deliver staff development programs for school library services
5. Coordinate or supervise library programs at the school or district level
6. Plan and conduct a course of instruction for students who assist in the operation of school libraries
7. Supervise classified personnel assigned school library duties
8. Develop procedures for and management of the school and district libraries

The Board also may appoint classified paraprofessionals to serve as library aides or library technicians. Volunteers may assist with school library services in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*  
*(cf. 4222 - Teachers Aides/Paraprofessionals)*

**Hours of Operation**

School libraries shall be open for use by students and teachers during the school day. (Education Code 18103)

With the approval of the Board, a school library may be open at other hours outside the school day, including evenings and Saturdays. Any library open to serve students during evening and Saturday hours shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee who consents to the assignment. (Education Code 18103)

**Selection and Evaluation of School Library Materials**

Library materials shall include print and electronic resources that align with the curriculum and are accessible to students with varying cognitive or language needs.

Library materials shall be selected and evaluated through a process that invites recommendations from administrators, teachers, other staff, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate.

*(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*

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*(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)*

The use of any book or other resource in a school library shall not be rejected or prohibited by the Board or district on the basis that it includes a study of the role and contributions of any individual or group consistent with the requirements of Education Code 51204.5 and 60040, unless such study would violate Education Code 51501 or 60044. (Education Code 243)

Library materials shall be continually evaluated in relation to evolving curricula, new formats of materials, new instructional methods, and the needs of students and teachers. Materials that contain outdated subject matter or are no longer appropriate shall be removed.

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

All gifts and donations of school library materials shall be subject to the same criteria as materials selected for purchase by the district.

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*

*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*

Complaints regarding the appropriateness of library materials shall be addressed in accordance with Board Policy 1312.2 – Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials and Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures as applicable.

*(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*

**Fees**

Students shall be allowed to borrow school library materials at no charge for use in the library and classrooms as well as out of school. (5 CCR 16042)

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

To encourage students to return materials in a timely manner, a nominal fee shall be charged for the late return of materials.

**Library Instruction**

Teacher librarians and/or classroom teachers shall provide library instruction to support the development of students' information literacy skills. Such instruction shall be aligned with state academic standards for library instruction and shall prepare students to:

1. Access information by applying knowledge of the organization of libraries, print materials, digital media, and other sources

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2. Evaluate and analyze information to determine appropriateness in addressing the scope of inquiry
3. Organize, synthesize, create, and communicate information
4. Integrate information literacy skills into all areas of learning and pursue information independently to become life-long learners

Teacher librarians also may provide support to teachers, administrators, and other staff by identifying instructional materials that will aid in the development of curriculum and instructional activities and by providing information about effective and ethical uses of school library services and equipment.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*

**Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually assess and report to the Board regarding the condition and use of school libraries. The assessment shall evaluate, at a minimum:

1. Access of students and staff to school libraries during school hours and, as appropriate, access outside the school day
2. The process and frequency by which students are allowed to check out library materials
3. Staffing levels, qualifications, and number of hours worked
4. The quality of the collection at each library, including, but not limited to, the total number of books in the collection, number of books per student, types of materials (fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, magazines, encyclopedias, materials in other languages, and reference materials), alignment with curriculum, provision of a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, amount expended during the year for the purchase of new resources, and the number of resources discarded and added during the year
5. Any special programs offered at the school to encourage reading and/or library use
6. The adequacy of the facility space and equipment designated for the school library
7. The source(s) and adequacy of funding for school libraries
8. Knowledge by principals, teachers, and library personnel of the process to follow when a library material(s) is challenged

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The district shall, on or before August 31 each year, report to the CDE on the condition of its school libraries for the preceding year ending June 30. (Education Code 18122)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

1703 Coordination of district library services by county superintendent

1770-1775 Provision of library services by county superintendent

18100-18203 School libraries

18300-18571 Union high school district/unified school district library district

19335-19336 Reading Initiative Program; recommended books

35021 Volunteer aides

44868-44869 Qualifications and employment of library media teachers

45340-45349 Instructional aides

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

16040-16043 School libraries

80023-80023.2 Emergency permits, general requirements

80024.6 Emergency teacher librarian services permit

80026-80026.6 Emergency permits

80053-80053.1 Teacher librarian services credential

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Examples of Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools Supporting Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, rev. February 2012*

*Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2010 (includes standards for student instruction as well as program standards)*

*Looking at the School Library: An Evaluation Tool, 2003*

*Recommended Literature: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve*

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

*Standards and Guidelines for Strong School Libraries, 2004*

WEB SITES

*American Association of School Libraries: <http://www.ala.org/aasl>*

*California Department of Education, School Libraries: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb>*

*California School Library Association: <http://www.csla.net>*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**ANIMALS AT SCHOOL**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that animals can contribute to the district's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access district programs and activities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

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

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

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the district assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on district property.

*(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)*

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## ANIMALS AT SCHOOL (continued)

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures

39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school

#### CIVIL CODE

54.1 Access to public places

54.2 Guide, signal, or service dogs, right to accompany

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:

815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity

835 Conditions of liability

#### VEHICLE CODE

21113 Public grounds

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1216 Transportation of property

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions

35.136 Service animals

#### COURT DECISIONS

Sullivan v. Vallejo City USD, (1990) 731 F.Supp. 947

### Management Resources:

#### FEDERAL REGISTER

Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008

#### WEB SITES:

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

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: <http://www.asPCA.org>

Humane Society of the United States: <http://www.hsus.org>

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

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**Use of Animals for Instructional Purposes**

Before any student or employee brings an animal to school for an instructional purpose, he/she shall receive written permission from the principal or designee. The principal or designee shall give such permission only after he/she has provided written notification to all parents/guardians of students in the affected class, asking them to verify whether their child has any known allergies, asthma, or other health condition that may be aggravated by the animal's presence. When a parent/guardian has provided notification that his/her child has an allergy, asthma, or other health condition that may be aggravated by the animal, the principal shall take appropriate measures to protect the student from exposure to the animal.

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*

All animals brought to school must be in good physical condition and must be appropriately immunized. The teacher shall ensure that the species of animal is appropriate for the instructional purpose and age and maturity of the students.

All animals brought to school shall be adequately fed, effectively controlled, humanely treated, and properly housed in cages or containers suitable for the species. The teacher shall ensure that cages and containers are cleaned regularly and that waste materials are removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

The teacher shall ensure that students receive instructions regarding the proper handling of and personal hygiene around animals.

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

Except for service animals, as defined below, all animals are prohibited on school transportation services. (Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)

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

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

**Use of Service Animals by Individuals with Disabilities**

For an individual with a disability, *service animal* means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks related to the individual's disability and for his/her benefit. For example, for an individual who is blind or has low vision, a service animal would mean a dog that helps him/her with vision, navigation, and other tasks; for an individual who is deaf or

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hard of hearing, a service animal would mean a dog that alerts him/her to the presence of people or sounds; and for an individual with psychiatric or neurological disabilities, a service animal would mean a dog that assists him/her by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. (28 CFR 35.104)

Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied on school premises and on school transportation by service animals, including specially trained guide dogs, signal dogs, or service dogs. (Education Code 39839; Civil Code 54.2; 28 CFR 35.136)

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

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

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

The Superintendent or designee may permit the use of a miniature horse as a service animal when the horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, provided that: (28 CFR 35.136)

1. The district's facility can accommodate the type, size, and weight of the horse.
2. The individual has sufficient control of the horse.
3. The horse is housebroken.
4. The horse's presence in the specific facility does not compromise legitimate safety requirements of the facility.

The Superintendent or designee may ask any individual with a disability to remove his/her service animal from school premises or transportation if the animal is out of control and the individual does not take effective action to control it or the animal is not housebroken. When an individual's service animal is excluded, he/she shall be given an opportunity to participate in the service, program, or activity without having the service animal present. (Education Code 39839; Civil Code 54.2; 28 CFR 35.136)

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

The Governing Board believes that effective use of technology is integral to the education and development of students. In order to promote digital citizenship, the Board recognizes that students must have access to the latest digital tools and receive instruction that allows students to positively engage with technology in ways that respect human rights and avoids Internet dangers. Technological resources provided to students, including technology based on artificial intelligence (AI), shall be aligned to district goals, objectives, and academic standards. The use of technology shall augment the use of Board adopted instructional materials.

The Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a safe and responsible manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. Students shall be allowed to use such technology, including AI technology, in accordance with district policies, including, but not limited to, policies on academic honesty, data privacy, nondiscrimination, and copyright protections. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use of technology. Such instructions shall incorporate students' responsibilities regarding academic honesty, honoring copyright provisions, assessing the reliability and accuracy of information, protecting personal data, and the potential for biases and errors in artificially generated content.

(cf. [0440](#) - District Technology Plan)  
(cf. [1113](#) - District and School Web Sites)  
(cf. [1114](#) - District-Sponsored Social Media)  
(cf. [4040](#) - Employee Use of Technology)  
(cf. [6163.1](#) - Library Media Centers)

*District technology* includes, but is not limited to, computer hardware, software, or software as a service provided or paid for by the district, whether accessed on or off site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices, including tablets and laptops; computer servers, wireless access points (routers), and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi); the Internet; email; applications (apps), including AI apps; telephones, cellular telephones, smartphones, smart devices, and wearable technology; or any wireless communication device, including radios.

Teachers, administrators, and/or library media specialists are expected to review the technological resources and online sites that will be used in the classroom or assigned to students in order to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district technology, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with this Board policy and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

Before a student is authorized to use district technology, the student and the student's parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. In that agreement, the student and parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the district or any district staff responsible

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for the failure of any technology protection measures or user mistakes or negligence and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district staff for any damages or costs incurred.

*(cf. [6162.6](#) - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

The district reserves the right to monitor student use of technology within the jurisdiction of the district without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that the use of district technology, as defined above, is not private and may be accessed by the district for the purpose of ensuring proper use. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in use of district technology. Students' personally owned devices shall not be searched except in cases where there is a reasonable suspicion, based on specific and objective facts, that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law, district policy, or school rules.

*(cf. [5145.12](#) - Search and Seizure)*

The Superintendent or designee may gather and maintain information pertaining directly to school safety or student safety from the social media activity of any district student in accordance with Education Code [49073.6](#) and BP/AR 5125 - Student Records.

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

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the district's equipment and other technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

*(cf. [5125.2](#) - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*

*(cf. [5144](#) - Discipline)*

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

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

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using district technology and to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

### **Internet Safety**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC [6777](#); 47 USC 254; 47 CFR [54.520](#))

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To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities.

Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code [313](#))

The district's Acceptable Use Agreement shall establish expectations for appropriate student conduct when using the Internet or other forms of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, prohibitions against:

1. Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing, or displaying harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs

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

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

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

(cf. [5145.7](#) - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. [5145.9](#) - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

2. Intentionally uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses and/or maliciously attempting to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking"

*Note: Penal Code [653.2](#) makes it a crime for a person to distribute another person's personal identification information electronically with the intent to cause harassment by a third party or to threaten a person's safety or that of his/her family (e.g., placing a person's picture or address online so that he/she receives harassing messages).*

3. Distributing personal identification information, including the name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information, of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting one's own personal identification information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

## STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY (continued)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

[49073.6](#) Student records; social media

[51006](#) Computer education and resources

[51007](#) Programs to strengthen technological skills

[60044](#) Prohibited instructional materials

#### PENAL CODE

[313](#) Harmful matter

[502](#) Computer crimes, remedies

[632](#) Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

[653.2](#) Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

6501-6506 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[6751-6777](#) Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:

[6777](#) Internet safety

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16

[312.1-312.12](#) Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

[54.520](#) Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

#### COURT DECISIONS

*New Jersey v. T.L.O.*, (1985) 469 U.S. 325

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#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards*, Policy Brief, July 2007

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

*How to Protect Kids' Privacy Online: A Guide for Teachers*, December 2000

#### WEB SITES

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

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety: <http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov>

Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: <http://csriu.org>

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

Federal Trade Commission, Children's Online Privacy

Protection: <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/childrens.html>

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF DISTRICT FROM LIABILITY (STUDENTS)**

The BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT authorizes students to use technology, as defined in Board Policy 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology. The use of district technology is a privilege permitted at the district's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

The district expects all students to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The district may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system.

The district makes no guarantee that the functions or services provided by or through the district will be without defect. In addition, the district is not responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use, or misuse, of the system.

Each student who is authorized to use district technology and the student's parent/guardian shall sign this Acceptable Use Agreement which indicates that the student has read and understands the agreement and Board Policy 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology.

**Student Obligations and Responsibilities**

Students are expected to use district technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only, and in accordance with the accompanying board policy and applicable copyright laws. The student in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned.

Students are prohibited from using district technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of district technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive
2. Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals ("cyberbullying")
3. Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of

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- another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person
4. Share confidential information or personally identifiable information with an open artificial intelligence (AI) system of themselves, another student, staff member, or other person
  5. Adjust the privacy settings on any technology tool or AI app unless directed to do so by a teacher or staff member
  6. Violate the direction of teachers or other staff members, age restrictions, or the intended use of the technology
  7. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights
  8. Intentionally disrupt or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from a teacher or other district personnel, changing settings on shared computers)
  9. Install unauthorized software
  10. “Hack” into the system to manipulate data of the district or other users
  11. Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice

**Privacy**

Since the use of district technology is intended for educational purposes, students shall not have any expectation of privacy in any use of district technology.

The district reserves the right to monitor and record all use of district technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, Internet searches, browsing history, use of AI, communications sent or received from district technology, or other uses. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Students should be aware that, in most instances, their use of district technology (such as web searches and emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

All passwords created for or used on any district technology are the sole property of the district. The creation or use of a password by a student on district technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

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### **Personally Owned Devices**

If a student uses a personally owned device to access district technology, the student shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

### **Reporting**

If a student becomes aware of any security problem (including, but not limited to, a cyberattack, phishing, or any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of district technology, the student shall immediately report such information to the teacher or other district personnel.

### **Consequences for Violation**

Violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may result in revocation of a student's access to district technology and/or discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion. In addition, violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

### **Student Acknowledgment**

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement and other applicable laws and district policies and regulations governing the use of district technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using district technology. I further understand that any violation may result in loss of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Parent or Legal Guardian Acknowledgment**

If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must also read and sign the agreement.

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I have read, understand, and agree that my child shall comply with the terms of the Acceptable Use Agreement. By signing this Agreement, I give permission for my child to use district technology and/or to access the school's computer network and the Internet. I understand that, despite the district's best efforts, it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials. I agree to release from liability, indemnify, and hold harmless the school, district, district personnel and the Board against all claims, damages, and costs that may result from my child's use of district technology or the failure of any technology protection measures used by the district. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child's use of my child's access account if and when such access is not in the school setting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

The principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of each school's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use. All instructional staff shall receive a copy of this administrative regulation, the accompanying Board policy, and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement describing expectations for appropriate use of the system and shall also be provided with information about the role of staff in supervising student use of technological resources. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use.

*(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*  
*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 4131- Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

Teachers, administrators, and/or library media specialists shall prescreen technological resources and online sites that will be used for instructional purposes to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

**Online/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities**

Students are authorized to use district equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with Board policy, the user obligations and responsibilities specified below, and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers and passwords private and shall only use the account to which they have been assigned.
2. Students shall use the district's system safely, responsibly, and primarily for educational purposes.
3. Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY (continued)**

*Harmful matter* includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)

4. Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students also shall be cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.

*Personal information* includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information.

5. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.

*(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)*  
*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

6. Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
7. Students shall not use the system to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff.
8. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.

*(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)*  
*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

9. Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."

*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*

10. Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or use another individual's identity.

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY (continued)**

11. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

The district reserves the right to monitor use of the district's systems for improper use without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that computer files and electronic communications, including email, are not private and may be accessed by the district for the purpose of ensuring proper use.

*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy, administrative regulation, or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the district's technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

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

**GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a structured, coherent, and comprehensive counseling program promotes academic achievement and growth, and serves the diverse needs of district students. The district shall provide an educational counseling program that offers students services and supports within a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework, in accordance with law. Counseling staff shall be available to provide students with individualized reviews of their educational progress toward academic and/or career and vocational goals and, as appropriate, may discuss social, personal, or other issues that may impact student learning and well-being.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all persons employed to provide direct school counseling, school psychology, school social work services, child welfare and attendance services, and/or implement equitable school programs and services that support students' academic and social emotional development and college and career readiness possess the appropriate credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing their employment in such positions. Responsibilities of such positions shall be clearly defined in a job description.

Responsibilities of school counselors include, but are not limited to:

1. Engaging with, advocating for, and providing all students with direct services, such as individual counseling, group counseling, risk assessment, crisis response, and instructional services, including mental health and behavioral, academic, and postsecondary educational services and indirect services, including but not limited to, positive school climate strategies, teacher and parent/guardian consultations, and referrals to public and private community services
2. Planning, implementing, and evaluating school counseling programs
3. Working within a MTSS that uses multiple data sources to monitor and improve student behavior, attendance, engagement, and achievement
4. Developing, coordinating, and supervising comprehensive student support systems in collaboration with teachers, administrators, other pupil personnel services professionals, families, community partners, and community agencies, including county mental health agencies
5. Promoting and maintaining a safe learning environment for all students by providing restorative practices, positive behavior interventions, and support services, and by developing and responding with a variety of intervention strategies to meet individual, group, and school community needs before, during, and after a crisis

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6. Intervening to ameliorate school-related problems, including problems related to chronic absences and retention
7. Using research-based strategies to promote mental wellness, reduce mental health stigma, and to identify characteristics, risk factors, and warning signs of students who develop, or are at risk of developing, mental health and behavioral disorders and who experience, or are at risk of experiencing, mistreatment, including mistreatment related to any form of conflict or bullying
8. Improving school climate and student well-being by addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of students during a period of transition, separation, heightened stress, and critical changes, accessing community programs and services to meet those needs, and providing other appropriate services
9. Enhancing students' social and emotional competence, character, health, civic engagement, cultural literacy, and commitment to lifelong learning and the pursuit of high-quality educational programs
10. Providing counseling services for unduplicated students who are classified as English learners, eligible for free and reduced-priced meals, foster youth, and/or experiencing homelessness, including interventions and support services that enhance equity and access to appropriate education systems and public and private services
11. Engaging in continued development as a professional school counselor

**Educational And Career Counseling**

Beginning in grade 7, parents/guardians shall receive a general notice at least once before career counseling and course selection so that they may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions. (Education Code 221.5)

The educational counseling program shall include academic counseling and postsecondary services, in the following areas (Education Code 49600):

1. Development and implementation, with parent/guardian involvement, of the student's immediate and long-range educational plans
2. Optimizing progress towards achievement of proficiency standards and competencies
3. Completion of the required curriculum in accordance with the student's needs, abilities, interests, and aptitudes
4. Academic planning for access and success in higher education programs, including advisement on courses needed for admission to colleges and universities,

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- standardized admissions tests, and financial aid
5. High-quality career programs at all grade levels in which students are assisted in doing all of the following:
- a. Planning for the future, including, but not limited to, identifying personal interests, skills, and abilities, career planning, course selection, and career transition
  - b. Becoming aware of personal preferences and interests that influence educational and occupational exploration, career choice, and career success
  - c. Developing work self-efficacy for the ever-changing work environment, the changing needs of the workforce, and the effects of work on quality of life
  - d. Understanding the relationship between academic achievement and career success, and the importance of maximizing career options
  - e. Understanding the value of participating in career technical education pathways, programs, and certifications, including, but not limited to, those related to regional occupational programs and centers, the federal program administered by the United States Department of Labor offering free education and vocational training to students, known as "Job Corps," the California Conservation Corps, work-based learning, industry certifications, college preparation and credit, and employment opportunities
  - f. Understanding the need to develop essential employable skills and work habits
  - g. Understanding entrance requirements to the Armed Forces of the United States, including the benefits of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test

The district's educational counseling program also may include, but not be limited to, identification of students who are at risk of not graduating with their peers, development of a list of coursework and experience necessary to assist students to satisfy the curricular requirements for college admission and successfully transition to postsecondary education or employment, and counseling regarding available options for students who fail to meet graduation requirements to continue with their education.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a program of guidance, placement, and follow-up for all high school students subject to compulsory continuation education. (Education Code 48431)

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To enhance the educational counseling program and assist students in reaching their educational and professional goals, the district shall provide students in grades 9-12 with financial aid support; social services support; state-funded immigration legal services; academic opportunities; and parent/guardian and family workshops. (Education Code 54680, 54683)

As part of the district's educational counseling program, students may be offered mental and behavioral health services under which a student may receive prevention, intervention, short-term counseling services, and mental health related classroom instruction to reduce stigma and increase awareness of counseling support services.

No counselor shall unlawfully discriminate against any student. Guidance counseling regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities shall not be differentiated on the basis of any protected category specified in BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

Additionally, counselors shall affirmatively explore with a student the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers, that are nontraditional for that student's sex. (Education Code 221.5)

For assessing or counseling students, the district shall not use testing or other materials that permit or require impermissible or unlawful differential treatment of students, unless such different materials cover the same occupations and interest areas and the use of such material is essential to the elimination of bias and discrimination. (5 CCR 4931)

Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall have the same access to students for recruiting purposes. (Education Code 49603; 10 USC 503; 20 USC 7908)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with businesses, government agencies, postsecondary institutions including universities and career technical schools, community organizations, and/or other employers to provide students with actual or simulated work-based learning opportunities through college and/or career fairs.

When planning to hold a college or career fair, the Superintendent or designee shall notify each apprenticeship program in the county. The notification shall include the planned date, time and location of the college or career fair. (Labor Code 3074.2)

Additionally, the district shall provide the notification to any community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction with the district and an opportunity for the community college district to participate in the college or career fair. (Education Code 52770)

**Personal or Mental Health Counseling**

A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may provide individualized personal, mental health, or family counseling to students in accordance with the

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specialization(s) authorized by their credential. Such services may include, but are not limited to, support related to the student's social and emotional development, behavior, substance abuse, mental health assessment, depression, or mental illness. As appropriate, students and their parents/guardians shall be informed about community agencies, organizations, or health care providers that offer qualified professional assistance.

Written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained before mental health counseling or treatment services are provided to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6924, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

Any information of a personal nature disclosed to a school counselor by a student age 12 years or older or by the student's parent/guardian is confidential and shall not become part of the student record without the written consent of the person who disclosed the confidential information. The information shall not be revealed, released, discussed, or referred to except under the limited circumstances specified in Education Code 49602. (Education Code 49602)

A counselor shall consult with the Superintendent or designee and, as appropriate, with the district's legal counsel whenever there is uncertainty regarding how to respond to a student's personal problem or when questions arise regarding the possible release of confidential information regarding a student.

**Crisis Counseling**

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted with a traumatic incident. School counselors shall assist in the development of the emergency and disaster preparedness plan, and other prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students and parents/guardians before, during, and after a crisis.

Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior.

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall identify crisis counseling resources to train district staff in effective threat assessment, appropriate response techniques, and/or methods to directly help students cope with a crisis if it occurs.

**Teacher-Based Advisory Program**

The Board recognizes that a supportive, ongoing relationship with a caring adult can provide a student with valuable advice, enhance student-teacher relationships, and build the student's feelings of connectedness with the school. The Board authorizes the development of a teacher-based advisory program in which teachers advise students in such areas as academic

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planning, character development, conflict resolution, and self-esteem. Any teacher participating in this program shall be under the supervision of a credentialed school counselor as appropriate, receive related information and training, and be subject to law and this Board policy, including requirements pertaining to student confidentiality and nondiscrimination.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 4930-4931	Counseling
5 CCR 80049-80049.1	Pupil Personnel Services credential
5 CCR 80632-80632.5	Preparation programs for Pupil Personnel Services
Ed. Code 221.5	Equal opportunity
Ed. Code 44266	Pupil Personnel Services credential
Ed. Code 48431	Establishing and maintaining high school guidance and placement program
Ed. Code 49600-49604	Educational counseling
Ed. Code 51250-51251	Assistance to military dependents
Ed. Code 51513	Personal beliefs
Fam. Code 6920-6930	Consent by minor for medical treatment
Gov. Code 6254	Exemption for personnel records if invasion of personal privacy
H&S Code 124260	Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older
Lab. Code 3074.2	College and career fairs; notice to apprenticeship programs
Pen. Code 11166-11170	Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse
W&I Code 5850-5883	Mental Health Services Act
10 USC 503	Military recruiter access to directory information
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
20 USC 7908	Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information
34 CFR 99.1-99.67	Family Educational Rights and Privacy

<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
California Department of Education Publication	California Results-Based School Counseling and Student Support Guidelines, 2007
Website	California Division of Apprenticeship Standards
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Association of School Counselors
Website	American School Counselor Association
Website	U.S. Department of Education, access to military recruiters
Website	Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Website	California Department of Education

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Biggs, California

**IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the need to actively seek out and evaluate district residents from birth to age 21 who have disabilities in order to provide them with appropriate educational opportunities in accordance with state and federal law.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a comprehensive child find system that includes procedures for the identification, screening, referral, assessment, and triennial assessment of individuals eligible for special education, as well as procedures for the planning, implementation, and review of the special education and related services provided to such individuals. (Education Code 56301)

The district's identification procedures shall include systematic methods for utilizing referrals from parents/guardians, teachers, agencies, appropriate professionals, and other members of the public, and shall be coordinated with school site procedures for referral of students whose needs cannot be met with modifications to the regular instructional program. (Education Code 56302)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review, including the right to consent to any assessment concerning their child. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals for special education services. (Education Code 56301)

***State References:***

<i>5 CCR 3021-3029</i>	<i>Identification, referral and assessment</i>
<i>5 CCR 3030-3031</i>	<i>Eligibility criteria</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44265.5</i>	<i>Professional preparation for teachers of impaired students</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56000-56885</i>	<i>Special education programs</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56195.8</i>	<i>Adoption of policies</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56300-56304</i>	<i>Identification of individuals with disabilities</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56320-56331</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56333-56338</i>	<i>Eligibility for specific learning disabilities</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56340-56347</i>	<i>Individualized education program teams</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56381</i>	<i>Reassessment of students</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56425-56432</i>	<i>Early education for individuals with disabilities</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56441.11</i>	<i>Eligibility criteria, children ages 3-5</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56445</i>	<i>Transition to grade school; reassessment</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56500-56509</i>	<i>Procedural safeguards</i>
<i>Gov. Code 95000-95029.5</i>	<i>California Early Intervention Services Act</i>

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***Federal References:***

- 20 USC 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974*
- 20 USC 1412 State eligibility*
- 20 USC 1415 Procedural safeguards*
- 34 CFR 104.35 Evaluation and placement*
- 34 CFR 104.36 Procedural safeguards*
- 34 CFR 300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*
- 34 CFR 300.301-300.306 Evaluations and reevaluations*

***Management Resources:***

*Court Decision*

*Hood v. Encinitas Union School District, (2007) 486 F.3d 1099*

*Federal Register*

*Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845*

*Website*

*California Department of Education, Special Education*

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

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's child find process includes the collection of data and, at reasonable intervals, the screening of such data to determine if students are making adequate progress, as appropriate.

A student shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and used where appropriate. (Education Code 56303)

However, the district shall ensure that evaluations of children suspected of having a disability are not delayed or denied because of the implementation of response to intervention strategies.

A parent/guardian or the district may initiate a request for an initial evaluation to determine if the student is a student with a disability. (34 CFR 300.301)

When a verbal referral is made, staff shall offer assistance to the individual to make the request in writing and shall assist the individual if the individual requests such assistance. (5 CCR 3021)

All referrals from school staff for an initial evaluation shall include a brief reason for the referral and description of the regular program resources that were considered and/or modified for use with the student and, when appropriate, the results of intervention. This documentation shall not delay the timelines for completing the assessment plan or assessment. (5 CCR 3021)

### **Initial Evaluation for Special Education Services**

Before the initial provision of special education and related services to a student with a disability, the district shall conduct an individual initial evaluation of the student's educational needs related to all areas of suspected disability. (Education Code 56320; 34 CFR 300.301)

Upon receipt of a referral of any student for special education and related services, a proposed evaluation plan shall be developed within 15 calendar days, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions or terms or calendar days of school vacation in excess of five school days, unless the parent/guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension. If the referral is made within 10 days or less prior to the end of the student's regular school year or term, the proposed evaluation plan shall be developed within 10 days after the beginning of the next regular school year or term. (Education Code 56043, 56321)

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The proposed evaluation plan shall meet all of the following requirements: (Education Code 56321)

1. Be in a language easily understood by the general public
2. Be provided in the native language of the parent/guardian or other mode of communication used by the parent/guardian unless it is clearly not feasible
3. Explain the types of evaluation to be conducted
4. State that no individualized education program (IEP) will result from the evaluation without parent/guardian consent

A copy of the notice of a parent/guardian's rights and procedural safeguards shall be attached to the evaluation plan. (Education Code 56321)

The proposed written evaluation plan shall include a description of recent assessments conducted, including available independent assessments and assessment information requested by the parent/guardian to be considered, as well as information indicating the student's primary language and the student's primary language proficiency as determined by Education Code section 52164.1. (5 CCR 3022)

Before conducting an initial evaluation, the district shall provide the parent/guardian with prior written notice in accordance with 34 CFR 300.503. In addition, as part of the evaluation plan, the parent/guardian shall receive written notice that includes all of the following information: (Education Code 56329; 34 CFR 300.304, 300.502, 300.504)

1. Upon completion of the administration of tests and other evaluation materials, an IEP team meeting that includes the parent/guardian or the parent/guardian's representative shall be scheduled pursuant to Education Code 56341. At this meeting, the team shall determine whether or not the student is a student with disabilities, as defined in Education Code 56026, and shall discuss the evaluation, the educational recommendations, and the reasons for the recommendations.
2. When making a determination of eligibility for special education, the district shall not determine that the student is disabled if the primary factor for such determination is lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction as defined in 20 USC 6368, lack of appropriate instruction in

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mathematics, or limited English proficiency, if the student does not otherwise meet the eligibility criteria under 34 CFR 300.8.

3. A copy of the evaluation report and the documentation of determination of eligibility shall be given to the parent/guardian.
4. If the parent/guardian disagrees with an evaluation obtained by the district, the parent/guardian has the right to obtain, at public expense, an independent educational evaluation (IEE) of the student from qualified specialists, in accordance with 34 CFR 300.502. The parent/guardian is entitled to only one such evaluation at public expense each time the district conducts an assessment with which the parent/guardian disagrees.

If the district observed the student in conducting its evaluation, or if its evaluation procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of the student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to the IEE. This equivalent opportunity shall apply to the student's current placement and setting as well as observation of the district's proposed placement and setting, if any, regardless of whether the IEE is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing proceeding.

5. The district may initiate a due process hearing pursuant to Education Code 56500-56508 to show that its evaluation is appropriate. If the final decision resulting from the due process hearing is that the evaluation is appropriate, the parent/guardian maintains the right for an IEE, but not at public expense.

If the parent/guardian obtains an IEE at private expense, the results of the IEE shall be considered by the district with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student, and may be presented as evidence at a due process hearing regarding the student. If the district observed the student in conducting its evaluation, or if its evaluation procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of a student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to an IEE of the student in the student's current educational placement and setting and in any educational placement and setting proposed by the district, regardless of whether the IEE is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing.

6. If the parent/guardian proposes a publicly financed placement of the student in a nonpublic school, the district shall have an opportunity to observe the proposed placement and, if the student has already been unilaterally placed in the nonpublic school by the student's parent/guardian, the student in that proposed placement. Any such observation shall only be of the student who is the subject of the observation and

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shall not include the observation or evaluation of any other student in the proposed placement unless that other student's parent/guardian consents to the observation or evaluation. The results of any observation or evaluation of another student in violation of Education Code 56329(d) shall be inadmissible in any due process or judicial proceeding regarding FAPE of that other student.

### **Parent/Guardian Consent for Evaluations**

Consent means that the parent/guardian: (Education Code 56021.1; 34 CFR 300.9)

1. Has been fully informed, in the parent/guardian's native language or other mode of communication, of all information relevant to the activity for which consent is sought
2. Understands and agrees, in writing, to the carrying out of the activity for which parent/guardian consent is sought and the consent describes that activity and lists the records (if any) that will be released and to whom
3. Understands that the granting of consent is voluntary on the parent/guardian's part and may be revoked at any time
4. Understands that if the parent/guardian revokes consent, that revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not negate an action that has occurred after the consent was given and before the consent was revoked). The district is not required to amend the education records of a student to remove any reference to the student's receipt of special education and services if the student's parent/guardian submits a written revocation of consent after the initial provision of special education and related services to the student.

Upon receiving the proposed evaluation plan, the parent/guardian shall have at least 15 days to decide whether to consent to the initial evaluation. The district shall not interpret parent/guardian consent for initial evaluation as consent for initial placement or initial provision of special education services. (Education Code 56321; 34 CFR 300.300)

The district shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of the parent/guardian for an initial evaluation or reevaluation of a student. (Education Code 56321; 34 CFR 300.300, 300.322)

The district shall maintain a record of its attempts to obtain consent, which may include:

1. Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls

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

If a parent/guardian refuses to consent to the initial evaluation or fails to respond to a request to provide consent, the district may, but is not required to, pursue an evaluation by utilizing the procedural safeguards, including the mediation and due process procedures pursuant to 20 USC 1415 and 34 CFR 300.506-300.516. (Education Code 56321; 34 CFR 300.300)

For a student who is a ward of the state and not residing with the student's parent/guardian, the district shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the consent from the parent/guardian of the student for an initial evaluation to determine whether the student is a student with a disability. The district may conduct an initial evaluation without obtaining consent if any of the following situations exists: (Education Code 56321.1; 20 USC 1414; 34 CFR 300.300)

1. Despite reasonable efforts to do so, the district cannot discover the whereabouts of the parent/guardian of the student.
2. The rights of the parent/guardian of the student have been terminated in accordance with state law.
3. The rights of the parent/guardian to make educational decisions have been subrogated by a judge in accordance with state law and consent for an initial evaluation has been given by an individual appointed by the judge to represent the student.

The district need not obtain parent/guardian consent before reviewing existing data as part of an evaluation or reevaluation, or before administering a test or other evaluation that is administered to all students, unless consent is required from the parents/guardians of all students. (Education Code 56321; 34 CFR 300.300)

### **Conduct of the Evaluation**

Within 60 calendar days of receiving parental consent for the initial assessment of a student, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five schooldays, a determination whether the student is eligible for special education and the educational needs of the student shall be made, an IEP team meeting shall occur, and an IEP shall be developed, unless the parent/guardian agrees in writing to an extension, pursuant to Education Code 56344. If the 60-day time is interrupted by a student school vacation, the 60-day time shall recommence on the date that student schooldays reconvene and a meeting to develop an IEP for the student shall be conducted

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within 30 days of a determination that the student needs special education and related services. (Education Code 56043, 56344)

However, when a referral has been made for a student 30 days or less prior to the end of the regular school year, an IEP required as a result of an assessment of the student shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year. (Education Code 56043, 56344; 34 CFR 300.301, 300.323)

The evaluation shall be conducted by qualified personnel who are competent to perform the assessment as determined by the district. (Education Code 56320, 56322)

In addition, evaluations and reevaluations shall be administered by qualified personnel who are competent in the oral or sign language skills and written skills of the student's primary language or mode of communication and have a knowledge and understanding of the cultural and ethnic background of the student. If it is clearly not feasible to do so, an interpreter shall be used, and the assessment report shall document this condition and note that the validity of the assessment may have been affected. The normal process of second-language acquisition, as well as manifestations of dialect and sociolinguistic variance shall not be diagnosed as a disabling condition. (5 CCR 3023)

The screening of a student by a teacher or specialist to determine appropriate instructional strategies for curriculum implementation shall not be considered to be an evaluation for eligibility for special education and related services. (Education Code 56321; 20 USC 1414; 34 CFR 300.302)

In conducting the evaluation, the district shall use a variety of assessment tools and strategies to gather relevant functional, developmental, and academic information about the student. The district shall also use any information provided by the parent/guardian that may assist the district in making the determination as to whether the student is a student with a disability and, if so, the necessary components of the student's IEP when the IEP is developed, including information related to enabling the student to be involved in and to progress in the general education curriculum. (34 CFR 300.304)

The district's evaluation shall not use any single measure or assessment as the sole criterion for determining whether a student is a student with a disability and for determining the appropriate educational program for the student. The assessment shall use technically sound instruments that may assess the relative contribution of cognitive and behavioral factors in addition to physical or developmental factors. (34 CFR 300.304)

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The district shall also ensure that assessments and other evaluation materials provide relevant information that assists in determining the student's educational needs and are: (Education Code 56320; 34 CFR 300.304)

1. Selected and administered so as not to be discriminatory on a racial, cultural, or sexual basis
2. Provided and administered in the student's native language or other mode of communication and in the form most likely to yield accurate information on what the student knows and can do academically, developmentally, and functionally, unless it is clearly not feasible to so provide or administer
3. Used for the purposes for which the assessments or measures are valid and reliable
4. Administered by trained and knowledgeable personnel except that individually administered tests of intellectual or emotional functioning shall be administered by a credentialed school psychologist
5. Administered in accordance with any instructions provided by the producer of the assessments
6. Tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and not merely designed to provide a single general intelligence quotient
7. If administered to a student with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, selected and administered to best ensure that the results accurately reflect the student's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factors the test purports to measure, rather than reflecting the child's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills (unless those skills are the factors that the test purports to measure).

Students shall be assessed in all areas related to the suspected disability, including, if appropriate, health and development, vision (including low vision), hearing, motor abilities, language function, general intelligence, academic performance, communicative status, self-help, orientation and mobility skills, career and vocational abilities and interests, and social and emotional status. When appropriate, a developmental history shall be obtained. For students with residual vision, a low vision assessment shall be provided in accordance with guidelines established pursuant to Education Code 56136. The district shall ensure that the evaluation is sufficiently comprehensive to identify all of the student's special education and related service needs, whether or not commonly linked to the disability category in which the student has been classified. (Education Code 56320; 34 CFR 300.304)

## **IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)**

As part of the initial evaluation and any reevaluation, the IEP team and other qualified professionals shall, if appropriate, review existing evaluation data on the student, including evaluations and information provided by the parents/guardians, current classroom-based local or state assessments and classroom-based observations, and observations by teachers and related services providers. On the basis of that review and input from the student's parent/guardian, the team shall identify what additional data, if any, are needed to determine: (Education Code 56381; 34 CFR 300.305)

1. Whether the student is a student with a disability, or in the case of a reevaluation, whether the student continues to have a disability, and the educational needs of the student
2. The present levels of academic achievement and related developmental needs of the student
3. Whether the student needs, or continues to need, special education and related services
4. Whether any additions or modifications to the special education and related services are needed to enable the student to meet the measurable annual goals set out in the student's IEP and to participate, as appropriate, in the general education curriculum

If a student has transferred from another district in the same school year or leaves this district, the district shall coordinate with the student's prior or subsequent district as necessary and as expeditiously as possible to ensure prompt completion of full evaluations. (34 CFR 300.304)

### **Evaluation Report**

The personnel who evaluate the student shall prepare a written report of the results of each evaluation. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (Education Code 56327)

1. Whether the student may need special education and related services
2. The basis for making the determination
3. The relevant behavior noted during the observation of the student in an appropriate setting

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4. The relationship of that behavior to the student's academic and social functioning
5. The educationally relevant health, developmental, and medical findings, if any
6. For students with learning disabilities, whether there is such a discrepancy between achievement and ability that it cannot be corrected without special education and related services
7. A determination concerning the effects of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage, where appropriate
8. The need for specialized services, materials, and equipment for students with low incidence disabilities, consistent with Education Code 56136

### **Eligibility Determination**

Upon completion of the administration of assessments and other evaluation measures, a group of qualified professionals and the parent/guardian shall determine whether the student is a student with a disability as defined in 5 CCR 3030 and 34 CFR 300.8 and, if so, the student's educational needs. In interpreting the data, the group shall draw information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, parent/guardian input, and teacher recommendations, as well as information about the student's physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior. The group shall ensure that the information obtained from these sources is documented and carefully considered. (34 CFR 300.306)

When making a determination of eligibility for special education and related services, the district shall not determine that a student is disabled if the primary factor for such determination is a lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction pursuant to 20 USC 6368, lack of instruction in mathematics, limited English proficiency, or that the student does not otherwise meet the eligibility criteria. (Education Code 56329; 34 CFR 300.306)

The normal process of second-language acquisition, as well as manifestations of dialect and sociolinguistic variance, shall not be diagnosed as a disabling condition. (5 CCR 3023)

### **Independent Educational Evaluation**

An independent educational evaluation is defined as an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the district. (34 CFR 300.502)

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Public expense means that the district either pays for the full cost of the IEE or ensures that the evaluation is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent/guardian. (34 CFR 300.502)

The parents/guardians of a student with a disability have the right to obtain an IEE at public expense under the same criteria, including the location of the evaluation and the qualifications of the examiner that the district uses for a district-initiated evaluation. (34 CFR 300.502)

The parent/guardian is entitled to only one IEE at public expense each time the district conducts an evaluation with which the parent/guardian disagrees. (Education Code 56329; 34 CFR 300.502)

If a parent/guardian has requested an IEE, the district may ask for the reason that the parent/guardian objects to the district's evaluation. However, the parent/guardian is not required to provide an explanation and the district may not unreasonably delay either providing the IEE at public expense or filing a due process complaint to request a due process hearing to defend the public evaluation. (34 CFR 300.502)

Upon receiving the request for an IEE, the district shall, without unnecessary delay, either: (34 CFR 300.502)

1. File a due process complaint to request a hearing to show that its evaluation is appropriate
2. Ensure that an IEE is provided at public expense, unless the district demonstrates at a hearing that the evaluation obtained by the parent/guardian did not satisfy the district's criteria

If a due process hearing decision determines that the district's evaluation is appropriate, then the parent/guardian may obtain an IEE but not at public expense. (Education Code 56329; 34 CFR 300.502)

In any decision made with respect to providing FAPE to a student with a disability, the result of any IEE obtained by the student's parent/guardian shall be considered by the district if it meets district criteria. Any such result also may be presented as evidence at a hearing on a due process complaint. (Education Code 56329; 34 CFR 300.502)

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### **Coordinating Transitions**

The district designates the individual listed below as the main point of contact for coordinating and completing, with other agencies and persons, the transition of a child and family from infant/toddler programs to preschool (Part C to Part B of the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), including establishing practices to educate and support families during the transition: (Government Code 95008)

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### **Reevaluation**

A reevaluation shall be conducted when the district determines that the educational or related service needs of the student, including improved academic achievement and functional performance, warrant a reevaluation or if the student's parent/guardian or teacher requests reevaluation. Such reevaluations shall occur every three years, unless the parent/guardian and district agree in writing that a reevaluation is unnecessary. A reevaluation may not occur more than once a year, unless the parent/guardian and the district agree otherwise. (Education Code 56043, 56381; 34 CFR 300.303)

The district shall ensure that any reevaluations of the student are conducted in accordance with the evaluation procedures pursuant to 34 CFR 300.304-300.311. (34 CFR 300.303)

Before entering kindergarten or first grade, as the case may be, children with disabilities who are in a preschool program shall be reevaluated to determine if they still need special education and services. IEP teams shall identify a means of monitoring the continued success of children who are determined to be eligible for less intensive special education programs. (Education Code 56445)

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The district's point of contact for coordinating and completing the transition of a child and family from infant/toddler programs to preschool may coordinate the reevaluation and monitoring as described above for kindergarten or first grade.

### State References:

5 CCR 3021-3029	Identification, referral and assessment
5 CCR 3030-3031	Eligibility criteria
Ed. Code 44265.5	Professional preparation for teachers of impaired students
Ed. Code 56000-56885	Special education programs
Ed. Code 56195.8	Adoption of policies
Ed. Code 56300-56304	Identification of individuals with disabilities
Ed. Code 56320-56331	Assessment
Ed. Code 56333-56338	Eligibility for specific learning disabilities
Ed. Code 56340-56347	Individualized education program teams
Ed. Code 56381	Reassessment of students
Ed. Code 56425-56432	Early education for individuals with disabilities
Ed. Code 56441.11	Eligibility criteria, children ages 3-5
Ed. Code 56445	Transition to grade school; reassessment
Ed. Code 56500-56509	Procedural safeguards
Gov. Code 95000-95029.5	California Early Intervention Services Act

### Federal References:

20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
20 USC 1412	State eligibility
20 USC 1415	Procedural safeguards
34 CFR 104.35	Evaluation and placement
34 CFR 104.36	Procedural safeguards
34 CFR 300.1-300.818	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
34 CFR 300.301-300.306	Evaluations and reevaluations

### Management Resources:

Court Decision	<i>Hood v. Encinitas Union School District</i> , (2007) 486 F.3d 1099
Federal Register	Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845
Website	<u>California Department of Education, Special Education</u>
Website	<u>U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs</u>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED BY THEIR PARENTS IN PRIVATE SCHOOL**

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligations under state and federal to locate, identify, evaluate, and provide equitable services to children voluntarily enrolled by their parents/guardians in private schools located within the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that activities to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities enrolled by their parents/guardians in private schools within the district are comparable to activities undertaken for individuals with disabilities aged three to 22 in public schools within the district. (Education Code 56171; 34 CFR 300.131)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a budget for the provision of services to children with disabilities enrolled by their parents/guardians in private school based on the proportionate share of federal funds received and the number of eligible children, including the possibility of mid-year enrollees, and the types of services to be provided.

State References:

<i>Ed. Code 56000</i>	<i>Special education; legislative findings and declarations</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56020-56035</i>	<i>Definitions</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56170-56177</i>	<i>Children enrolled in private schools</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56195.8</i>	<i>Adoption of policies</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56300-56385</i>	<i>Identification and referral, assessment</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56500-56509</i>	<i>Procedural safeguards</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56600-56606</i>	<i>Evaluation, audits and information</i>

Federal References

<i>20 USC 1232g</i>	<i>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974</i>
<i>20 USC 1400-1482</i>	<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i>
<i>29 USC 794 R</i>	<i>Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504</i>
<i>34 CFR 300.1-300.818</i>	<i>Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities</i>
<i>34 CFR 300.130-300.140</i>	<i>Children with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private schools</i>

Management Resources:

<u>Court Decision</u>	<i>Agostini v. Felton, (1997) 521 U.S. 203, 117 S.Ct. 1997</i> <i>Federal Register Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845</i>
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U.S. Department of Education Publication

*Questions and Answers on Serving Children with Disabilities Placed by Their Parents at Private Schools, March 2006*

Website

*California Department of Education, Special Education*  
*U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs*

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED BY THEIR PARENTS IN PRIVATE SCHOOL**

**Definitions**

*Parentally-placed private school children with disabilities* means children with disabilities who are voluntarily enrolled by their parents/guardians in a private school or facility within district boundaries, including children who are attending a private school or facility within district boundaries but who reside in another district or state. (34 CFR 300.130, 300.131)

*Private school or facility* means a private full-time day school, including a religious school, located within district boundaries, that has filed an affidavit with the California Department of Education pursuant to Education Code 33190 and is registered in the California Private School Directory.

**Consultation with Private School Representatives**

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with all private school representatives and representatives of parents/guardians of parentally-placed private school children with disabilities during the design and development of equitable services for the children. In order to ensure a meaningful and timely consultation, the consultation shall include: (Education Code 56301; 20 USC 1412(a)(10)(A)(iii); 34 CFR 300.134)

1. The child find process and how parentally-placed private school children suspected of having a disability can participate equitably
2. The manner in which parents/guardians, teachers, and private school officials will be informed of the child find process
3. The determination of the proportionate share of federal funds available to serve parentally-placed private school children with disabilities and how this share is calculated
4. How the consultation process among district staff, private school officials, and representatives of parents of parentally-placed private school children with disabilities will operate throughout the school year to ensure that identified children can meaningfully participate in equitable services
5. The provision of equitable special education and related services including how, when, and by whom such services will be provided including a discussion about the

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types of services, alternate service delivery mechanisms, how services will be apportioned if funds are insufficient to serve all of the identified children, and how and when those decisions will be made

6. In the event that the district and private school disagree on the provision of or the types of services, how the district will provide the private school officials with a written explanation of the reasons that the district chose to not provide the services

When meaningful and timely consultation has occurred, the district shall obtain a written affirmation signed by the representatives of participating private schools. If the private school representatives do not provide the affirmation within a reasonable period of time, the district shall forward documentation of the consultation process to the California Department of Education. (Education Code 56172; 20 USC 1412; 34 CFR 300.135)

After the consultation has occurred, the district shall ensure an annual count of the number of parentally-placed children with disabilities attending private schools located within the district. This count shall be conducted between October 1 and December 1 each year and shall be used to determine the amount the district must spend on providing equitable services to the children in the subsequent fiscal year. (34 CFR 300.133)

**Provision of Services**

A child with a disability parentally-placed in a private school has no individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that would have been received if enrolled in public school. Such a child may receive a different amount of services than students with disabilities in public schools. (34 CFR 300.137, 300.138)

The district shall evaluate all identified parentally-placed private school children with disabilities for purposes of considering them for equitable services. This evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with the timelines and procedures for evaluating public school students with disabilities pursuant to 34 CFR 300.300-300.311 and as specified in BP/AR 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education, including obtaining parent/guardian consent and providing the parent/guardian with a copy of the procedural safeguards notice. (34 CFR 300.131, 300.504)

If the child resides in the district and is eligible for an individualized education program (IEP), the district shall make a free appropriate public education (FAPE) available to the child. However, the district is not required to develop an IEP if the parent/guardian makes clear the intention to keep the child enrolled in private school. In such situations, the district shall obtain written certification confirming the parent/guardian's intention to keep the child

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enrolled in private school, including the fact that the parent/guardian is not interested in the development of an IEP or the district's offer of FAPE. If the parent/guardian does not provide confirmation in writing, the district shall obtain oral confirmation of the parent/guardian's intention and confirm the conversation in writing.

If the child resides in a different district, then this district and the district of residence shall work together to ensure that the parent/guardian receives an offer of FAPE in accordance with law.

The district shall develop and implement for each identified child with a disability enrolled by their parents/guardians in a private school within the district's boundaries an individual services plan (ISP) that describes the equitable services that the district will provide, as determined by the district after the consultation process with private school representatives. (34 CFR 300.138)

The ISP shall be developed, reviewed, and revised consistent with 20 USC 1414. A representative of the private school shall be invited to attend each ISP team meeting. If the representative cannot attend the meeting, the district shall use other methods to ensure the representative's participation, including individual or conference calls. (34 CFR 300.137, 300.138)

The district may provide services on the private school premises, including a religious school, to the extent consistent with law. The services shall be provided by personnel meeting the same standards as personnel providing services in the public school except that private elementary school and secondary school teachers who are providing equitable services to parentally-placed private school children with disabilities do not have to meet the special education teacher qualification requirements specified in 34 CFR 300.156. The personnel shall either be district employees or contractors of the district. (34 CFR 300.138, 300.139)

The district shall offer transportation to the child if services are provided on a site other than the child's school and the ISP team determines that transportation is necessary for the child to benefit from or participate in the services provided in the ISP. Depending on the timing of the services, the district shall provide transportation from the child's school or home to the service site and from the service site to the child's school or home. (34 CFR 300.139)

The district may place equipment and supplies in a private school for the period of time necessary to provide the services pursuant to the ISP. All such equipment shall remain the property of the district and must be able to be removed without remodeling or causing damage to the private school. The district shall remove the equipment when no longer

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required by the child, when the child no longer attends the private school, or when removal is necessary to prevent unauthorized use. (34 CFR 300.144)

***State References:***

*Ed. Code 56000*                      *Special education; legislative findings and declarations*  
*Ed. Code 56020-56035*           *Definitions*  
*Ed. Code 56170-56177*           *Children enrolled in private schools*  
*Ed. Code 56195.8*                 *Adoption of policies*  
*Ed. Code 56300-56385*           *Identification and referral, assessment*  
*Ed. Code 56500-56509*           *Procedural safeguards*  
*Ed. Code 56600-56606*           *Evaluation, audits and information*

***Federal References:***

*20 USC 1232g*                      *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974*  
*20 USC 1400-1482*                 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*  
*29 USC 794*                         *Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*  
*34 CFR 300.1-300.818*           *Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities*  
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***Management Resources:***

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*Federal Register*                 *Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845*  
*U.S. Department of Education Publication*   *Questions and Answers on Serving Children with Disabilities Placed by Their Parents at Private Schools, March 2006*  
*Website*                              *California Department of Education, Special Education*  
                                                 *U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs*

**STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS**

The Board of Trustees encourages the collaboration of parents/guardians, certificated and classified staff, administrators, and/or the student, as appropriate, in evaluating the strengths and needs of students having academic, attendance, social, emotional, or behavioral difficulties and in identifying strategies and programs that may assist such students in maximizing their potential. The Superintendent or designee shall establish student success teams (SST) as needed to address individual student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a process for initiating the referral of students to SSTs, which may include referral by district staff, parents/guardians, and/or agency representatives. The Superintendent or designee may also establish and maintain a process for responding to SST referrals, which may include a determination by the district as to whether an SST shall be convened for an individual student.

Each SST may collect and analyze relevant student data, as appropriate. The SST may also review the student's educational history, work samples, strengths and areas for growth, and identify available resources and strategies.

Each SST shall develop a plan to support the student which incorporates intervention strategies. Such strategies may include changes in program placement or instructional methods, recommendation of supplemental educational services, parent involvement strategies, social, emotional and/or behavioral interventions, discipline, referrals to other agencies or resources, and/or other appropriate interventions.

The SST shall monitor the student's progress, evaluate the extent to which the recommended strategies have been implemented, make adjustments to the plan, and develop additional interventions as needed.

The SST process shall not delay or deny a referral for evaluation for eligibility for special education, as may be required under state or federal law.

The Superintendent or designee may integrate SSTs into the district's multi-tiered system of support, including identification of students who need additional support, the level(s) of support, appropriate interventions, monitoring of progress, and whether the goal of intervention has been met.

To strengthen the effectiveness of SSTs, the Superintendent or designee may provide staff development in the identification of students who may need additional support, implementation of measurable and targeted interventions, and monitoring of progress and goal attainment.

**STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS (continued)**

***State References:***

*Ed. Code 48260-48273 Truants*  
*Ed. Code 48400-48454 Compulsory continuation education*  
*Ed. Code 49600-49604 Educational counseling*  
*Ed. Code 51745-51749.3 Independent study*  
*Ed. Code 54400-54425 Programs for disadvantaged children*  
*Ed. Code 54440-54445 Migrant children*  
*Ed. Code 8800-8807 Healthy Start support services for children*  
*W&I Code 18986.40-18986.46 Interagency children's services*  
*W&I Code 4343-4352.5 Primary interventions program, mental health*

***Management Resources:***

*California Department of Education Publication* *SB 65 School-Based Pupil Motivation and Maintenance Program Guidelines (2000-01 Edition), 2000*  
*Student Success Teams: Supporting Teachers in General Education, 1997*

*California Dropout Prevention Network Publication Website* *SST: Student Success Teams, 2000*  
*California Dropout Prevention Network*  
*National Dropout Prevention Center*  
*California Department of Education*

**STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS**

**Team Membership**

Members of individual student success teams (SST) may include:

1. The principal or designee
2. One or more of the student's classroom teachers or former teachers
3. The student's parents/guardians
4. The student if appropriate
5. School Counselor(s)
6. Resource personnel or specialists, such as a school psychologist, nurse, outreach consultant, special education resource person, department chairperson, speech and language specialist, reading specialist, social worker, probation officer, community resource representative, mental health worker, and/or other person(s) relevant to the student's situation, as determined by the district

The makeup of each individual SST is at the district's discretion, and may not include participation from individuals in each of the categories listed above.

**Team Responsibilities**

The principal or designee shall:

1. Schedule meetings and establish meeting procedures
2. Contact parents/guardians and other team members regarding team meetings
3. Consult with appropriate school staff, including teachers and/or district resource personnel
4. Arrange for observation of the student as needed
5. Collect any additional background information necessary to inform team members about the student's strengths and needs, such as relevant student data, educational history, and work samples, as appropriate

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6. Help the student and parents/guardians prepare for the meeting
7. Facilitate the team meetings
8. Develop a plan to support the student which incorporates intervention strategies
9. Ensure that the student's progress is monitored, that follow-up meetings are regularly scheduled, and that adjustments are made to the plan and related interventions as necessary

State References:

*Ed. Code 48260-48273 Truants*  
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# Board Policy

## Instruction

BP 6164.6(a)

### IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 504

The Board of Trustees believes that all children, including children with disabilities, should have the opportunity to learn in a safe and nurturing environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work to identify children with disabilities who reside within the jurisdiction of the district in order to ensure that they receive educational and related services required by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide qualified students with disabilities with a free appropriate public education (FAPE), as defined under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Such students shall receive regular or special education and related aids and services designed to meet their individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met. (34 CFR 104.33)

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*  
*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*  
*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*  
*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*  
*(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*  
*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*  
*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*  
*(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)*

In addition, qualified students with disabilities shall be provided an equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities that are integral components of the district's basic education program, including, but not limited to, extracurricular athletics, interscholastic sports, and/or other nonacademic activities. (34 CFR 104.37)

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*  
*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*  
*(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)*

The district's local control and accountability plan shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of students with disabilities. At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall assess the district's progress in attaining the goals established for students with disabilities and shall report these results to the Board. (Education Code 52052, 52060)

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

In providing services to students with disabilities under Section 504, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure district compliance with law, including providing the students and their parents/guardians with applicable procedural safeguards and required notifications. Any dispute as to the identification, evaluation, or placement of any student with a disability shall

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be resolved in accordance with the processes specified in the "Procedural Safeguards" section of the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a list of impartial hearing officers who are qualified and willing to conduct Section 504 hearings. To ensure impartiality, such officers shall not be employed by or under contract with the district in any other capacity except as hearing officer and shall not have any professional or personal involvement that would affect their impartiality or objectivity in the matter.

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

# Administrative Regulation

**Instruction**

AR 6164.6(a)

## **IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 504**

The Superintendent designates the following position as the district's 504 Coordinator to implement the requirements of Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973: (34 CFR 104.7)

Superintendent  
300 B Street  
Biggs, CA 95917  
(530) 868-1281

### **Definitions**

For the purpose of implementing Section 504, the following terms and phrases shall have only the meanings specified below:

*Free appropriate public education (FAPE)* means the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services designed to meet the individual educational needs of a student with disabilities as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met, at no cost to the student or his/her parent/guardian except when a fee is specifically authorized by law for all students. (34 CFR 104.33)

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

*Student with a disability* means a student who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. (28 CFR 35.108)

*Physical impairment* means any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more body systems, such as neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genito-urinary, immune, hemic, lymphatic, skin, and endocrine. (28 CFR 35.108)

*Mental impairment* means any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disability. (28 CFR 35.108)

*Substantially limits major life activities* means limiting a person's ability to perform functions, as compared to most people in the general population, such as caring for himself/herself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, writing, communicating, and working. Major life activities also includes major bodily functions such as functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin, normal cell

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growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, cardiovascular, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal, and reproductive functions, as well as the operation of an individual organ within a body system. The determination of whether an impairment substantially limits a student's major life activities shall be made without regard to the ameliorative effects of mitigating measures other than ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses. Mitigating measures are measures that an individual may use to eliminate or reduce the effects of an impairment, including, but not limited to, medications, medical supplies or equipment, prosthetic devices, assistive devices, reasonable modifications or auxiliary aids or services, learned behavioral or adaptive neurological modifications, psychotherapy, behavioral therapy, or physical therapy. (42 USC 12102; 28 CFR 35.108)

**Referral, Identification, and Evaluation**

Any action or decision to be taken by the district involving the referral, identification, or evaluation of a student with disabilities shall be in accordance with the following procedures:

1. A parent/guardian, teacher, other school employee, student success team, or community agency may refer a student to the principal or 504 Coordinator for identification as a student with a disability under Section 504.

*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

2. Upon receipt of any such referral, the principal, 504 Coordinator, or other qualified individual with expertise in the area of the student's suspected disability shall consider the referral and determine whether an evaluation is appropriate. This determination shall be based on a review of the student's school records, including those in academic and nonacademic areas of the school program; consultation with the student's teacher(s), other professionals, and the parent/guardian, as appropriate; and analysis of the student's needs.

If it is determined that an evaluation is unnecessary, the principal or 504 Coordinator shall inform the parents/guardians in writing of this decision and of the procedural safeguards available, as described in the "Procedural Safeguards" section below.

3. If the student needs or is believed to need special education or related services under Section 504, the district shall conduct an evaluation of the student prior to his/her initial placement. (34 CFR 104.35)

Prior to conducting an initial evaluation of a student for eligibility under Section 504, the district shall obtain written parent/guardian consent.

The district's evaluation procedures shall ensure that the tests and other evaluation materials: (34 CFR 104.35)

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- a. Have been validated and are administered by trained personnel in conformance with the instruction provided by the test publishers
- b. Are tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and are not merely designed to provide a single general intelligence quotient
- c. Reflect the student's aptitude or achievement or whatever else the tests purport to measure rather than his/her impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, except where those skills are the factors that the tests purport to measure

**Section 504 Services Plan and Placement**

Services and placement decisions for students with disabilities shall be determined as follows:

1. A multidisciplinary 504 team shall be convened to review the evaluation data in order to make placement decisions.

The 504 team shall consist of a group of persons knowledgeable about the student, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. (34 CFR 104.35)

In interpreting evaluation data and making placement decisions, the team shall draw upon information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior. The team shall also ensure that information obtained from all such sources is documented and carefully considered and that the placement decision is made in conformity with 34 CFR 104.34. (34 CFR 104.35)

2. If, upon evaluation, a student is determined to be eligible for services under Section 504, the team shall meet to develop a written 504 services plan which shall specify the types of regular or special education services, accommodations, and supplementary aids and services necessary to ensure that the student receives FAPE.

The parents/guardians shall be invited to participate in the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to examine all relevant records.

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*

*(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*

*(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*

*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*

3. If the 504 team determines that no services are necessary for the student, the record of the team's meeting shall reflect whether or not the student has been identified as a

**IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 504** (continued)

person with a disability under Section 504 and shall state the basis for the determination that no special services are presently needed. The student's parent/guardian shall be informed in writing of his/her rights and procedural safeguards, as described in the "Procedural Safeguards" section below.

4. The student shall be placed in the regular educational environment, unless the district can demonstrate that the education of the student in the regular environment with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. The student shall be educated with those who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to his/her individual needs. (34 CFR 104.34)
5. The district shall complete the identification, evaluation, and placement process within a reasonable time frame. The district shall adhere to this time frame regardless of any extended school breaks or times that school is otherwise not in session.
6. A copy of the student's Section 504 services plan shall be kept in his/her student record. The student's teacher(s) and any other staff who provide services to the student shall be informed of the plan's requirements.

If a student transfers to another school within the district, the principal or designee at the school from which the student is transferring shall ensure that the principal or designee at the new school receives a copy of the plan prior to the student's enrollment in the new school.

*(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)*  
*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

**Review and Reevaluation**

The 504 team shall monitor the progress of the student and, at least annually, shall review the effectiveness of the student's Section 504 services plan to determine whether the services are appropriate and necessary and whether the student's needs are being met as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met. In addition, each student with a disability under Section 504 shall be reevaluated at least once every three years.

A reevaluation of the student's needs shall be conducted before any subsequent significant change in placement. (34 CFR 104.35)

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*  
*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

**Procedural Safeguards**

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of students with disabilities of all actions and decisions by the district regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of their children. He/she also shall notify the parents/guardians of all

**IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 504** (continued)

the procedural safeguards available to them if they disagree with the district's action or decision, including an opportunity to examine all relevant records and an impartial hearing in which they shall have the right to participate. (34 CFR 104.36)

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

If a parent/guardian disagrees with any district action or decision regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of his/her child under Section 504, he/she may request a Section 504 due process hearing within 30 days of that action or decision.

Prior to requesting a Section 504 due process hearing, the parent/guardian may, at his/her discretion, but within 30 days of the district's action or decision, request an administrative review of the action or decision. The Coordinator shall designate an appropriate administrator to meet with the parent/guardian to attempt to resolve the issue and the administrative review shall be held within 14 days of receiving the parent/guardian's request. If the parent/guardian is not satisfied with the resolution of the issue, or if the parent/guardian did not request an administrative review, he/she may request a Section 504 due process hearing.

A Section 504 due process hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The parent/guardian shall submit a written request to the Coordinator within 30 days of receiving the district's decision or, if an administrative review is held, within 14 days of the completion of the review. The request for the due process hearing shall include:
  - a. The specific nature of the decision with which he/she disagrees
  - b. The specific relief he/she seeks
  - c. Any other information he/she believes is pertinent to resolving the disagreement
2. Within 30 days of receiving the parent/guardian's request, the Superintendent or designee and 504 Coordinator shall select an impartial hearing officer. This 30-day deadline may be extended for good cause or by mutual agreement of the parties.
3. Within 45 days of the selection of the hearing officer, the Section 504 due process hearing shall be conducted and a written decision mailed to all parties. This 45-day deadline may be extended for good cause or by mutual agreement of the parties.
4. The parties to the hearing shall be afforded the right to:

**IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 504** (continued)

- a. Be accompanied and advised by legal counsel and by individuals with special knowledge or training related to the problems of students with disabilities under Section 504
- b. Present written and oral evidence
- c. Question and cross-examine witnesses
- d. Receive written findings by the hearing officer stating the decision and explaining the reasons for the decision

If desired, either party may seek a review of the hearing officer's decision by a federal court of competent jurisdiction.

**Notifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district has taken appropriate steps to notify students and parents/guardians of the district's duty under Section 504. (34 CFR 104.32)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**Instruction**  
**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**

BP 6170.1(a)

The Board of Trustees desires to offer a high-quality transitional kindergarten (TK) program for eligible children who do not yet meet the minimum age criterion for kindergarten. The TK program shall assist students in developing the academic, social, and emotional skills needed to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The district's TK program shall be the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. (Education Code 48000)

The Board encourages ongoing collaboration among district preschool staff, other preschool providers, elementary teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the district's TK program.

**Eligibility**

The district's TK program shall admit children as follows: (Education Code 48000):

1. For the 2024-25 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and June 2
2. For the 2025-26 school year, and in each school year thereafter, children who turn four by September 1

A child's eligibility for TK enrollment shall not impact family eligibility for a preschool or childcare program, including but not limited to, a Head Start program, a childcare center serving children through an alternative payment program, a general childcare and development program, a California State Preschool Program (CSPP), a migrant childcare and development program, childcare and development services for children with special needs, or a program serving children through a CalWORKs Stage 1, Stage 2, or Stage 3 program. (Education Code 48000).

Parents/guardians of eligible children shall be notified of the availability of the TK program and of the age, residency, immunization, and any other enrollment requirements. Enrollment in the TK program shall be voluntary.

On a case-by-case basis, a child whose fifth birthday is on or before September 1 may be admitted into the district's TK program upon request of a child's parents/guardians, if the Superintendent or designee determines that it is in the child's best interest.

At any time during the school year, the district may admit into the TK program a child whose fifth birthday is after the date specified for admittance for the applicable year as described above, provided that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board

**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (continued)**

determines that enrollment in a TK program is in the child's best interest and the child's parents/guardians approve. Prior to such enrollment, the child's parents/guardians shall be provided information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of early admittance. (Education Code 48000)

Additionally, the district may enroll an early enrollment child in TK whose fourth birthday is between June 3 and September 1, inclusive, preceding the school year during which they are enrolled in TK. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain any classroom that includes an early enrollment child with a classroom enrollment that does not exceed 20 students and an adult-to-student ratio of at least one adult to every 10 students. Additionally, if an early enrollment child is enrolled in TK, the district shall concurrently offer enrollment to the child in the district's CSPP, subject to available space. (Education Code 48000.15)

**Curriculum and Instruction**

The district's TK program shall be based on a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. (Education Code 48000)

The program shall be aligned with the preschool learning foundations and preschool curriculum frameworks developed by the California Department of Education (CDE). It shall be designed to facilitate students' development in essential knowledge and skills related to language and literacy, mathematics, physical development, health, visual and performing arts, science, history-social science, English language development, and social-emotional development.

Students in TK are not required to be assessed in English listening and speaking for purposes of initial identification as an English Learning. However the district shall conduct the Home Language Survey during enrollment to identify whether the primary or native language of a student is other than English.

The Board shall establish the length of the school day in the district's TK program, which shall be at least three hours but no more than four hours long, including recess but excluding noon intermission, except for TK students enrolled in expanded learning opportunity programs provided by the district pursuant to Education Code 46120. If the district has adopted an extended-day kindergarten, the length of the school day for the TK program may be different than the length of the school day for the kindergarten program either at the same or different school sites. The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to CDE as to whether the district's TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both. (Education Code 8973, 37202, 46111, 46115, 46117, 48003)

**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians and relevant community groups, in accordance with the plan developed for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten that meet the needs of parents/guardians, including through partnerships with the district's expanded learning offerings, the After School Education and Safety Program, CSPP, Head Start programs, and other community-based early learning and care programs.

TK students may be placed in the same classrooms as kindergarten students when necessary, provided that the instructional program is differentiated to meet student needs.

TK students may be commingled in the same classroom with four-year-old students from a CSPP program as long as the commingled program meets all of the requirements of each program as well as the following requirements: (Education Code 8207, 48000):

1. The classroom does not include students enrolled in TK for a second year or students enrolled in a regular kindergarten
2. An observation using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool and CLASS Environmental tool are completed for the classroom
3. All children enrolled for 10 or more hours per week are evaluated using the Desired Results Developmental Profile, as specified in 5 CCR 18272
4. The classroom is taught by a teacher that holds a credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing in accordance with Education Code 44065 and 44256
5. The classroom is in compliance with the adult-child ratio specified in Education Code 8241
6. Contractors of the district report the services, revenues, and expenditures for children in the preschool program in accordance with 5 CCR 18068 except for contractors of the TK program

The district shall maintain an average TK class enrollment of not more than 24 students for each school site, not including students who are continuously enrolled in and meet the minimum day requirement for independent study for more than 14 school days in a school year. (Education Code 48000)

**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (continued)****Staffing**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers assigned to teach in TK classes possess a teaching credential or permit from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) that authorizes such instruction.

A credentialed teacher who is first assigned to a TK class after July 1, 2015, shall, by August 1, 2025, have at least 24 units in early childhood education and/or child development, comparable professional experience in a preschool setting, and/or a child development teacher permit or an early childhood specialist credential issued by CTC. (Education Code 48000)

The Superintendent or designee may provide professional development as needed to ensure that TK teachers are knowledgeable about the standards and effective instructional methods for teaching young children, including, but not limited to, developing competencies in serving inclusive classrooms and dual language learners.

The district shall maintain an average of at least one adult for every 12 students for TK classrooms, and, contingent upon an appropriation of funding, maintain an average of at least one adult for every 10 students commencing with the 2025-26 school year. (Education Code 48000)

**Continuation to Kindergarten**

Students who complete the TK program shall be eligible to continue in kindergarten the following school year. Parents/guardians of such students shall not be required to submit a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form for kindergarten attendance.

However, whenever children who would otherwise be age-eligible for kindergarten are enrolled in TK, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain a Kindergarten Continuance Form signed by the parent/guardian near the end of the TK year consenting to the child's enrollment in kindergarten the following year.

A student shall not attend more than two years in kindergarten or a combination of TK and kindergarten. (Education Code 46300)

**Assessment**

The Superintendent or designee may develop or identify appropriate formal and/or informal assessments of TK students' development and progress. The Superintendent or designee shall monitor and regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation, the

**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (continued)**

progress of students in meeting related academic standards, and student preparedness for future education.

**State Description**

- Ed. Code 37202 Equal time in all schools*
- Ed. Code 44258.9 County superintendent review of teacher assignment*
- Ed. Code 46111 Kindergarten, hours of attendance*
- Ed. Code 46114-46119 Minimum school day, kindergarten*
- Ed. Code 46300 Method of computing average daily attendance*
- Ed. Code 48000 Minimum age of admission for kindergarten; transitional kindergarten*
- Ed. Code 48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade*
- Ed. Code 48003 Kindergarten annual report*
- Ed. Code 48200 Compulsory attendance*
- Ed. Code 8235 California State Preschool Program*
- Ed. Code 8970-8974 Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten*
- Ed. Code 8973 Extended-day kindergarten*

**Management Resources Description**

- California Department of Education Publication 2010 California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 1,*
- California Department of Education Publication 2011 California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 2,*
- California Department of Education Publication 2013 California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 3,*
- California Department of Education Publication California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 1, 2008*
- California Department of Education Publication Desired Results Developmental Profile, 2015*
- California Department of Education Publication Transitional Kindergarten FAQs*
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Policy

**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**TITLE I PROGRAMS**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a high-quality education that enables all students to meet challenging state academic standards. In schools with a large number or percentage of economically disadvantaged families, the district shall use Title I funds to provide services that strengthen the academic program and provide support to students at risk of failing to achieve academic standards.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

Title I funds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, funds available from state and local sources for the education of students participating in Title I programs. (20 USC 6314, 6321)

Descriptions of how the district will address the required components of the Title I local educational agency plan, as specified in 20 USC 6312, shall be included within the district's control and accountability plan (LCAP), the LCAP Federal Addendum, or another document. School-level strategies shall be aligned with the district's plan and be tailored to the specific needs of the students at the school.

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)*  
*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

In addition, the district and each school receiving Title I funds shall develop a written parent/guardian and family engagement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

**Comparability of Services**

In schools receiving Title I funds, state and local funds shall be used to provide services that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services in schools that are not receiving Title I funds or, if all district schools are receiving Title I funds, that are substantially comparable in each school. Comparability may be determined on a school-by-school basis or by grade span. (20 USC 6321)

To demonstrate comparability of services among district schools, the district shall:

1. Adopt and implement a districtwide salary schedule
2. Ensure equivalence in teachers, administrators, and other staff, as measured by either or both of the following:

**TITLE I PROGRAMS** (continued)

- a. The ratio of students to instructional staff at each Title I school within a grade span, which shall not exceed 110 percent of the average ratio for all non-Title I district schools within that grade span
  - b. Salary expenditures for instructional staff at each Title I school, which shall be no less than 90 percent of the average salary expenditure across non-Title I district schools.
3. Ensure equivalence in the provision of curriculum materials and instructional supplies, by determining whether the per-student expenditure of state and local funds for curriculum materials and instructional supplies in Title I schools is between 90 and 110 percent of the districtwide average
  4. Determine whether the amount of state and local funds allocated per student for each grade span is between 90 and 110 percent of the per student average for each grade span in non-Title I schools

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

In determining comparability, the district shall not include staff salary differentials for years of employment. The district also may exclude unpredictable changes in student enrollment or personnel assignments that occur after the beginning of the school year, state and local funds expended for language instruction educational programs, state and local funds expended for the excess costs of providing services to students with disabilities, and supplemental state or local funds expended in any school attendance area or school for programs that specifically meet the intent and purposes of Title I. (20 USC 6321)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually assess comparability in accordance with the above criteria and maintain records documenting the district's compliance. If any instances of noncomparability are identified, the Superintendent or designee shall promptly implement adjustments as needed to ensure comparability.

**Participation of Private School Students**

The district shall provide or contract to provide special educational services, instructional services (including evaluations to determine the progress being made in meeting students' academic needs), counseling, mentoring, one-on-one tutoring, or other Title I benefits to eligible private school students residing in a participating school attendance area. Such services and benefits shall be provided on an equitable basis in comparison to services and other benefits for public school students. (20 USC 6320, 7881)

**Program Evaluation**

The Board shall regularly monitor the progress of economically disadvantaged and low-achieving students in Title I schools. During the annual evaluation of the district's progress

**TITLE I PROGRAMS** (continued)

toward achieving each goal identified in the LCAP or other planning document addressing 20 USC 6312, the Board shall review disaggregated data on academic achievement, school attendance, and other outcomes for such students and shall ensure that strategies are revised as necessary to support continuous improvement.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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6311-6322 Improving basic programs for disadvantaged students, including:

6312 Local educational agency plan

6313 Eligibility of schools and school attendance areas; funding allocation

6314 Title I schoolwide programs

6315 Targeted assistance schools

6318 Parent and family engagement

6320 Participation of private school students

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**TITLE I PROGRAMS**

**Schoolwide Programs**

A school may operate a Title I schoolwide program in order to upgrade the entire educational program of the school when at least 40 percent of the students in the school attendance area, or at least 40 percent of the students enrolled in the school, are from low-income families. (20 USC 6314; 34 CFR 200.25)

A school that does not meet these criteria may operate a Title I schoolwide program if it receives a waiver from the California Department of Education. (20 USC 6314)

Any school operating a schoolwide program shall develop a comprehensive plan with the involvement of parents/guardians, other members of the community to be served, and individuals who will carry out the plan, including teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals present in the school, administrators (including administrators of other federal education programs), the district, tribes and tribal organizations present in the community, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel, technical assistance providers, school staff, secondary school students as applicable, and other individuals determined by the school. (20 USC 6314)

*(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)*

The schoolwide program plan shall be based on a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school and shall be incorporated into a single plan for student achievement which also incorporates the plans required for other categorical programs included in the state's consolidated application. (Education Code 64001; 20 USC 6314)

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

The plan shall describe the strategies that the school will implement to address school needs, including a description of how such strategies will: (20 USC 6314)

1. Provide opportunities for all students, including economically disadvantaged students, ethnic subgroups, students with disabilities, and English learners, to meet state academic standards

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

2. Use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the school's academic program, increase the amount and quality of learning time, and help provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum, which may include programs, activities, and courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education

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

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

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*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*  
*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)*

3. Address the needs of all students in the school, but particularly the needs of those at risk of not meeting state academic standards, through activities which may include the following:
  - a. Counseling, school-based mental health programs, specialized instructional support services, mentoring services, and other strategies to improve students' skills outside the academic subject areas

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*  
*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

- b. Preparation for and awareness of opportunities for postsecondary education and the workforce, which may include career and technical education programs and broadening secondary school students' access to coursework to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school

*(cf. 6141.4 - International Baccalaureate Program)*  
*(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)*  
*(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

- c. Implementation of a schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address problem behavior, and early intervention services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
  - d. Professional development and other activities for teachers, paraprofessionals, and other school personnel to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments and to recruit and retain effective teachers, particularly in high-need subjects

*(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)*  
*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

- e. Strategies for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

The plan shall also include a description of any applicable federal, state, and local programs that will be consolidated in the schoolwide program. (20 USC 6314; 34 CFR 200.27)

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The plan and its implementation shall be regularly monitored and revised as necessary based on student needs to ensure that all students are provided opportunities to meet state academic standards. (20 USC 6314)

**Targeted Assistance Programs**

Any school that receives Title I funds but does not operate a schoolwide program shall use Title I funds to provide services to eligible students who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards. Students shall be identified on the basis of multiple, educationally related, objective criteria, except that students in preschool through grade 2 shall be selected solely on the basis of criteria, including objective criteria, established by the district and supplemented by the school. (20 USC 6315)

Eligible students include those who are economically disadvantaged; students with disabilities; migrant students, including those who participated in a migrant education program pursuant to 20 USC 6391-6399 in the preceding two years; English learners; students who participated in a Head Start or state preschool program in the preceding two years; students in a local institution for neglected or delinquent children and youth or attending a community day program for such students; and homeless students. (20 USC 6315)

Any targeted assistance program shall: (20 USC 6315)

1. Use program resources to help participating students meet state academic standards, which may include programs, activities, and academic courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education
2. Use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the academic program, through activities which may include:
  - a. Expanded learning time, before- and after-school programs, and summer programs and opportunities
  - b. A schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address behavior problems, and early intervention services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
3. Coordinate with and support the regular education program, which may include services to assist preschool students in the transition to elementary school programs
4. Provide professional development to teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel and other school personnel who work with eligible students in Title I programs or in the regular education program. The professional development shall be provided using funds from Title I and, to the extent practicable, other sources.

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5. Implement strategies to increase the involvement of parents/guardians of participating students
6. If appropriate and applicable, coordinate and integrate federal, state, and local services and programs, such as programs supported by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start programs, adult education programs, career technical education programs, and comprehensive or targeted support and improvement activities under 20 USC 6311
7. Provide assurances to the Superintendent or designee that the program will:
  - a. Help provide an accelerated, high-quality curriculum
  - b. Minimize the removal of students from the regular classroom during regular school hours for instruction supported by Title I funds
  - c. On an ongoing basis, review the progress of participating students and revise the targeted assistance program, if necessary, to provide additional assistance to enable such students to meet state academic standards

**Participation of Private School Students**

Teachers and families of participating private school students shall have an opportunity to participate, on an equitable basis, in parent/guardian and family engagement activities and professional development pursuant to 20 USC 6318. (20 USC 6320, 7881)

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall contact officials of private schools with students who reside within district boundaries, regardless of whether the private school they attend is located within the district or whether or not those officials have previously indicated any interest in program participation, and invite them to a meeting to discuss the intent of Title I and the roles of public and private school officials.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with appropriate private school officials, in a meaningful and timely manner, during the design and development of the district's Title I programs, with the goal of reaching agreement on how to provide equitable and effective programs for eligible private school students. Such consultation shall occur before the district makes any decision that affects the opportunities of eligible private school students to participate in Title I programs and shall include consultation on issues such as the following: (20 USC 6320, 7881; 34 CFR 200.56)

1. How the needs of private school students will be identified
2. What services will be offered

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3. How, where, and by whom the services will be provided
4. How the services will be academically assessed and how assessment results will be used to improve those services
5. The size and scope of the equitable services to be provided to eligible private school students, the proportion of funds to be allocated for such services, and how that proportion of funds is determined
6. The method or sources of data that are used to determine the number of students from low-income families in participating school attendance areas who attend private schools
7. How and when the district will make decisions about the delivery of services to such students, including a thorough consideration and analysis of the views of private school officials on the provision of services through a third-party provider
8. How, if the district disagrees with the views of private school officials on the provision of services through a third-party provider, the district will provide to private school officials a written analysis of the reasons that the district has chosen not to use a contractor
9. Whether the district will provide services directly or through a separate government agency, consortium, entity, or third-party contractor
10. Whether to provide services to eligible private school students by pooling funds or on a school-by-school basis
11. When services will be provided, including the approximate time of day
12. Whether to consolidate and use funds provided under Title I with other funds available for services to private school students

If the district disagrees with the views of private school officials with respect to any of the above issues, the district shall provide the officials, in writing, the reasons that the district disagrees. (20 USC 6320)

Meetings between district and private school officials shall continue throughout implementation and assessment of services. (20 USC 6320)

The district shall maintain, and shall provide to the CDE, a written affirmation signed by officials of each participating private school that consultation has occurred. The affirmation shall provide the option for private school officials to indicate their belief that timely and meaningful consultation has not occurred or that the program design is not equitable with respect to private school students. If private school officials do not provide the affirmation

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within a reasonable period of time, the district shall send documentation to the CDE demonstrating that the consultation has, or attempts at such consultation have, taken place. (20 USC 6320)

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

The Superintendent or designee shall also maintain copies of program descriptions, notices, funding allocations, and other communications and records pertaining to the provision of services to private school students.

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGE CLASSES**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide opportunities for eligible district students to enroll concurrently in courses offered at postsecondary institutions in order to foster individual student achievement, increase opportunities for students to complete college preparatory course requirements and/or participate in career technical education (CTE), and prepare students for a smooth transition into college by providing exposure to the collegiate environment.

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

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

*(cf. [6178](#) - Career Technical Education)*

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

When it is determined that the postsecondary course in which the student intends to enroll is substantially equivalent to a course provided by the district, the student may receive credit toward high school graduation requirements in addition to credit received from the college.

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

*(cf. [6146.11](#) - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*

**Approval of Concurrent Enrollment**

The Board may approve a limited number of students of any age or grade level to apply for part-time or full-time concurrent enrollment in a community college or four-year college when it is determined to be in the student's best interest and the student is adequately prepared for such coursework.

Upon recommendation of the principal and with parent/guardian consent, the Board may authorize a student to attend a community college during any session or term as a special part-time or full-time student and to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered at the community college level. (Education Code [48800](#))

Within the enrollment limits and exceptions allowed by law, the principal may recommend a student for community college summer session if that student demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied and exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at the school of attendance. (Education Code [48800](#))

A student's parent/guardian, regardless of the student's age or grade level, may petition the Board to authorize special full-time attendance at a community college on the ground that the student would benefit from advanced scholastic or career technical work that would be available. If the petition is denied, an appeal may be filed with the County Board of Education. (Education Code [48800.5](#))

If the Board denies a request for special part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for a student who is identified as highly gifted and talented, the Board shall issue its

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written recommendation and the reasons for the denial at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting that falls at least 30 days, but within 60 days, after the request has been submitted. (Education Code [48800](#), [48800.5](#))

The Board may authorize a student who is pursuing a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate through an adult education program, upon recommendation of the administrator of the student's adult school, to attend a community college during any session or term as a special part-time student. (Education Code 52620)

(cf. [6146.2](#) - *Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency*)

(cf. [6200](#) - *Adult Education*)

**College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships**

The Board may enter into a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership agreement with the board of a community college district for the purpose of offering or expanding dual enrollment opportunities for students. The agreement shall be approved at an open public Board meeting, with an opportunity for public input provided prior to the Board taking action. If the CCAP agreement provides for CTE pathways, the Board shall consult with and consider input from appropriate local workforce board(s) to determine the extent to which the pathways are aligned with regional and statewide employment needs. (Education Code [76004](#))

**Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the number and demographics of district students participating in the concurrent enrollment option, their success in completing college preparatory courses ("a-g" courses) and postsecondary courses, and any impact on their achievement in district courses and graduation rates.

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

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

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

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[11300-11302](#) *Early and middle college high schools*

[42238.02](#) *Definition of unduplicated student*

[46141](#) *Minimum day, high school*

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[48800-48802](#) *Enrollment of gifted students in community college*

[51225.3](#) *Alternative means of satisfying graduation requirements*

52620 *Adult education and attendance at community college*

[76000-76004](#) *Enrollment in community college*

[76140](#) *No community college fee/tuition for special part-time students*

[87010](#) *Definition of sex offense*

[87011](#) *Definition of controlled substance offense*

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WEB SITES

California Community Colleges: <http://www.cccco.edu>

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

California Postsecondary Education Commission: <http://www.cpec.ca.gov>

California State University: <http://www.calstate.edu>

Foundation for California Community Colleges: <http://foundationccc.org>

University of California: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGE CLASSES****Credit**

Unless enrolled as part of a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership agreement in which students are authorized to take up to 15 units per term in a community college, as described below, district students enrolled in a community college as special part-time students may enroll in up to 11 units per semester, or the equivalent. Such students shall receive credit for community college courses that they complete in an amount jointly determined appropriate by the district and the community college governing board. (Education Code [48800](#), [76001](#), [76004](#))

*(cf. [6146.11](#) - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*

A written agreement regarding the student's enrollment in postsecondary courses and the credits to be awarded for successful completion shall be signed by the student, parent/guardian, principal, and college representative. The student shall be informed whether the credits to be earned are considered academic credits or elective credits, whether the credits count towards high school graduation requirements, and whether the course would need to be completed again during the college years to satisfy college graduation requirements.

To receive district credit for coursework completed at a community college or four-year college, the student or parent/guardian shall submit a transcript showing completion of the course with a passing grade.

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

**College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships**

The district may enter into a CCAP agreement, in accordance with Education Code [76004](#), which includes terms regarding course offerings, student eligibility, protocols for sharing information, joint facilities use, and staff qualifications.

A copy of the CCAP agreement shall be filed with the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and with the California Department of Education before the start of the agreement. (Education Code [76004](#))

Only courses that provide career technical education or preparation for transfer, assist in improving high school graduation rates, or help high school students achieve college and career readiness shall be offered, and physical education courses shall not be provided. (Education Code [76004](#))

Students may enroll in up to 15 units of community college courses per term if all of the following circumstances are satisfied: (Education Code [76004](#))

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1. The units constitute no more than four community college courses per term.
2. The units are part of an academic program that is part of a CCAP agreement.
3. The units are part of an academic program that is designed to award students both a high school diploma and an associate degree or a certificate or credential.

A high school student shall submit one parental consent form and principal recommendation for the duration of the student's concurrent enrollment under a CCAP partnership. (Education Code [76004](#))

The district shall report information annually to the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges as specified in Education Code [76004](#).

**Minimum School Day**

The minimum day of attendance in district schools shall be 180 minutes for any student who is enrolled part-time in a community college and any student in grades 11-12 who is enrolled part-time in the California State University or University of California, when the student is enrolled in classes for which academic credit will be provided upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses. (Education Code [46146](#), [48801](#))

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

A student enrolled full-time at a community college shall be exempted from full-time attendance in the district's regular education program. (Education Code [48800.5](#))

(cf. [5112.1](#) - *Exemptions from Attendance*)

However, both part-time and full-time community college students shall be required to undertake courses of instruction of a scope and duration sufficient to satisfy the requirements of law. (Education Code [48800.5](#), [48801](#))

**Community College Classes on High School Campus**

If a community college class is to be offered at a district high school campus, the class shall be held during the time the campus is open to the general public as determined by the Governing Board. Members of the public who are enrolled in community college class(es) shall register immediately upon entering school buildings or grounds.

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

(cf. [1250](#) - *Visitors/Outsiders*)

(cf. [3515](#) - *Campus Security*)

(cf. [4157/4257/4357](#) - *Employee Safety*)

(cf. [5142](#) - *Safety*)

**CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGE CLASSES** (continued)

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**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

The Board of Trustees believes that the identification of students experiencing homelessness is critical to improving the educational outcomes of such students and ensuring that students experiencing homelessness have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students within the district. The district shall provide students experiencing homelessness with access to education and other services necessary for such students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

When there are at least 15 students experiencing homelessness in the district or a district school, the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of students experiencing homelessness. (Education Code 52052, 52060, 52064)

The Superintendent or designee shall review district policies at least once every three years and recommend updates to ensure removal of any barriers to the education of students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youth. Any such review shall address identification, enrollment, and retention of such students, including those barriers that are due to absences or outstanding fees or fines. (Education Code 48851.3, 42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall designate an appropriate staff person to serve as a liaison for homeless children and youths. The district liaison for homeless students shall fulfill the duties specified in 42 USC 11432 to assist in identifying and supporting students experiencing homelessness to succeed in school, and as specified in Education Code 48851.3 related to trainings for district staff providing assistance to student experiencing homelessness.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each district school identifies all students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youths enrolled at the school. (Education Code 48851)

To ensure easy identification of students experiencing homelessness, the Superintendent or designee shall annually provide and administer a housing questionnaire developed by the California Department of Education (CDE) to all parents/guardians of students and all unaccompanied youths. (Education Code 48851)

If the primary language of a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth is not English, either the housing questionnaire shall be made available in the primary language of the student's parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth pursuant to Education Code 48985, or an appropriate translation of the housing questionnaire shall be provided upon request of a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth. (Education Code 48851)

The Superintendent or designee shall report to CDE the number of students experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied youths, enrolled in the district as identified from the housing questionnaire described above. (Education Code 48851)

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Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district liaison's contact information and other information on homelessness, including, but not limited to, information regarding the educational rights and resources available to persons experiencing homelessness, are posted on the district and school web sites as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48852.6)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for students experiencing homelessness are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

Each student experiencing homelessness shall be provided services that are comparable to services offered to other students in the school, including, but not limited to, transportation, educational programs for which the student meets the eligibility criteria (such as federal Title I services or similar state or local programs, programs for students with disabilities, and educational programs for English learners), career and technical education programs, programs for gifted and talented students, and school nutrition programs. (42 USC 11432)

Students experiencing homelessness shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way. However, the Superintendent or designee may separate students experiencing homelessness on school grounds as necessary for short periods of time for health and safety emergencies or to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet their unique needs. (42 USC 11432, 11433)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that information and/or materials for students experiencing homelessness are provided in a manner and form understandable to the student's parents/guardians and to unaccompanied youths.

Information about the living situation of a student experiencing homelessness shall be considered part of a student's educational record, subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, shall not be deemed to be directory information as defined in 20 USC 1232g, and shall not be released without written consent. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with other agencies and entities to ensure that students experiencing homelessness are promptly identified, ensure that students experiencing homelessness have access to and are in reasonable proximity to available education and related support services, and raise the awareness of school personnel and service providers of the effects of short-term stays in a shelter and other challenges associated with homelessness. Toward these ends, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local social services agencies, other agencies or entities providing services to students experiencing homelessness, and, if applicable, transitional housing facilities. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate transportation, transfer of school records, and other interdistrict activities with other local educational agencies. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate, within the district and with other involved local educational agencies, services for students experiencing homelessness and services for students with disabilities. (42 USC 11432)

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN** (continued)

At least annually, the district liaison and other appropriate staff shall participate in professional development and other technical assistance activities to assist them in identifying and meeting the needs of students experiencing homelessness. Such professional development and technical assistance shall include, but are not limited to, training on the district's homeless education program policies, definitions of terms related to homelessness, recognition of signs that students are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness, the steps that should be taken once a potentially homeless student is identified, and how to connect students experiencing homelessness with appropriate housing and service providers. (Education Code 48851.3, 48852.5; 42 USC 11432)

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the identification of and outcomes for students experiencing homelessness, which may include, but are not limited to, the housing questionnaire responses, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, suspension/expulsion rates, and other outcomes related to any goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP. Based on the evaluation data, the district shall revise its strategies as needed to more effectively identify and support the education of students experiencing homelessness.

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Ed. Code 39807.5

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Ed. Code 48915.5

Ed. Code 48918.1

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Ed. Code 51225.1-51225.3

Ed. Code 52052

Ed. Code 52060-52077

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20 USC 1232g

20 USC 1400-1482

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42 USC 12705

**Management Resources**

California Child Welfare Council

California Department of Education Publication

California Department of Education Publication

National Center for Homeless Education  
Publication

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Education of students in foster care and students who are homeless

Identification of homeless children and youths and unaccompanied  
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Local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths

Notice of educational rights of homeless students

Web site posting of information regarding homelessness

Education of homeless students; immediate enrollment

Definitions

Recommended expulsion, homeless student with disabilities

Notice of recommended expulsion

Notices to parents in language other than English

Graduation requirements

Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

Local control and accountability plan

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid; definitions

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

State plan

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; state and local  
strategies**Description**

Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations

2021-22 Federal Program Monitoring Instrument, May 2021

Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process, March 2020

Homeless Liaison Toolkit, 2020

Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, Non-Regulatory  
Guidance, August 2018[California State University](#)[University of California](#)[California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth  
Education](#)[National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE](#)[National Homelessness Law Center](#)[U.S. Department of Education - Education for Homeless Children and  
Youths Grants for State and Local Activities](#)[California Community Colleges](#)[California Interscholastic Federation](#)[California Child Welfare Council](#)**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

**Definitions**

*Homeless students* or *students experiencing homelessness* means students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes: (Education Code 48859; 42 USC 11434a)

1. Students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals
2. Students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
3. Students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in conditions described in items #1-3 above

*Unaccompanied youth* includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. (Education Code 48859; 42 USC 11434a)

*School of origin* means the school that the student experiencing homelessness attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled, including a preschool. If the school the student experiencing homelessness attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which the student was last enrolled, or if there is some other school that the student attended within the preceding 15 months and with which the student is connected, the district liaison for homeless students, in consultation with and with the agreement of the student experiencing homelessness and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, shall determine which school is, in the best interests of the student experiencing homelessness, deemed the school of origin. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

*Best interest* means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a student experiencing homelessness, consideration is given to, among other factors, educational stability, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress, and the student's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students. (Education Code 48850, 48853; 42 USC 11432)

**District Liaison**

The Superintendent designates the following staff person as the district liaison for homeless

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN** (continued)

students: (42 USC 11432)

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The district's liaison for homeless students shall: (Education Code 48851.5, 48852.5; 42 USC 11432)

1. Ensure that students experiencing homelessness are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies
2. Ensure that students experiencing homelessness are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, district schools
3. Ensure that families and students experiencing homelessness have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including services through Head Start and Early Head Start programs, early intervention services under Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other preschool programs administered by the district
4. Ensure that families and students experiencing homelessness receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services
5. Inform parents/guardians of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and ensure that they are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children
6. Disseminate public notice of the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness in locations frequented by parents/guardians of students experiencing homelessness and by unaccompanied youth, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and hunger relief agencies (soup kitchens)

The rights shall be presented in a manner and form understandable to the parents/guardians of homeless students and unaccompanied youth.

7. Mediate enrollment disputes in accordance with law and the section "Resolving Enrollment Disputes" below
8. Fully inform parents/guardians of students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youth of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and assist them in accessing transportation to the school of choice

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9. Offer annual training related to the district's homeless education program policies to school personnel who provide services to students experiencing homelessness, including principals and other school leaders, attendance officers, teachers, enrollment personnel, and specialized instructional support personnel, to ensure that such employees are informed of available training, professional development, and other support, and the services provided by the district liaison for homeless students
10. Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school, have opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic standards established for other students, and are informed of their status as independent students under 20 USC 1087vv and that they may receive assistance from the district liaison to receive verification of their independent student status for purposes of applying for federal student aid pursuant to 20 USC 1090
11. Coordinate and collaborate with state coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to students experiencing homelessness, including the collection and provision of comprehensive data to the state coordinator as required by law

Additionally, when notified pursuant to Education Code 48918.1, the district liaison shall assist, facilitate, or represent a student experiencing homelessness who is undergoing a disciplinary proceeding that could result in the student's expulsion. When notified pursuant to Education Code 48915.5, the district liaison shall participate in an individualized education program (IEP) team meeting to make a manifestation determination regarding the behavior of a student with a disability.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students experiencing homelessness, their parents/guardians, school personnel, service providers, and advocates working with homeless families of the duties of the district's liaison. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the name and contact information of the district's liaison to the California Department of Education (CDE) for publishing on CDE's web site. (42 USC 11432)

**Enrollment**

The district shall make placement decisions for students experiencing homelessness based on the student's best interest. (Education Code 48850; 42 USC 11432)

In determining a student's best interest, a student experiencing homelessness shall, to the extent feasible, be placed in the school of origin, unless the student's parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth requests otherwise. (Education Code 48850; 42 USC 11432)

When determining the best interest of any student experiencing homelessness, the district shall give priority to the request of the student's parent/guardian, or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the request of the student. Additionally, the student's educational stability and opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress and other student-centered factors related to the student's best

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interest, including the impact of mobility on the student's achievement, education, health, and safety, shall be considered. (Education Code 48850; 42 USC 11432)

Such factors may include, but are not limited to, the age of the student, the distance of the commute and the impact it may have on the student's education, personal safety issues, the student's need for special instruction, the length of anticipated stay in the temporary shelter or other temporary location, likely area of future housing, school placement of siblings, and the time remaining in the school year.

However, placement decisions shall not be based on whether a student experiencing homelessness lives with the student's homeless parent/guardian or has been temporarily placed elsewhere. (42 USC 11432)

In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the district liaison shall assist in placement or enrollment decisions, give priority to the views of the student, and provide notice to the student of the right to appeal. (42 USC 11432)

Once a placement decision has been made, the principal or designee shall immediately enroll the student in the school of choice. The student shall be enrolled even if the student:  
(Education Code 48850, 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and records of immunization and other required health records
4. Has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness

The principal or designee shall immediately contact the school last attended by the student to obtain the relevant records. If the student needs to obtain immunizations or does not possess immunization or other required health records, the principal or designee shall immediately refer the parent/guardian to the district liaison for homeless students. The district liaison shall assist the parent/guardian, or the student if the student is an unaccompanied youth, in obtaining the necessary immunizations, screenings, or records for the student. (42 USC 11432)

If the student is placed at a school other than the school of origin or the school requested by the student's parent/guardian or the student, if an unaccompanied youth, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the reasons for the decision, including why placement in the student's school of origin or requested school is not in the student's best interest, along with a statement

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regarding the right to appeal the placement decision. The written explanation shall be in a manner and form understandable to such parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth. (42 USC 11432)

At the point of any change or subsequent change in the residence of a student experiencing homelessness, the student may continue attending the student's school of origin for the duration of the homelessness. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

To ensure that the student experiencing homelessness has the benefit of matriculating with the student's peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns, the following shall apply: (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

1. If the student is transitioning between grade levels, the student shall be allowed to continue in the same attendance area.
2. If the student is transitioning to a middle school or high school, and the school designated for matriculation is in another school district, the student shall be allowed to continue to the school designated for matriculation in that district.

If the student's housing status changes before the end of the school year so that the student is no longer experiencing homelessness, the student shall be allowed to stay in the school of origin: (Education Code 48852.7)

1. Through the duration of the school year if the student is in grades K-8
2. Through graduation if the student is in high school

When the district offers an intersession program, priority access shall be given to students experiencing homelessness. If a student experiencing homelessness will be moving during an intersession period, the student's parent/guardian, educational rights holder, or Indian custodian in the case of an Indian child, or, if there is no parent/guardian, educational rights holder, or Indian custodian, the unaccompanied homeless youth shall determine which school the student attends for the intersession period. (Education Code 48850)

**Resolving Enrollment Disputes**

If a dispute arises over student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in a particular school, the matter shall be referred to the district liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible. (42 USC 11432)

The parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of any decisions related to eligibility, school selection, or enrollment and of the right of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth to appeal such decisions. (42 USC 11432)

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The written explanation shall include:

1. A description of the action proposed or refused by the district
2. An explanation of why the action is proposed or refused
3. A description of any other options the district considered and the reasons that any other options were rejected
4. A description of any other factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility or best interest determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their sources
5. Appropriate timelines to ensure any relevant deadlines are not missed
6. Contact information for the district liaison and state coordinator, and a brief description of those roles

The written explanation shall be complete, as brief as possible, simply stated, and provided in language that the parent/guardian or student can understand.

The district liaison may use an informal process as an alternative to formal dispute resolution procedures, provided that the parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth have access to the more formal process if informal resolution is not successful in resolving the matter.

In working with a student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth to resolve an enrollment dispute, the district liaison shall:

1. Inform the student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth that written and/or oral documentation to support their position may be provided
2. Inform the student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth that they may seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or service providers in having the dispute resolved
3. Provide a simple form that they may use and turn in to the school to initiate the dispute resolution process
4. Provide a copy of the dispute form they submit for their records
5. Provide them the outcome of the dispute for their records

When a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth involved in the enrollment dispute is an English learner, Items #1-5 shall be provided either in the native language of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth or through an interpreter. Any additional support needed because of a disability of that parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be made

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available without a charge.

If a parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth disagrees with the district liaison's enrollment decision, the decision may be appealed to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall make a determination within five working days.

If the parent/guardian chooses to appeal the district's placement decision, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the liaison for homeless students at the county office of education.

Pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals, the student shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought and shall be allowed to attend classes and participate fully in school activities. (42 USC 11432, 11434a)

**Transportation**

The district shall provide transportation for a student experiencing homelessness to and from the student's school of origin when the student is residing within the district and the parent/guardian, or the district liaison in the case of an unaccompanied youth, requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of district boundaries, but continues to attend the student's school of origin within this district, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation. (42 USC 11432)

Any fees that the district charges for home-to-school transportation and other transportation as expressly provided by law shall be waived for students experiencing homelessness. (Education Code 39807.5)

The district shall not be obligated to provide transportation to students who continue attending their school of origin after they secure permanent housing, unless the formerly homeless student has an IEP that includes transportation as a necessary related service for the student. (Education Code 48852.7)

**Transfer of Coursework and Credits**

When a student experiencing homelessness transfers into a district school, the student's coursework and credits shall be transferred as specified in Education Code 51225.2 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.3 – Reciprocity of Academic Credit.

**Applicability of Graduation Requirements**

A student experiencing homelessness who transfers into a district school shall be expected to complete all courses and fulfill graduation requirements as specified in Board Policy 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements, unless the student has completed the second year of high school and thereby exempted from such requirements in accordance with Education Code 51225.1.

**Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities**

A student experiencing homelessness who enrolls in any district school shall have access to extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all students in the

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school, including but not limited to, interscholastic sports administered by the California Interscholastic Federation. (Education Code 48850)

**Notification and Posting Requirements**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a list of the district's liaison(s) and the contact information for such liaison(s), as well as specific information on homelessness, including, but not limited to, information regarding the educational rights and resources available to students experiencing homelessness, are posted on the district's web site. (Education Code 48852.6)

Additionally, each district school that has a website shall also post the contact information for the district liaison and the name and contact information of any employee or other person under contract with the school who assists the district liaison in completing the liaison's duties pursuant to 42 USC 11432. (Education Code 48852.6)

*Legal references on next page*

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5 CCR 4600-4670

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Ed. Code 48850

Ed. Code 48850-48859

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Ed. Code 48852.7

Ed. Code 48859

Ed. Code 48915.5

Ed. Code 48918.1

Ed. Code 48985

Ed. Code 51225.1-51225.3

Ed. Code 52052

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**Federal**

20 USC 1087vv

20 USC 1232g

20 USC 1400-1482

20 USC 6311

42 USC 11431-11435

42 USC 12705

**Description***Uniform complaint procedures**Payment of transportation costs by parents**Academic achievement of students in foster care and homeless children**Education of students in foster care and students who are homeless**Identification of homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths; housing questionnaire**Local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths**Notice of educational rights of homeless students**Web site posting of information regarding homelessness**Education of homeless students; immediate enrollment**Definitions**Recommended expulsion, homeless student with disabilities**Notice of recommended expulsion**Notices to parents in language other than English**Graduation requirements**Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups**Local control and accountability plan***Description***Free Application for Federal Student Aid; definitions**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**State plan**McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; state and local strategies***Management Resources***California Child Welfare Council**California Department of Education Publication**California Department of Education Publication**National Center for Homeless Education**Publication**U.S. Department of Education Guidance**Website**Website**Website**Website***Description***Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations**2021-22 Federal Program Monitoring Instrument, May 2021**Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process, March 2020**Homeless Liaison Toolkit, 2020**Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, Non-Regulatory Guidance, August 2018*[California State University](#)[University of California](#)[California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education](#)[National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE](#)*Website*[National Homelessness Law Center](#)*Website*[U.S. Department of Education - Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grants for State and Local Activities](#)*Website*[California Community Colleges](#)*Website*[California Interscholastic Federation](#)*Website*[California Child Welfare Council](#)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

**DISTRICT EXPLANATION OF DECISION  
RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY, SCHOOL SELECTION, OR ENROLLMENT**

*Instructions: The following form provides notice and explanation to a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth regarding the district's decision related to student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11431-11435), this notification is being provided to either:

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of unaccompanied student: \_\_\_\_\_

School requested: \_\_\_\_\_

District's placement decision (name of school): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of action(s) proposed/refused by the district related to eligibility, school selection, or enrollment, including an explanation of why the action(s) is proposed/refused:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The district's determination regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment was based upon the following evidence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other options the district considered, if any, which were rejected for the following reasons:

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Factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility or best interest determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their sources, if any:

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You have the right to appeal this decision to the district Superintendent. To do so, contact the district's homeless liaison listed below within the next (insert number of days) \_ days to request a Dispute Form. You may provide written or oral documentation to support your position, and may also seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or service providers in the dispute process. The Superintendent or designee will review all the evidence and will notify you of the decision within (insert number of days) \_ days.

If you are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, you may appeal to the \_\_\_\_\_(insert county name)County Office of Education (COE). If you are not satisfied with the COE's decision, you may then appeal to the California Department of Education (CDE). The district's homeless liaison can assist you with this appeal.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

District Liaison: The district liaison is one of the primary contacts between homeless families and school or district staff. The liaison is responsible for coordinating services to ensure that homeless students enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically, and mediates enrollment disputes as needed.

Name of District's homeless liaison: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

County Liaison: If you appeal the district's decision to the COE, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the homeless liaison at the COE. The county liaison will review the materials and determine the eligibility, school

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selection, or enrollment decision within five working days of receiving the materials and notify you of the decision.

Name of County Office of Education homeless liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

State Coordinator: If you appeal the COE's decision to CDE, the county homeless liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to CDE's Homeless Education Program. The state coordinator will review the district, COE, and parent/guardian information and will notify you of the decision within ten working days of receiving the materials.

Name of State homeless coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**RIGHTS:**

Pending the final resolution of this dispute, including the period of all appeals, the student has the right to immediately enroll in the school requested and to participate fully in school activities at that school.

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**DISPUTE FORM**

*Instructions: This form is to be completed by a parent/guardian or student when a dispute regarding enrollment has arisen. As an alternative to completing this form, the information on this form may be shared orally with the district's liaison for homeless students.*

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school requested: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to appeal the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision made by:  
 District liaison     District Superintendent     County office of education liaison

Reason for the appeal: You may include an explanation to support your appeal in this space or provide your explanation orally.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have been provided with:

- A written explanation of the district's decision
- Contact information for the district's homeless liaison
- Contact information for the county office of education's homeless liaison
- Contact information for the state homeless coordinator

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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## EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH

The Governing Board recognizes that foster youth may face significant barriers to achieving academic success due to their family circumstances, disruption to their educational program, and their emotional, social, and other health needs that may be addressed with the provision of a safe, positive learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and that promotes students' self-esteem and academic achievement.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide foster youth with full access to the district's educational program and implement strategies necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of foster youth as identified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). The Superintendent or designee shall also develop strategies to build a foster youth's feeling of connectedness with school, including, but not limited to, strategies that promote positive discipline and conflict resolution, the development of resiliency and interpersonal skills, and the involvement of foster parents, group home administrators, and/or other caretakers in school programs and activities

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*  
*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*  
*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*  
*(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)*  
*(cf. 6011- Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*  
*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*  
*(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*  
*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for foster youth are based on the students' best interests as defined in law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall designate a staff person as the district liaison for foster youth to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth.

The Superintendent or designee and district liaison shall ensure that all appropriate staff, including, but not limited to, each principal, school registrar, and attendance clerk, receive training on the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth and other related rights.

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

To address the needs of foster youth and help ensure the maximum utilization of available funds, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local agencies and officials including, but not limited to, the county placing agency, social services, probation officers, and juvenile court officers. The Superintendent or designee shall explore the feasibility of entering into agreements with these groups to coordinate services and protect the rights of foster youth

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At least annually and in accordance with the established timelines, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the outcomes for foster youth regarding the goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP, including, but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, and suspension/expulsion rates. As necessary, evaluation data shall be used to determine and recommend revisions to the LCAP for improving or increasing services for foster youth.

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education, in accordance with Education Code 51225.1, the number of foster youth graduating from the fourth or fifth year of high school who, for the prior school year, graduated with an exemption from district-established graduation requirements that are in addition to statewide coursework requirements.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*  
*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

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*300 Children subject to jurisdiction*  
*309 Investigation and release of child*  
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48918.1 *Notice of expulsion hearing for foster youth*

49061 *Student records*

49069.5 *Foster care students, transfer of records*

49076 *Access to student records*

51225.1 *Exemption from district graduation requirements*

51225.2 *Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course*

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1529.2 *Training of licensed foster parents*

*Management Resources (See next page)*

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*Management Resources:*

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*Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations*

CITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

*Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth, A Community Action Guide*

WEB SITES

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

American Bar Association: <http://www.americanbar.org>

California Child Welfare Council: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CAChildWelfareCouncil.aspx>

California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy>

California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office:  
<http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov>

California Youth Connection: <http://www.cal youthconn.org/site/cyc>

Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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# Administrative Regulation

**Instruction**

AR 6173.1(a)

## EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH

### Definitions

*Foster youth, foster child, or student in foster care* means any of the following: (Education Code 42238.01, 48853.5)

1. A child who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300, whether or not the child has been removed from the child's home by the juvenile court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 319 or 361
2. A child who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 602, whether or not the child has been removed from the child's home
3. A child who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 602, has been removed from the child's home by the juvenile court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 727, and is in foster care as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code 727.4(d)
4. A nonminor who is under the transition jurisdiction of a juvenile court, as described in Welfare and Institutions Code 450, and satisfies the criteria specified in Education Code 42238.01
5. A child who has been removed from the youth's home pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 309
6. A dependent child of the court of an Indian tribe, consortium of tribes, or tribal organization who is the subject of a petition filed in the tribal court pursuant to the court's jurisdiction in accordance with the tribe's law
7. A child who is the subject of a voluntary placement agreement, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code 11400(p)

*Person holding the right to make educational decisions* means a responsible adult appointed by a court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 361 or 726.

*School of origin* means the school that the foster youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the foster youth was last enrolled. If the school the foster youth attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which the foster youth was last enrolled, or if there is another school that the foster youth attended with which the foster youth is connected and that the foster youth attended within the preceding 15 months, the district liaison, in consultation with, and with the agreement of, the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth shall determine, in the best interests of the foster youth, the school that shall be deemed the school of origin. (Education Code 48853.5)

*Best interests of a foster youth* means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a foster youth, consideration is given to, among other factors, the proximity to

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the school at the time of placement, appropriateness of the educational setting, educational stability, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress, and the foster youth's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students.

(Education Code 48850, 48853; 20 USC 6311)

**District Liaison**

The Superintendent designates the following position as the district's liaison for foster youth: (Education Code 48853.5)

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The liaison for foster youth shall:

1. Ensure and facilitate the proper educational placement, enrollment in school, and checkout from school of students in foster care (Education Code 48853.5)
2. Ensure proper transfer of credits, records, and grades when students in foster care transfer from one school to another or from one district to another (Education Code 48645.5, 48853.5)

When a student in foster care is enrolling in a district school, the liaison shall contact, within two business days of the student's request for enrollment, the school last attended by the student to obtain all academic and other records. When a foster youth is transferring to a new school, the liaison shall provide the student's records to the new school within two business days of receiving the new school's request. (Education Code 48853.5)

3. Notify a foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker when a foster youth is undergoing any expulsion or other disciplinary proceeding including a manifestation determination for a foster youth who is a student with a disability, prior to a change in the foster youth's placement. (Education Code 48853.5, 48911, 48915.5, 48918.1)
4. As needed, make appropriate referrals to ensure that students in foster care receive necessary special education services and services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973
5. As needed, ensure that students in foster care receive appropriate school-based services, such as counseling and health services, supplemental instruction, and after-school services

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6. Develop protocols and procedures for creating awareness for district staff, including principals, school registrars, and attendance clerks, of the requirements for the proper enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth
7. Collaborate with the county office of education, county placing agency, county child welfare agency, county probation department, juvenile court, and other appropriate agencies to help coordinate instruction, counseling, tutoring, mentoring vocational training, and other related services for the district's foster youth
8. Monitor the educational progress of foster youth and provide reports to the Superintendent or designee and the Governing Board based on indicators identified in the district's local control and accountability plan

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor the liaison's caseload, as well as additional duties outside of the foster youth program, to ensure that adequate time and resources are provided to meet the needs of foster youth in the district.

**Enrollment**

A student placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home within the district shall attend programs operated by the district unless one of the following circumstances applies: (Education Code 48853, 48853.5)

1. The student has an individualized education program requiring placement in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency or in another local educational agency.
2. The parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student determines that it is in the best interests of the student to be placed in another education program and submits a written statement to the district indicating that determination and an awareness of the following:
  - a. The student has a right to attend a regular public school in the least restrictive environment.
  - b. The alternate education program is a special education program, if applicable.
  - c. The decision to unilaterally remove the student from the district school and to place the student in an alternate education program may not be financed by the district.
  - d. Any attempt to seek reimbursement for the alternate education program may be at the expense of the parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student.

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3. At the initial placement or any subsequent change in placement, the student exercises the right to continue in the school of origin, as defined above. In any such circumstance, the following shall apply:
  - a. The student may continue in the school of origin for the duration of the court's jurisdiction.
  - b. If the court's jurisdiction over a grade K-8 student is terminated prior to the end of a school year, the student may continue in the school of origin for the remainder of the school year.
  - c. If the court's jurisdiction is terminated while the student is in high school, the student may continue in the school of origin through graduation.
  - d. If the student is transitioning between school grade levels, the student shall be allowed to continue in the district in the same attendance area to provide the student the benefit of matriculating with the student's peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school in the district. A student who is transitioning to a middle school or high school shall be allowed to enroll in the school designated for matriculation in another school district.

The role of the liaison shall be advisory with respect to placement decisions and determination of the school of origin. (Education Code 48853.5)

The district liaison may, in consultation with and with the agreement of the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, recommend that the foster youth's right to attend the school of origin be waived and the foster youth be enrolled in any school that students living in the attendance area in which the foster youth resides are eligible to attend. All decisions shall be made in accordance with the foster youth's best interests. (Education Code 48853.5)

Prior to making any recommendation to move a foster youth from the school of origin, the liaison shall provide the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the youth with a written explanation of the basis for the recommendation and how the recommendation serves the youth's best interests. (Education Code 48853.5)

If the liaison, in consultation with the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, agrees that the best interests of the foster youth would be served by a transfer to a school other than the school of origin, the principal or designee of the new school shall immediately enroll the foster youth, regardless of whether the foster youth: (Education Code 48853.5)

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1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and medical records, including, but not limited to, immunization records or other documentation

If the foster youth or a person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth disagrees with the liaison's enrollment recommendation, an appeal may be filed with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall make a determination within 30 calendar days of receipt of the appeal. Within 30 calendar days of receipt of the Superintendent's decision, the foster youth or the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth may appeal that decision to the Board. The Board shall consider the issue at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board's decision shall be final.

If any dispute arises regarding the request of a foster youth to remain in the school of origin, the foster youth has the right to remain in the school of origin pending resolution of the dispute. (Education Code 48853.5)

**Transportation**

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine how transportation will be provided, arranged, and funded in a cost-effective manner to enable a foster youth to remain in the school of origin, for the duration of the time spent in foster care, when it is in the foster youth's best interest to do so. Such transportation costs may be paid by either the child welfare agency or the district, or shared by both. (20 USC 6312)

Any fees that the district charges for home-to-school transportation and other transportation as expressly provided by law shall be waived for foster youth. (Education Code 39807.5)

**Effect of Absences on Grades**

The grades of a student in foster care shall not be lowered for any absence from school that is due to either of the following circumstances: (Education Code 49069.5)

1. A decision by a court or placement agency to change the student's placement, in which case the grades shall be calculated as of the date the student left school
2. A verified court appearance or related court-ordered activity

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When a foster youth transfers into a district school, the district will receive an official transcript from the transferring school or district which reflects full and partial credits and grades earned by the foster youth and includes:

(Education Code 51225.2)

1. A determination of the days of enrollment and/or seat time, if applicable for all full and partial credits earned based on any measure of full or partial coursework being satisfactorily completed  
  
*Partial coursework satisfactorily completed* includes any portion of an individual course, even if the student did not complete the entire course
2. Separate listings for credits and grades earned at each school and local educational agency so it is clear where credits and grades were earned
3. A complete record of the student's seat time, including both period attendance and days of enrollment

The district shall transfer the credits and grades from the transferring school's transcript onto an official district transcript in the same manner as described in Item #2, above. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the Principal or designee has knowledge that the transcript from the transferring school may not include certain credits or grades, the Principal or designee shall contact the prior school within two business days to request that the full or partial credits be issued, which shall then be issued and provided by the prior school within two business days of the request. (Education Code 51225.2)

The district shall accept and issue full or partial credit for any coursework that the foster youth has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the entire course was completed, the district shall not require the foster youth to retake the course. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the entire course was not completed at the previous school, the foster youth shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall be required to take the uncompleted portion of the course. However, the district may require the foster youth to retake the portion of the course completed if, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the foster youth, the district finds that the foster youth is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a foster youth in any particular course, the foster youth shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, to enable the completion of the entire course. (Education Code 51225.2)

Partial credits shall be awarded on the basis of 0.5 credits for every seven class periods attended per subject. If the school is on a block schedule, each block schedule class period attended shall be equal to two regular class periods per subject. Partial credits and grades earned by a student shall be included on the student's official transcript

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within two business days of the district's notification of the student's transfer, as required under Education Code 49069.5.

In no event shall the district prevent a foster youth from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California. (Education Code 51225.2)

**Applicability of Graduation Requirements**

To obtain a high school diploma, a foster youth shall complete all courses required by Education Code 51225.3 and fulfill any additional graduation requirements prescribed by the Board.

However, when a foster youth who has completed the second year of high school transfers into the district from another school district or transfers between high schools within the district, the foster youth shall be exempted from all district-established coursework and other district-established graduation requirements, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the foster youth's transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the foster youth, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, and the foster youth's social worker of the availability of the exemption and whether the foster youth qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the student is no longer a foster youth. (Education Code 51225.1)

To determine whether a foster youth is in the third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits the foster youth has earned as of the date of the transfer, the length of school enrollment, or for a foster youth with significant gaps in school attendance, the foster youth's age as compared to the average age of students in the third or fourth year of high school, whichever qualifies the foster youth for the exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a foster youth was not properly notified of an exemption, declined the exemption, or was not previously exempted, the foster youth or the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth may request the exemption and the Superintendent or designee shall exempt the foster youth within 30 days of the request. A student who at one time qualified for the exemption may request the exemption even if the student is no longer eligible. (Education Code 51225.1)

When the Superintendent or designee determines that a foster youth who transferred into a district school is reasonably able to complete district-established graduation requirements by the end of the foster youth's fourth year of high school, the foster youth shall not be exempted from those requirements. Within 30 calendar days of the following academic year, the foster youth shall be reevaluated based on the foster youth's course completion status at the time, to determine if the student continues to be reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate by the end of the foster youth's fourth year of high school. Written notice as to whether the foster youth then

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qualifies for the exemption shall be provided to the foster youth, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, and if applicable, to the foster youth's social worker or probation officer. (Education Code 51225.1)

If, upon reevaluation, it is determined that the foster youth is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the foster youth's fourth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the foster youth with the option to receive an exemption from district-established graduation requirements or stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements upon agreement with the foster youth, or if under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, and provide notifications in accordance with Education Code 51225.1. (Education Code 51225.1)

When a foster youth is exempted from district-established graduation requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth about the following: (Education Code 51225.1.)

1. Discussion of how any requirements that are waived may affect the foster youth's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Discussion and information about other options available to the student, including, but not limited to, a fifth year of high school, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Consideration of the foster youth's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption

The district shall not require or request a foster youth to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption and shall not grant any request made by a foster youth or any person acting on behalf of a foster youth for a transfer solely to qualify the foster youth for an exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require a foster youth who is eligible for an exemption from district-established graduation requirements, and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the foster youth is otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of higher education, regardless of whether such courses are required for statewide graduation requirements. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a foster youth is exempted from district-established graduation requirements the exemption shall not be revoked. Additionally, the exemption shall continue to apply after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student while still enrolled in school or if the foster youth transfers to another school or school district. (Education Code 51225.1)

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The Superintendent or designee shall not require or request a foster youth who is exempted from district-established graduation requirements and who completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of the fourth year of high school, and would otherwise be entitled to remain in school, to graduate before the end of the foster youth's fourth year of high school. (Education Code 51225.1)

Upon making a finding that a foster youth is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements within the fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Consult with the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth of the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements and how that will affect the foster youth's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Consult with and provide information to the foster youth about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Upon agreement with the foster youth or, if under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, permit the foster youth to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements
4. Consult with the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth of the option to remain in the foster youth's school of origin

When a foster youth who has completed the second year of high school transfers into the district from another school district or transfers between high schools within the district, and is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements within the foster youth's fifth year of high school but is reasonably able to complete the statewide coursework requirements within the fifth year of high school, the foster youth shall be exempted from all district-established graduation requirements and provided with the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide requirements. In such situations, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, regarding the following: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. The foster youth's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete statewide coursework requirements
2. The effect of waiving the district-established requirements and remaining in school for a fifth year on the foster youth's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to an institution of higher education

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3. Other options available to the foster youth, including but not limited to, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
4. The foster youth's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption and option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide coursework requirements

**Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities**

A foster youth whose residence changes pursuant to a court order or decision of a child welfare worker shall be immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities. (Education Code 48850)

**Notification and Complaints**

Information regarding the educational rights of foster youth shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of foster youth may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. If the district finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. A complainant not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) and shall receive a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of CDE's receipt of the appeal. If CDE finds merit in an appeal, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

***State***

5 CCR 4600-4670  
 Ed. Code 32228-32228.5  
 Ed. Code 42238.01-42238.07  
 Ed. Code 42920-42925  
 Ed. Code 48645-48646  
 Ed. Code 48850-48859  
 Ed. Code 48915.5  
 Ed. Code 48918.1  
 Ed. Code 49061  
 Ed. Code 49069.5  
 Ed. Code 49076

***Description***

Uniform complaint procedures  
 Student safety and violence prevention  
 Local control funding formula  
 Foster children educational services  
 Juvenile court schools  
 Education of foster youth and homeless students  
 Recommended expulsion; homeless student with disabilities  
 Notice of recommended expulsion  
 Definitions, directory information  
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*Ed. Code 51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements*

*Ed. Code 51225.2*

*Ed. Code 51225.3*

*Ed. Code 52060-52077*

*Ed. Code 56055*

*H&S Code 120341*

*H&S Code 1522.41*

*H&S Code 1529.2*

*W&I Code 16000-16014*

*W&I Code 300*

*W&I Code 309*

*W&I Code 317*

*W&I Code 361*

*W&I Code 366.27*

*W&I Code 602*

*W&I Code 726*

*W&I Code 727*

### **Federal**

*20 USC 1415*

*20 USC 6311*

*29 USC 794*

*42 USC 11431-11435*

*42 USC 670-679b*

### **Course credits**

*High school graduation*

*Local control and accountability plan*

*Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster child's education*

*Foster youth; school placement and immunization records*

*Training and certification of group home administrators*

*Training of licensed foster parents*

*Foster care placement*

*Minors subject to jurisdiction*

*Investigation and release of child*

*Appointment of legal counsel*

*Limitations on parental control*

*Educational decision by relative providing living arrangements*

*Minors violating law; ward of court*

*Limitations on parental control*

*Order of care; ward of court*

### **Description**

*Procedural safeguards*

*State plan*

*Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504*

*McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*

*Federal assistance for foster care programs*

### **Management Resources**

*Alliance for Children's Rights Publication*

*California Child Welfare Council Publication*

*Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership Pub.*

*CSBA Publication*

*CSBA Publication*

*U.S. Department of Education Publication*

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### **Description**

*Foster Youth Education Toolkit, December 2016*

*Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations*

*Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth, A Community Action Guide*

*Our Foster Youth: What School Boards Can Do, May 2016*

*Foster Youth: Supports for Success, Governance Brief, May 2016*

*Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, Non-Regulatory Guidance, June 2016*

[Alliance for Children's Rights](#)

[Foster Ed](#)

[National Center for Youth Law](#)

[California Department of Education, Foster Youth Services](#)

[California Department of Social Services, Foster Youth Ombudsman Office](#)

[California Foster Youth Education Task Force](#)

[California Youth Connection](#)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

**EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that children of military families face challenges to their academic success caused by the frequent moves or deployments of their parents/guardians in fulfillment of military service. The district shall provide such students with academic resources, services, and opportunities for extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*  
*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*  
*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

The Superintendent or designee may waive district policies or rules when necessary to facilitate the enrollment, placement, advancement, eligibility for extracurricular activities, or on-time graduation of children of military families, in accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children as ratified in Education Code 49700-49704.

*(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information and/or training to administrators, other appropriate district staff, and military families regarding the provisions of the Interstate Compact and the educational rights of children of military families.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians, school liaison officers from military installations, and/or other agencies within and outside the state to facilitate the transition of children of military families into and out of the district.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board and the public on the educational outcomes of children of military families. Such reports may include, but are not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade levels, and graduation rates.

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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)  
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)  
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation  
35179 Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia  
35181 Students' responsibilities  
35351 Assignment of students to particular schools  
46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements  
48050-48054 Nonresidents  
48200-48208 Persons included (compulsory education law)  
48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program  
49700-49704 Education of children of military families  
51225.3 Requirements for graduation  
51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements  
51250-51251 School-age military dependents  
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria

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101 Definitions  
1209 Transfer to inactive status list instead of separation  
1211 Members on temporary disability retired list: return to active duty; promotion

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
6311 State plan

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL

Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Final Report to the Legislature on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, April 2014

WEB SITES

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

California Child Welfare Council: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CChildWelfareCouncil.aspx>

California Department of Education, Educational Options Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/mc>

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission: <http://www.mic3.net>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES**

**Definitions**

*Children of military families* are school-aged children in the household of: (Education Code 49701)

1. Members who are in full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including any member of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty order pursuant to 10 USC 1209 or 1211
2. Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired, for one year after their medical discharge or retirement
3. Members of the uniformed services who have died while on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty, for one year after their death

**Enrollment and Residency**

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate the enrollment of children of military families and ensure that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of their records from previous school districts and/or variations in entrance or age requirements. (Education Code 49701)

A child of a military family shall be deemed to meet district residency requirements if the parent/guardian, while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order, is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state. The Superintendent or designee shall accept electronic submission of such a student's application for enrollment, including enrollment in a specific school or program within the district, and for course registration. (Education Code 48204.3)

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

When a child of a military family is transferring into the district, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll the student based on unofficial education records, if official records are not yet available. Upon enrollment, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately request the student's official records from the student's previous district. The Superintendent or designee shall allow the student 30 days from the date of enrollment to obtain all required immunizations. (Education Code 49701)

*(cf. 5111 - Admission)*

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5141- Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5141.31- Immunizations)*

**EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES** (continued)

A child of a military family shall be allowed to continue attending the school of origin, regardless of any change of residence of the family during that school year, for the duration of the student's status as a child of a military family. (Education Code 48204.6)

To provide a child of a military family the benefit of matriculating with peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of the district, the following shall apply: (Education Code 48204.6)

1. If the student is transitioning between grade levels, the student shall be allowed to continue in the school district of origin in the same school attendance areas.
2. If the student is transitioning to a middle or high school and the school designated for matriculation is in another district, the student shall be allowed to continue to the school designated for matriculation in that school district.

The principal or designee of the new school shall ensure that the student is immediately enrolled even if the student has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or moneys due to the school last attended or is unable to produce clothing or records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, including, but not limited to, records or other proof of immunization history pursuant to Health and Safety Code 120325-120480, proof of residency, other documentation, or school uniforms. (Education Code 48204.6)

If the student's status changes during a school year due to the end of military service of the student's parent/guardian, the following shall apply: (Education Code 48204.6)

1. If the student is in grades K-8, the student shall be allowed to continue attending the school of origin through the duration of that academic school year.
2. If the student is in high school, the student shall be allowed to continue attending the school of origin through graduation.

A child of an active military duty parent/guardian shall not be prohibited from transferring out of the district, if the school district of proposed enrollment approves the application for transfer. (Education Code 46600, 48307)

*(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)*

When a child of a military family is transferring out of the district, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student's parents/guardians with a complete set of the student's records or, if the official student record cannot be released, an unofficial or "hand-carried" record. Upon request from the new district, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the student's record to the new district within 10 days. (Education Code 49701)

**EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES** (continued)**Transportation**

The Superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, provide transportation to enable a child of a military family to attend the school of origin or to matriculate to a feeder school as described above, except when indicated in the individualized education program (IEP) of a student with a disability or otherwise required by federal law. (Education Code 48204.6)

**Placement**

Whenever a student's parent/guardian is serving on active duty or has been discharged from military service within the last year and the student transfers to a new school as the direct result of the military transfer or discharge, the Superintendent or designee may, prior to the receipt of official transcript(s) or the arrival of the student, review the student's coursework to date, including any unofficial transcript(s), to determine the appropriate placement of the student in classes. The evaluation shall also include communication with school counselors and teachers at the former school by videoconferencing, email, and/or telephone calls. (Education Code 51251)

The Superintendent or designee shall initially honor the placement of any child of a military family in educational courses and programs based on the student's enrollment and/or assessment in the previous school. The Superintendent or designee may, to the extent permitted by Board policy, waive course or program prerequisites, preconditions, and/or application deadlines when making decisions regarding placement of children of military families and their eligibility for extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities. (Education Code 49701)

*(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)*

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

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

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

When a child of a military family transferring into the district has been identified as an individual with a disability pursuant to 20 USC 1400-1482, the Superintendent or designee shall provide comparable services based on the student's current IEP. In addition, when the child of a military family transferring into the district is eligible for services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of the student subject to the student's existing Section 504 plan. The district may authorize subsequent evaluations of the student to ensure appropriate placement. (Education Code 49701)

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

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

**Transfer of Coursework and Credits**

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When a child of a military family transfers into a district school, the district shall accept and issue full credit for any coursework that the student has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, or a juvenile court school and shall not require the student to retake the course. (Education Code 51225.2)

*(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)*

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

If the student did not complete the entire course, the student shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall be required to take only the portion of the course not completed at the previous school. However, the district may require the student to retake the portion of the course completed if, in consultation with the student's parent/guardian, the district finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued, the student shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the student may continue and complete the entire course. (Education Code 51225.2)

Partial credits shall be awarded on the basis of 0.5 credits for every seven class periods attended per subject. If the school is on a block schedule, each block schedule class period attended shall be equal to two regular class periods per subject.

In no event shall the district prevent a child of a military family from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California. (Education Code 51225.2)

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

**Absences**

When a student's parent/guardian is an active duty member and is called to duty for, is on leave from, or is immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or to combat support posting, the Superintendent or designee may grant additional excused absences to the student to visit with the parent/guardian. (Education Code 49701)

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

**Graduation Requirements**

To obtain a high school diploma, a child of a military family shall complete all courses required by Education Code 51225.3 and shall generally fulfill any additional graduation requirements prescribed by the Governing Board.

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

However, when a child of a military family who has completed the second year of high school transfers into the district from another school district or transfers between high

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schools within the district, the student shall be exempted from all district-adopted coursework and other district-established graduation requirements that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements specified in Education Code 51225.2, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the student's transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the student no longer meets the definition of a child of a military family pursuant to Education Code 49701. (Education Code 51225.1)

To determine whether a child of a military family is in the third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits earned as of the date of the transfer or the length of school enrollment, whichever qualifies the student for the exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any child of a military family who is granted an exemption and the student's parent/guardian how any requirements that are waived will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges. (Education Code 51225.1)

The district shall not require or request a child of a military family to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption, and no child of a military family or parent/guardian shall be permitted to request a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a child of a military family is exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall continue to apply after the student no longer meets the definition of a child of a military family while enrolled in school or upon transfer to another school or school district. (Education Code 51225.1)

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a child of a military family is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Inform the student and, if under 18 years of age, the student's parent/guardian of the option available to the student to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements and how that will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges

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3. Upon agreement with the student, or with the parent/guardian if the student is under 18 years of age, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements

**Notification and Complaints**

Information regarding the educational rights of children of military families, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)

Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of children of military families, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 or 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**EDUCATION FOR JUVENILE COURT SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the County Superintendent of Schools and the county probation department to facilitate the transition of students from a juvenile court school into the regular schools of the district. Such collaboration may include, but not be limited to, the development of data-sharing systems, communication strategies, and other structures that aid in the enrollment, placement, and continuous educational progress of such students.

**Enrollment**

A former juvenile court school student transferring into a regular district school shall be immediately enrolled in the school. The Superintendent or designee shall not deny enrollment to a student solely on the basis of an arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code 48645.5)

*(cf. 5111 - Admission)*

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*

*(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)*

*(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

**Transfer of Coursework and Credits**

When a student enrolled in a juvenile court school transfers into a district school, the district will receive an official transcript from the transferring school or district which reflects full and partial credits and grades earned by the student and includes: (Education Code 48645.5, 51225.2)

1. A determination of the days of enrollment and/or seat time, if applicable, for all full and partial credits earned based on any measure of full or partial coursework being satisfactorily completed

Partial coursework satisfactorily completed includes any portion of an individual course, even if the student did not complete the entire course

2. Separate listings for credits and grades earned at each school and local educational agency so it is clear where credits and grades were earned
3. A complete record of the student's seat time, including both period attendance and days of enrollment

The district shall transfer the credits and grades from the transferring school's transcript onto

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an official district transcript in the same manner as described in Item #2, above. (Education Code 5122.2)

If the Principal or designee has knowledge that the transcript from the transferring school may not include certain credits or grades, the Principal or designee shall contact the prior school within two business days to request that the full or partial credits be issued, which shall then be issued and provided by the prior school within two business days of the request. (Education Code 51225.2)

The district shall accept and issue full credit for any coursework that the former juvenile court school student has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the entire course was completed, the district shall not require the student to retake the course. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the entire course was not completed at the previous school, the student shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall be required to take the uncompleted portion of the course. However, a student may be required to retake the portion of the course completed if the Superintendent or designee, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the student, finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a former juvenile court school student in any particular course, the student shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the student may continue and complete the entire course. (Education Code 51225.2)

Partial credits shall be awarded on the basis of 0.5 credits for every seven class periods attended per subject. If the school is on a block schedule, each block schedule class period attended shall be equal to two regular class periods per subject.

In no event shall the district prevent a former juvenile court school student from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California. (Education Code 51225.2)

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

**Applicability of Graduation Requirements**

If a student completes district graduation requirements while being detained in a juvenile facility, the district shall issue the student a diploma from the school the student last attended, unless the County Superintendent issues the diploma. (Education Code 48645.5)

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

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A student who transfers to a district school from a juvenile court school shall generally be expected to complete all courses required by Education Code 51225.3 and to fulfill any additional graduation requirements prescribed by the Governing Board.

However, when a student who has completed the second year of high school transfers from a juvenile court school into a district school, the student shall be exempted from all district-adopted coursework and other district-established graduation requirements, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the student's transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student, the student's educational rights holder, and the student's social worker or probation officer of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student. (Education Code 51225.1)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

To determine whether a student is in the third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits the student has earned as of the date of the transfer, the length of school enrollment, or, for a student with significant gaps in school attendance, the student's age as compared to the average age of students in the third or fourth year of high school, whichever qualifies the student for the exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a former juvenile court school student was not properly notified of an exemption, declined the exemption, or was not previously exempted, the student or the student's educational rights holder may request the exemption and the Superintendent or designee shall exempt the student within 30 days of the request. A student may request the exemption even if the student is no longer a juvenile court student. (Education Code 51225.1)

When the Superintendent or designee determines that a student who transferred into a district school is reasonably able to complete district-established graduation requirements by the end of the student's fourth year of high school, the student shall not be exempted from those requirements. Within 30 calendar days of the following academic year, the student shall be reevaluated based on the student's course completion status at the time, to determine if the student continues to be reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate by the end of the student's fourth year of high school. Written notice as to whether the student then qualifies for the exemption shall be provided to the student, the student's educational rights holder, and if applicable, to the student's social worker or probation officer. (Education Code 51225.1)

If, upon reevaluation, it is determined that the former juvenile court student is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school, the

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Superintendent or designee shall provide the student with the option to receive an exemption from district-established graduation requirements or stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements upon agreement with the student, or if under 18 years of age, the student's educational rights holder, and shall provide notifications in accordance with Education Code 51225.1. (Education Code 51225.1)

When a former juvenile court student is exempted from district-established graduation requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student and the student's educational rights holder about the following: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Discussion of how any requirements that are waived may affect the student's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Discussion and information about other options available to the student, including, but not limited to, a fifth year of high school, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Consideration of the student's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption

The district shall not require or request a former juvenile court school student to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption and shall not grant any request made by a former juvenile court student, the student's educational rights holder, or the district liaison on behalf of the student, for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require a former juvenile court student who is eligible for an exemption from district-established graduation requirements and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the student is otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of higher education, regardless of whether such courses are required for statewide graduation requirements. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a former juvenile court student is exempted from district-established graduation requirements, the exemption shall not be revoked. Additionally, the exemption shall continue to apply after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student while still enrolled in the school or if the student transfers to another school, including a charter school, or school district. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require or request that a former juvenile court student who is exempted from district-established graduation requirements and who completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of the fourth year of high school, and would otherwise be entitled to remain in school, graduate before the end of the student's fourth year of high school. (Education Code 51225.1)

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Upon making a finding that a former juvenile court student is reasonably able to complete district-established graduation requirements within the fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Consult with the student and, if under 18 years of age, the student's educational rights holder, of the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements and how that will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Consult with and provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Upon agreement with the student or with the student's educational rights holder if under 18 years of age, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements

When a juvenile court student who has completed the second year of high school transfers into the district or between high schools within the district, and the Superintendent or designee determines that the student is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements within the student's fifth year of high school but is reasonably able to complete the statewide coursework requirements within the fifth year of high school, the student shall be exempted from all district-established graduation requirements and be provided with the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide requirements. In such situations, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student and the student's educational rights holder, regarding the following: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. The student's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete statewide coursework requirements
2. The effect of waiving the district-established requirements and remaining in school for a fifth year on the student's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to an institution of higher education
3. Other options available to the student, including, but not limited to, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
4. The student's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption and option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide coursework requirements

**Notification and Complaints**

Information regarding the educational rights of former juvenile court school students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of former juvenile court school students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 or 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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**EDUCATION FOR AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS**

The Governing Board recognizes that American Indian students may have unique cultural, language, and educational needs that may be addressed by increasing student knowledge about American Indian history, including the history and culture of local tribes, and by providing American Indian students with access to education and other services necessary for such students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all students with culturally relevant curriculum related to local American Indian tribes and implement strategies necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of American Indian students.

In order to discuss, gain a shared understanding of, and develop curriculum for use within the district, and to identify the extent and nature of any achievement gaps between American Indian students and other district students, and strategies to address any such gaps, the district may form a California Indian Education Task Force with tribes local to the region. Participants in the task force meetings may consider issues of mutual concern, which include: (Education Code 33391)

1. Developing a thorough, shared understanding of accurate, high-quality curricular materials about the history, culture, and government of local tribes, and developing such materials for use within the district that include tribal experiences and perspectives
2. Developing a shared understanding of proper or improper instructional materials when these materials use depictions of Native Americans
3. Encouraging the adoption of the curriculum developed by the California Indian Education Task Force
4. Identifying the extent and nature of any achievement gap between American Indian students and other students, and strategies necessary to close it

If formed, the California Indian Education Task Force shall, within one year and thereafter annually, submit a report to the California Department of Education on the findings, including progress of work on Items #1-4, above. (Education Code 33391)

The Superintendent or designee shall identify American Indian students most at-risk of not meeting state academic standards and provide to such students the needed support(s), including making referrals, as appropriate, for special education services or services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or other school-based services such as counseling and health services, supplemental instruction, before- or after-school services, and summer learning programs.

Suspension, expulsion, assignment to a supervised suspension classroom, or involuntary transfer to a continuation school of an American Indian student shall be in accordance with law and as specified in Administrative Regulation - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities), and 6184 - Continuation Education.

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide programs to facilitate the successful transition of American Indian students to post-secondary education and employment, which may include college and career fairs in accordance with Labor Code 3074.2, mentorship programs, and counseling services.

As needed, the Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development to teachers and other school staff to assist them in understanding and responding to the unique needs of American Indian students.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the outcomes of American Indian students including, but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention by grade level, graduation rates, and suspension/expulsion rates.

**Title VI Indian Education Program**

With the assistance of federal Title VI funding for the education of children from federally recognized tribes, the district shall offer programs and activities to meet the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian students, as defined in 20 USC 7491. Program objectives and outcomes shall be based on state academic standards. (20 USC 7424)

In developing, implementing, and evaluating Title VI programs and activities, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with and involve parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and other community representatives. (20 USC 7424)

The district shall establish a committee that is composed of, and selected by, parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students, representatives of tribes on tribal lands located within 50 miles of any district school that serves any children of the tribes, teachers, and, if appropriate, American Indian students enrolled in secondary schools in the district. The majority of the committee shall be parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students. The committee shall participate in program development and provide written approval for the program. (20 USC 7424)

The district's Title VI program for American Indian education may include any of the following services and activities: (20 USC 7425)

1. Activities that support Native American language programs and Native American language restoration programs, which may be taught by traditional leaders
2. Culturally related activities that support the district's program
3. Early childhood and family programs that emphasize school readiness
4. Enrichment programs that focus on problem solving and cognitive skills development and directly support the attainment of state academic standards
5. Integrated educational services in combination with other programs that meet the needs of American Indian students and their families, including programs that promote parent/guardian involvement in school activities and increase student achievement

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6. Career preparation activities that enable American Indian students to participate in career technical education programs, including programs for mentoring and apprenticeship
7. Activities to educate individuals so as to prevent violence, suicide, and substance abuse
8. The acquisition of equipment that is essential to achieve program goals
9. Activities that promote the incorporation of culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies into the district's educational program
10. Family literacy services
11. Activities that recognize and support the unique cultural and educational needs of American Indian students, and incorporate appropriately qualified tribal elders and seniors
12. Dropout prevention strategies for American Indian students
13. Strategies to meet the educational needs of American Indian students in correctional facilities, including such strategies that support American Indian students who are transitioning from such facilities to schools served by the district

Any federal funds received to support American Indian education programs shall be used to supplement, not supplant, state or local funds allocated for such purposes. (20 USC 7424)

Program funds may be used to support a Title I schoolwide program pursuant to 20 USC 6314 if approved by the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, provided that the schoolwide program is consistent with the purpose of American Indian education programs and the district's application identifies how the use of such funds in a schoolwide program will produce benefits to American Indian students that would not be achieved if not used in a schoolwide program. (20 USC 7424)

As needed, professional development shall be provided to teachers and other school staff to assist them in working with American Indian students and carrying out Title VI programs. (20 USC 7424)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of the information establishing the status of each student as an American Indian student eligible for assistance through the federal American Indian education program. (20 USC 7427)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically assess the progress of all American Indian students, including American Indian students who do not participate in programs funded through Title VI, in meeting program goals and objectives. Assessment results shall be provided to the Board, the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, tribes whose children are served by the district, and the community. (20 USC 7424)

**EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

The Board of Trustees intends to provide English learners with challenging curriculum and instruction that maximize the attainment of high levels of proficiency in English, advance multilingual capabilities, and facilitate student achievement in the district's regular course of study.

English learners shall be provided differentiated English language development instruction which is targeted to their English proficiency level. Such instruction shall be based on sound instructional theory, be aligned with state content standards, emphasize inquiry-based learning and critical thinking skills, and be integrated across all subject areas.

No middle or high school student who is an English learner shall be denied enrollment in any of the following: (Education Code 60811.8)

1. Courses in the core curriculum areas of reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social science, courses required to meet state and local high school graduation requirements, or courses required for middle school grade promotion

However, a middle or high school student who is a newcomer student or an immigrant child or youth, as defined in 20 USC 7011, or is a student participating in a program designed to meet the academic and transitional needs of newcomer students and that has as its primary objective the development of English language proficiency, may be denied enrollment in any of the courses stated above if the course of study provided to the student is designed to remedy academic deficits incurred during participations and is reasonably calculated to enable the student to attain parity of participation in the standard instructional program within a reasonable length of time after the student enters the school system.

2. A full course load of courses specified in Item #1 above
3. Other courses that meet the "A-G" course requirements for college admission or are advanced courses such as honors or Advanced Placement courses, on the sole basis of the student's classification as an English learner

The district shall identify in its local control and accountability plan (LCAP) goals and specific actions and services to enhance student engagement, academic achievement, and other outcomes for English learners and long-term English learners, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan.

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

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parent/guardian and community involvement in the development and evaluation of programs for English learners. The Superintendent or

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designee may also provide an English development literacy training program for parents/guardians and community members so that they may better support students' English language development.

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

### **Staff Qualifications and Training**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all staff employed to teach English learners possess the appropriate authorization from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

*(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Learners)*

The district shall provide effective professional development to teachers (including teachers in classroom settings that are not the settings of language instruction educational programs), administrators, and other school or community-based organization personnel to improve the instruction and assessment of English learners and enhance staff's ability to understand and use curricula, assessment, and instructional strategies for English learners. Such professional development shall be of sufficient intensity and duration to produce a positive and lasting impact on teachers' performance in the classroom. (20 USC 6825)

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

Staff development shall also address the sociocultural needs of English learners and provide opportunities for teachers to engage in supportive, collaborative learning communities.

### **Identification and Assessment**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures for the early identification and assessment of the proficiency of English learners and at all grade levels, except transitional kindergarten, using the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). To oversee test administration, the Superintendent or designee shall annually designate a district ELPAC coordinator and a site coordinator for each test site in accordance with 5 CCR 11518.40-11518.45.

Once identified as an English learner, a student shall be annually assessed for language proficiency until the student is reclassified based on criteria specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

In addition, English learners' academic achievement in English language arts, mathematics, science, and any additional subject required by law shall be assessed using the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. As necessary, the test shall be administered with testing variations in accordance with 5 CCR 853. English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending a school in the United States shall be exempted from taking the English language arts assessment to the extent allowed by federal law. (Education Code 60603, 60640; 5 CCR 853)

Formative assessments may be utilized to analyze student performance and appropriately adapt teaching methodologies and instructions.

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

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The district shall offer research-based language acquisition programs that are designed to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and as effectively as possible and that provide instruction to students on the state-adopted academic content standards, including the English language development standards. (Education Code 306; 5 CCR 11300)

At a minimum, the district shall offer a structured English immersion program which includes designated and integrated English language development. In the structured English immersion program, nearly all of the classroom instruction shall be provided in English, but with the curriculum and presentation designed for students who are learning English. (Education Code 305-306; 5 CCR 11309)

For the purpose of determining the amount of instruction to be conducted in English in the structured English immersion program, "nearly all" means that all classroom instruction shall be conducted in English except for clarification, explanation, and support as needed.

In addition, language acquisition programs offered by the district may include, but are not limited to, the following: (Education Code 305-306)

1. A dual-language immersion program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding
2. A transitional or developmental program for English learners that provides literacy and academic instruction in English and a student's native language and that enables an English learner to achieve English proficiency and academic mastery of subject matter content and higher order thinking skills, including critical thinking, in order to meet state academic content standards

The district's language acquisition programs for grades K-3 shall comply with class size requirements specified in Education Code 42238.02. (Education Code 310)

*(cf. 6151 - Class Size)*

In establishing the district's language acquisition programs, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians and the community during the LCAP development process. The Superintendent or designee shall also consult with administrators, teachers, and other personnel with appropriate authorizations and experience in establishing a language acquisition program. (Education Code 305)

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

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process to be followed in making a program selection, identification of any language to be taught in addition to English when the program includes instruction in another language, and the process to request establishment of a language acquisition program. (Education Code 310; 5 CCR 11310)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Whenever a student is identified as an English learner based on the results of the ELPAC, the student's parents/guardians may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child. To the extent possible, any language acquisition program requested by the parents/guardians of 30 or more students at the school or by the parents/guardians of 20 or more students at any grade level shall be offered by the school. (Education Code 310; 5 CCR 11311)

**Reclassification/Redesignation**

When an English learner has acquired a reasonable level of English proficiency, as determined based on state and district reclassification criteria pursuant to Education Code 52164.6, or upon request of the parent/guardian of an English learner, the student shall be transferred from a language acquisition program into an English language mainstream classroom.

English learners shall be reclassified as fluent English proficient when they are able to comprehend, speak, read, and write English well enough to receive instruction in an English language mainstream classroom and make academic progress at a level substantially equivalent to that of students of the same age or grade whose primary language is English and who are in the regular course of study. (Education Code 52164.6)

The criteria for determining whether an English learner shall be reclassified as fluent English proficient shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 313, 52164.6; 5 CCR 11303)

1. Assessment of English language proficiency using an objective assessment instrument, including, but not limited to, the ELPAC
2. Evaluation by the student's classroom teacher and any other certificated staff with direct responsibility for teaching or placement decisions related to the student, including, but not limited to, a review of the student's curriculum mastery and academic performance
3. Parent/guardian involvement, including:
  - a. Notice to parents/guardians of language reclassification and placement, including a description of the reclassification process and the parent/guardian's opportunity to participate
  - b. Encouragement of parent/guardian participation in the district's reclassification procedure, including seeking parent/guardian opinion and consultation during the reclassification process

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- c. Provision of an interpreter for the parent/guardian, when necessary
4. Comparison of student performance on an objective assessment of basic skills in English against an empirically established range of performance in basic skills, based on the performance of English proficient students of the same age, which demonstrates whether the student is sufficiently proficient in English to participate effectively in a curriculum designed for students of the same age whose native language is English

The student's language proficiency assessments, the participants in the reclassification process, and any decisions regarding reclassification shall be retained in the student's permanent record. (5 CCR 11305)

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the progress of reclassified students to ensure their correct classification and placement. (5 CCR 11304)

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students for at least four years following their reclassification to ensure the students have not prematurely exited, any academic deficit incurred through participation in the English learner program has been remedied, and the students are meaningfully participating in the standard instructional program compared to students who had never participated in an English learner program. (5 CCR 11304; 20 USC 6841)

**Program Evaluation**

To evaluate the effectiveness of the district's educational program for English learners, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually, regarding:

1. Progress of English learners towards proficiency in English
2. The number and percentage of English learners reclassified as fluent English proficient
3. The number and percentage of English learners who are or are at risk of being classified as long-term English learners in accordance with Education Code 313.1
4. The achievement of English learners on standards-based tests in core curricular areas
5. For any language acquisition program that includes instruction in a language other than English, student achievement in the non-English language in accordance with 5 CCR 11309
6. Progress toward any other goals identified in the district's LCAP for English learners and long-term English learners as defined in Education Code 52052
7. A comparison of current data with data from at least the previous year in regard to items #1-6 above

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8. A comparison of data between the different language acquisition programs offered by the district

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide the Board with regular reports from any district or schoolwide English learner advisory committees.

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Biggs, California

**EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS****Definitions**

*English learner* means a student who is age 3-21 years, who is enrolled or is preparing to enroll in an elementary or secondary school, and whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the student the ability to meet state academic standards, the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English, or the opportunity to participate fully in society. An English learner may include a student who was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English; a student who is Native American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas, who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or a student who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant. (Education Code [306](#); 20 USC 7801)

*Designated English language development* means instruction provided during a time set aside in the regular school day for focused instruction on the state-adopted English language development standards to assist English learners to develop critical English language skills necessary for academic content learning in English. (5 CCR [11300](#))

*Integrated English language development* means instruction in which the state-adopted English language development standards are used in tandem with the state-adopted academic content standards. Integrated English language development includes specially designed academic instruction in English. (5 CCR [11300](#))

*Long-term English learner* means:

1. For the purpose of setting the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) priorities, a student who has not attained English language proficiency within seven years of initial classification as an English learner (Education Code 52052)
2. For the purpose of English language proficiency assessment, an English learner in grades 6- 12 who has been enrolled in school in the United States for six years or more and who either: (Education Code 313.1)
  - a. Has remained at the same English language proficiency level for two or more consecutive years, or has regressed to a lower proficiency level; or
  - b. Is a student in grades 6-9 who has scored far below basic or below basic on the prior year's English language arts standards-based achievement test, or a score determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction on any successor test

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*Native speaker of English* means a student who has learned and used English at home from early childhood and English has been the primary means of concept formation and communication. (Education Code [306](#))

**Identification and Assessments**

Upon enrollment in the district, each student's primary language shall be determined through the use of a home language survey. (Education Code [52164.1](#); 5 CCR [11307](#), 11518.5)

Any student in kindergarten or grades 1-12 not including transitional kindergarten, who is identified as having a primary language other than English, as determined by the home language survey, and who has not previously been identified as an English learner by a California public school or for whom there is no record of results from an administration of an English language proficiency test, shall be initially assessed for English proficiency using the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). Prior to administering the ELPAC, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in writing that the student will be administered the initial ELPAC. (Education Code 313, 52164.1, 5 CCR 11518.5)

Administration of the ELPAC, including the use of variations and accommodations in test administration when authorized, shall be conducted in accordance with test publisher instructions and 5 CCR 11518.5-11518.35.

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

(cf. [6162.51](#) - State Academic Achievement Tests)

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

Based on the initial assessment, the student shall be classified either as Initial Fluent English Proficient or as an English learner. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian, in writing, of the results of the ELPAC initial assessment within 30 calendar days after the student's date of initial enrollment, or, if administered prior to the student's initial date of enrollment, up to 60 calendar days prior to such enrollment, but not before July 1 of the school year of the student's initial enrollment. The notice shall indicate whether the student met the ELPAC initial assessment criterion for proficiency and include the district's contact information for use if the parent/guardian has questions or concerns regarding the student's classification. (5 CCR 11518.5)

Each year after a student is identified as an English learner and until the student is redesignated as English proficient, the summative assessment of the ELPAC shall be administered to the student during a four-month period after January 1 as determined by the California Department of Education. (Education Code [313](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their child's results on the summative assessment of the ELPAC within 30 calendar days following receipt of the results from the test contractor or, if the results are received from the test contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year, within 15 working days of the start of the next school year. (Education Code [52164.1](#); 5 CCR 11518.15)

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

The parent/guardian of a student participating in, or identified for participation in, a language instruction program supported by federal Title I or Title III funds shall receive notification of the assessment of the student's English proficiency. Such notice shall be provided no later than 30 calendar days after the beginning of the school year or, if the student is identified for program participation during the school year, within two weeks of the student's placement in the program. The notice shall include all of the following: (Education Code [313.2](#), [440](#); 20 USC [6312](#))

1. The reason for the identification of the student as an English learner and the need for placement in a language acquisition program
2. The level of English proficiency, how the level was assessed, and the status of the student's academic achievement
3. A description of the language acquisition program in which the student is, or will be, participating, including a description of all of the following:
  - a. The methods of instruction used in the program and in other available programs, including how such programs differ in content, instructional goals, and the use of English and a native language in instruction
  - b. The manner in which the program will meet the educational strengths and needs of the student
  - c. The manner in which the program will help the student develop English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards for grade promotion and graduation
  - d. The specific exit requirements for the program, the expected rate of transition from the program into classes not tailored for English learners, and the expected rate of graduation from secondary school if applicable
  - e. When the student has been identified for special education, the manner in which the program meets the requirements of the student's IEP
4. As applicable, the identification of a student as a long-term English learner or at risk of becoming a long-term English learner, as defined in Education Code [313.1](#), and the manner in which the program for English language development instruction will meet the educational strengths and needs of such students and help such students develop English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards
5. Information about the parent/guardian's right to have the student immediately removed from a program upon the parent/guardian's request

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6. Information regarding a parent/guardian's option to decline to enroll the student in the program or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available
7. Information designed to assist a parent/guardian in selecting among available programs, if more than one program or method is offered

**Language Acquisition Programs**

Whenever parents/guardians of enrolled students, and those enrolled for attendance in the next school year, request that the district establish a specific language acquisition program in accordance with Education Code [310](#), such requests shall be addressed through the following process: (5 CCR 11311)

1. The school shall make a written record of each request, including any request submitted verbally, that includes the date of the request, the names of the parent/guardian and student making the request, a general description of the request, and the student's grade level on the date of the request.

As needed, the school shall assist the parent/guardian in clarifying the request.

All requests shall be maintained for at least three years from the date of the request in accordance with Board Policy 3580 – District Records.

2. The school shall monitor requests on a regular basis and notify the Superintendent or designee when the parents/guardians of at least 30 students enrolled in the school, or at least 20 students in the same grade level, request the same or a substantially similar type of language acquisition program.

If the requests are for a multilingual program model, the district shall consider requests from parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school who are native English speakers in determining whether this threshold is reached.

3. If the number of parents/guardians described in item #2 is attained, the Superintendent or designee shall:
  - a. Within 10 days of reaching the threshold, notify the parents/guardians of students attending the school, the school's teachers, administrators, and the district's English Learner Parent Advisory Committee and parent advisory committee, in writing, of the requests for a language acquisition program
  - b. Identify costs and resources necessary to implement any new language acquisition program, including, but not limited to, certificated teachers with the appropriate authorizations, necessary instructional materials, pertinent professional development for the proposed program, and opportunities for parent/guardian and community engagement to support the proposed program goals

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- c. Within 60 calendar days of reaching the threshold number of parents/guardians described in item #2 above, determine whether it is possible to implement the requested language acquisition program and provide written notice of the determination to parents/guardians of students attending the school, the school's teachers, and administrators

If a determination is made to implement the language acquisition program, create and publish a reasonable timeline of actions necessary to implement the program. If a determination is made that it is not possible to implement the program, provide a written explanation of the reason(s) the program cannot be provided. The district shall notify parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year or upon the student's enrollment regarding the process to request a language acquisition program, including a dual-language immersion program, for their child. The notice shall also include the following: (5 CCR [11309](#), [11310](#))

1. A description of the programs provided, including structured English immersion
2. Identification of any language to be taught in addition to English when the program includes instruction in a language other than English
3. The manner in which the program is designed using evidence-based research and includes both designated and integrated English language development
4. The manner in which the district has allocated sufficient resources to effectively implement the program, including, but not limited to, certificated teachers with the appropriate authorizations, necessary instructional materials, pertinent professional development, and opportunities for parent/guardian and community engagement to support the program goals
5. The manner in which the program will, within a reasonable period of time, lead to language proficiency and achievement of the state-adopted content standards in English and, when the program includes instruction in another language, in that other language
6. The process to request establishment of a language acquisition program not offered at the school
7. For any dual-language immersion program offered, the specific languages to be taught.

The notice also may include the program goals, methodology used, and evidence of the proposed program's effectiveness.

The district shall provide additional and appropriate educational services to English learners for the purposes of overcoming language barriers and academic deficits in other areas of the core curriculum. (5 CCR [11302](#))

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A school-level English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) shall be established when there are more than 20 English learners at the school. Parents/guardians of English learners, elected by parents/guardians of English learners at the school, shall constitute committee membership in at least the same percentage as English learners represent of the total number of students in the school. The school may designate for this purpose an existing school-level advisory committee provided that it meets these criteria for committee membership.

(Education Code [52176](#); 5 CCR [11308](#))

The ELAC shall be responsible for assisting in the development of a schoolwide needs assessment, recommending ways to make parents/guardians aware of the importance of regular school attendance, and advising the principal and school staff in the development of a detailed master plan for English learners for the individual school and submitting the plan to the Board for consideration for inclusion in the district master plan. (Education Code 52176)

When the district has more than 50 English learners, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), the majority of whose membership shall be composed of parents/guardians of English learners who are not employed by the district. Alternatively, the district may use a subcommittee of an existing districtwide advisory committee on which parents/guardians of English learners have membership in at least the same percentage as English learners represent of the total number of students in the district. (Education Code [52176](#))

The DELAC shall advise the Board on at least the following tasks: (5 CCR [11308](#))

1. Developing a district master plan, including policy(ies), for education programs and services for English learners, taking into consideration the school site plans for English learners
2. Conducting a districtwide needs assessment on a school-by-school basis
3. Establishing a district program, goals, and objectives for programs and services for English learners
4. Developing a plan to ensure compliance with applicable teacher or instructional aide requirements
5. Administering the annual language census
6. Reviewing and commenting on the district's reclassification procedures
7. Reviewing and commenting on the required written parental notifications

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

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. [5020](#) - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

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

In order to assist the advisory committee in carrying out its responsibilities, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that DELAC and ELAC committee members receive appropriate training and materials. This training shall be planned in full consultation with the members. (5 CCR [11308](#))

**Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Advisory Committee**

When there are at least 15 percent English learners in the district, with at least 50 students who are English learners, a district-level English Learner Parent Advisory Committee shall be established to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). Such advisory committee shall provide input regarding the district's existing language acquisition programs and language programs, and, where possible, the establishment of other such programs, in accordance with BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners. If the DELAC acts as the ELAC pursuant to Education Code 52063 and 52062, the DELAC shall also review and comment on the development or annual update of the LCAP. (Education Code 52062, 52063; 5 CCR 11301, 15495)

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

The DELAC may also serve as the LCAP ELAC, as specified in Board Policy 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a comprehensive program for students that are migratory that attempts to mitigate the impact of educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, health-related problems, and other factors that may inhibit their ability to succeed in school. The district shall make use of available funds to provide supplementary services for students who are migratory.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the regional migrant service center in outreach and identification of eligible students who are migratory and in the provision of migrant education services. The Superintendent or designee shall also coordinate migrant education services with other programs within the district and with other public agencies that serve migrant workers and their families.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

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

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

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*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*

The district shall give first priority for services to students who are migratory who are failing, or are most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards or have dropped out of school. (20 USC 6394)

The district shall provide services to eligible private school students residing within the district on an equitable basis with participating public school students. (20 USC 7881; 34 CFR 200.87)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student who is migratory is placed at the appropriate grade level upon enrollment and is provided services in accordance with an individual needs assessment and learning plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board regarding student performance on statewide assessments of core academic subjects and English language development, as appropriate, for students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the alignment of district services with the needs of students as identified in student needs assessments conducted pursuant to Education Code 54443.1. As necessary, the Board shall seek technical assistance from the migrant education regional service center and/or

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make changes in the services provided by the district in order to improve student achievement.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)  
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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM****Eligibility**

Students age 3 to 21 years shall be eligible for the district's migrant education program if they, their parents/guardians, or their spouses are migratory agricultural workers or fishers who, in the preceding 36 months, moved into the district due to economic necessity and engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in agriculture or fishing. If such employment was not secured soon after the move, students may be considered students who are migratory if the student, the student's parents/guardians, or the student's spouse actively sought such new employment and have a recent history of moves for temporary or seasonal agricultural or fishing employment. (20 USC [6399](#); 34 CFR [200.81](#))

A student who ceases to be a student who is migratory during a school term shall be eligible for services until the end of the term. If comparable services are not available through other programs, a student who is no longer migratory may continue to receive services for one additional school year. Students who were eligible for services in secondary school may continue to be served through credit accrual programs until graduation. (20 USC [6394](#))

**Enrollment**

A student who is migratory shall be immediately enrolled in the district even if the student: (Education Code 48204.7)

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended

*(cf. [5125.2](#) - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*

2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms

*(cf. [5132](#) - Dress and Grooming)*

3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, medical records, including, but not limited to, records or other proof of immunization history, or other documentation

*(cf. [5111.1](#) - District Residency)*

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

*(cf. [5141.31](#) - Immunizations)*

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

If a student who is migratory experiences a change in residence, the student may remain enrolled in the school of origin for the duration of the student's status as a student who is migratory. (Education Code 48204.7)

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If a student's status as a student who is migratory changes during a school year, the Superintendent or designee shall allow the student to continue at the school of origin through the duration of that school year or, if the student is enrolled in a high school, through graduation. (Education Code 48204.7)

A student who is migratory and is transitioning between school grade levels shall be allowed to continue in the district of origin in the same attendance area to provide the student the benefit of matriculating with peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school districts. A student who is migratory and is transitioning to a middle school or high school designated for matriculation in another school district shall be allowed to enroll in that school. (Education Code 48204.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform a student who is migratory and the student's parent/guardian of the impact of remaining in the school of origin on the student's eligibility to receive migrant education services pursuant to Education Code [54440-54445](#). (Education Code 48204.7)

The Superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, provide transportation to enable a student who is migratory to attend the school of origin, unless otherwise required by federal law, or provide programs for online instruction as a substitute for physical attendance. (Education Code 48204.7)

**Student Records**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records documenting the eligibility of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. However, the district shall not collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members for the purpose of determining eligibility for migrant education services.

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

(cf. [5145.13](#) - *Response to Immigration Enforcement*)

The Superintendent or designee shall acquire education and health records from the previous school districts of a student who is migratory, as appropriate.

When a student who is migratory transfers to another district, the student's records shall be provided to the receiving district upon request at no cost in order to assist that district in meeting the needs of the student. (20 USC [6398](#))

**Program Components**

The migrant education program shall include all of the following components: (Education Code [54443.1](#))

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM** (continued)

1. A general needs assessment summarizing the needs of the population to be served
2. A comprehensive program to meet the educational, health, and related needs of participating students which supplements the district program and includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Instructional services, including academic, remedial and compensatory, bilingual-crosscultural, and career technical instruction

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

(cf. [6177](#) - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. [6178](#) - Career Technical Education)

- b. Counseling and career education services

(cf. [6164.2](#) - Guidance/Counseling Services)

- c. Preschool services in accordance with Education Code [54443](#)

(cf. [5148.3](#) - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

- d. Other educational services that are not otherwise available in sufficient quantity or quality to eligible students who are migratory
- e. The acquisition of instructional materials and equipment necessary to adequately provide the appropriate services
- f. Other related services to meet the special needs of eligible students who are migratory to enable them to participate effectively in instructional services
- g. The coordination and teaming of existing resources serving students who are migratory, such as bilingual-crosscultural education, health screening, and compensatory education

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

(cf. [5147](#) - Dropout Prevention)

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

3. Individual assessment of the educational and relevant health needs of each participating student, within 30 days of enrollment, including assessments concurrently provided pursuant to compensatory education, bilingual-crosscultural education, school improvement programs, and other programs serving the student
4. A brief individual learning plan listing the services to be provided to each student, which shall be given to the parent/guardian in writing or at a parent/guardian conference, annually and when the student moves to a new district

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM** (continued)

5. Staffing and staff development plans and practices to meet the needs of students and implement the program

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

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

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

6. Parent/guardian and community involvement as specified in Education Code [54444.2](#), including, but not necessarily limited to, the establishment of a parent/guardian advisory council to actively involve parents/guardians in planning, operating, and evaluating the district's migrant education program

*(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

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

7. The migrant education program shall provide for the same opportunities for parent/guardian involvement that are provided to parents/guardians for federal Title I programs. (20 USC [6394](#))
8. Evaluations which include annual student progress and overall program effectiveness and quality control reports

Contingent upon funding, the district shall provide home-based and/or school-based family literacy services to migrant families to enhance literacy levels, parenting skills, and English language skills of parents/guardians.

**Summer School and Extended School Year Program**

The district shall conduct summer school program(s) for eligible students who are migratory. The summer school program shall respond to the individual needs of participating students and shall build on and be consistent with the instructional programs offered to these students during the regular school year. Coursework shall be of the same level of difficulty in each subject as that provided to students enrolled in regular classes of instruction within the district in the preceding year. (Education Code [54444.3](#))

Teachers in the summer school program shall have cultural training or background and understanding of the special needs of students who are migratory and possess the proper credential for the subjects and grade levels to which they are assigned. (Education Code [54444.3](#))

The program shall comply with the following requirements for instructional time: (Education Code [54444.3](#))

1. For kindergarten class, a minimum of 180 minutes per day, including recesses, for not less than 20 instructional days

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM** (continued)

2. For grades 1-8, a minimum of 200 minutes per day, including recesses and passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 20 instructional days
3. For grades 7-12, a minimum of 240 minutes per day, including passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 30 instructional days

The number of instructional days may be less than as described above, if, during the summer school program, there is a holiday for which schools are required to be closed. (Education Code 37220, 54444.3).

When district facilities that are suitable for the summer climate are available, the district shall make facilities available at cost to other agencies that request facilities for the operation of migrant summer school programs, unless just cause for denial exists.. When approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the district may jointly offer facilities with a neighboring district to meet the needs of the migrant summer school program for the entire area. (Education Code [54444.3](#))

If the district receives authorization and average daily attendance funding from the California Department of Education to provide an extended school year program to students who are migratory who, due to family movement, enroll in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1-6, on or after March 1 of the school year and depart on or before December 1 of the next school year, the Superintendent or designee shall operate the program in accordance with Education Code 41601.6. (Education Code 41601.6)

**Transfer of Coursework and Credits**

When a student enrolled in a migrant education program transfers into a district school, the district will receive an official transcript from the transferring school or district which reflects full and partial credits and grades earned by the student and includes: (Education Code 51225.2)

1. A determination of the days of enrollment and/or seat time, if applicable, for all full and partial credits earned based on any measure of full or partial coursework being satisfactorily completed
 

Partial coursework satisfactorily completed includes any portion of an individual course, even if the student did not complete the entire course
2. Separate listings for credits and grades earned at each school and local educational agency so it is clear where credits and grades were earned
3. A complete record of the student's seat time, including both period attendance and days of enrollment

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM** (continued)

The district shall transfer the credits and grades from the transferring school's transcript onto an official district transcript in the same manner as described in Item #2, above. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the Principal or designee has knowledge that the transcript from the transferring school may not include certain credits or grades, the Principal or designee shall contact the prior school within two business days to request that the full or partial credits be issued, which shall then be issued and provided by the prior school along with all academic and other records within two business days of the request. (Education Code 51225.2)

The district shall accept and issue full credit for any coursework that the student who is migratory has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school.

If the entire course was completed, the district shall not require the student who is migratory to retake the course. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the entire course was not completed at the previous school, the student who is migratory shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall be required to take the uncompleted portion of the course. However, the district may require the student who is migratory to retake the portion of the course completed if, in consultation with the educational rights holder for the student who is migratory, the district finds that the student who is migratory is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a student who is migratory in any particular course, the student who is migratory shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, to enable the completion of the entire course. (Education Code 51225.2)

Partial credits shall be awarded on the basis of 0.5 credits for every seven class periods attended per subject. If the school is on a block schedule, each block schedule class period attended shall be equal to two regular class periods per subject. Partial credits and grades earned by a student shall be included on the student's official transcript within two business days of the district's notification of the student's transfer, as required under Education Code 49069.5.

In no event shall the district prevent a student who is migratory from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California. (Education Code 51225.2)

**Applicability of Graduation Requirements**

To obtain a high school diploma, a student who is migratory shall complete all courses required by Education Code [51225.3](#) and shall generally fulfill any additional local graduation requirements prescribed by the Board.

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

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM** (continued)

However, when a student who is migratory has completed the second year of high school and transfers into a district school, the student shall be exempted from all district-adopted coursework and other district-established graduation requirements, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the student's transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and the student's parent/guardian of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student. (Education Code 51225.1)

To determine whether a student is in the third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits the student has earned as of the date of the transfer, the length of school enrollment, or, for a student with significant gaps in school attendance, the student's age as compared to the average age of students in the third or fourth year of high school, whichever qualifies the student for the exemption. (Education Code [51225.1](#))

If a student who is migratory was not properly notified of an exemption, declined the exemption, or was not previously exempted, the student or the student's educational rights holder may request the exemption and the Superintendent or designee shall exempt the student within 30 days of the request. A student may request the exemption even if the student is no longer a student who is migratory. (Education Code 51225.1)

When the Superintendent or designee determines that a student who transferred into a district school is reasonably able to complete district-established graduation requirements by the end of the student's fourth year of high school, the student shall not be exempted from those requirements. Within 30 calendar days of the following academic year, the student shall be reevaluated based on the student's course completion status at the time, to determine if the student continues to be reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate by the end of the student's fourth year of high school. Written notice as to whether the student then qualifies for exemption shall be provided to the student, the student's educational rights holder, and if applicable, to the student's social worker or probation officer. (Education Code 51225.1)

If, upon reevaluation, it is determined that the student who is migratory is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student with the option to receive an exemption from district-established graduation requirements or stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements upon agreement with the student, or if under 18 years of age, the student's educational rights holder, and shall provide notifications in accordance with Education Code 51225.1. (Education Code 51225.1)

When a student who is migratory is exempted from district-established graduation requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student and the student's educational rights holder about the following: (Education Code 51225.1)

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1. Discussion of how any requirements that are waived may affect the student's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Discussion and information about other options available to the student, including, but not limited to, a fifth year of high school, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Consideration of the student's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption

The district shall not require or request a student who is migratory to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption and shall not grant any request made by a student who is migratory or the student's parent/guardian for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require a student who is migratory who is eligible for an exemption from district-established graduation requirements and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the student is otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of higher education, regardless of whether such courses are required for statewide graduation requirements. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a student who is migratory is exempted from district-established graduation requirements, the exemption shall not be revoked. Additionally, the exemption shall continue to apply after the student no longer meets the definition of a student who is migratory while still enrolled in the school or if the student transfers to another school, including a charter school, or school district. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require or request that an eligible student who is exempted from district-established graduation requirements and who completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of the fourth year of high school, and would otherwise be entitled to remain in school, to graduate before the end of the student's fourth year of high school. (Education Code 51225.1)

Upon making a finding that a student who is migratory is reasonably able to complete district-established graduation requirements within the fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Consult with the student and, if under 18 years of age, the student's educational rights holder, of the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements and how that will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Consult with and provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Upon agreement with the student or with the student's educational rights holder if under 18 years of age, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM (continued)**

complete the district-established graduation requirements

When a student who is migratory has completed the second year of high school transfers into the district or between high schools within the district, and the Superintendent or designee determines that the student is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements within the student's fifth year of high school but is reasonably able to complete the statewide coursework requirements within the fifth year of high school, the student shall be exempted from all district-established graduation requirements and be provided with the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide requirements. In such situations, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student and the student's educational rights holder, regarding the following: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. The student's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete statewide coursework requirements
2. The effect of waiving the district-established requirements and remaining in school for a fifth year on the student's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to an institution of higher education
3. Other options available to the student, including, but not limited to, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
4. The student's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption and option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide coursework requirements

**Parent Advisory Council**

The parent advisory council shall be comprised of members who are knowledgeable of the needs of students who are migratory and shall be elected by the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. The composition of the council shall be determined by the parents/guardians at a general meeting to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited. The parents/guardians shall be informed, in a language they understand, that they have the sole authority to decide on the composition of the council. (Education Code [54444.2](#))

At least two-thirds of the advisory council shall consist of parents/guardians of students who are migratory. (Education Code [54444.2](#))

All parent/guardian candidates for the council shall be nominated by parents/guardians. Nonparent candidates, such as teachers, administrators, other school personnel, or students, shall be nominated by the groups they represent. All other community candidates shall be nominated by the parents/guardians. (Education Code [54444.2](#))

The parent/guardian advisory council shall meet at least six times during the year and shall: (Education Code [54444.4](#))

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM** (continued)

1. Establish program goals, objectives, and priorities
2. Review annual needs assessments, program activities for each school, and individual learning plans
3. Advise on the selection, development, and reassignment of migrant education program staff
4. Participate actively in planning and negotiating program applications and service agreements
5. Perform all other responsibilities required under state and federal laws or regulations

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement a training program for advisory council members to enable them to carry out their responsibilities. The training program shall be developed in consultation with the council and shall include appropriate training materials in a language understandable to each member. (Education Code [54444.2](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the council, without charge, a copy of all applicable state and federal migrant education statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines, audits, monitoring reports, and evaluations. Upon request, these materials also shall be provided without charge to each member of the council. (Education Code [54444.2](#))

**Notification and Complaints**

Information regarding the educational rights of students who are migratory, as specified in Education Code [51225.1](#) and [51225.2](#), shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR [4622](#). (Education Code [51225.1](#), [51225.2](#))

Any complaint that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of students who are migratory, as specified in Education Code [51225.1](#) or [51225.2](#), may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**WEEKEND/SATURDAY CLASSES**

The Board of Trustees desires to increase educational opportunities outside the regular school week in order to meet student needs and promote academic achievement. When staffing, facilities, and other resources are available, the Board may approve the provision of classes on Saturday and/or Sunday that support and are integrated with other learning opportunities.

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*  
*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

Weekend classes may include, but are not limited to:

1. Continuation classes (Education Code 37223)

*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*

2. Special day classes for mentally gifted minors (Education Code 37223)

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

3. Makeup classes for absences occurring during the week (Education Code 37223)

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*  
*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*  
*(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)*

4. The programs of a regional occupational center or program (ROC/P) (Education Code 37223)

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*  
*(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)*

5. Supplemental instruction for students who need additional assistance to meet academic standards or requirements

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

6. Enrichment classes in core academic subjects

*(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)*

Except in ROC/Ps and as otherwise provided by law, any class offered on a Saturday or Sunday pursuant to Education Code 37223, shall be one offered during the regular Monday through Friday school week. (Education Code 37223)

**WEEKEND/SATURDAY CLASSES** (continued)

Except in ROC/Ps, weekend attendance shall not result in crediting any student with more than five days of attendance per week. (Education Code 37223)

Attendance at weekend classes offered pursuant to Education Code 37223 shall be voluntary, except that truants, as defined in Education Code 48260, may be required to attend classes on one day of a weekend in order to make up lost instructional time. (Education Code 37223)

A student shall be excused from a weekend class if the student's parent/guardian notifies the school in writing that such attendance would be in conflict with his/her religious beliefs. Such students shall be given priority for enrollment in any other available supplemental instruction offered at a time other than during the weekend.

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

A teacher shall not be assigned to work on a Saturday or Sunday if he/she objects in writing that the assignment would conflict with his/her religious beliefs or practices. In addition, a full-time teacher employed by the district prior to the implementation of weekend classes shall not be required, without his/her consent, to teach for more than 180 full days during a school year or for more than the number of full days that district schools were maintained during the year preceding implementation of weekend classes, whichever is greater. (Education Code 44824)

*(cf. 4113 - Assignment)*

Unless the requirement is waived by the California Department of Education, the district shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate meal during the weekend session in accordance with Education Code 49550.

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*

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

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

*Legal Reference: See next page*

**WEEKEND/SATURDAY CLASSES (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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## **SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that an extended break from the instructional program may result in significant learning loss, especially among disadvantaged and low-achieving students, and desires to provide opportunities during the summer for students to practice essential skills, make academic progress, and focus on developing social, emotional, and physical needs and interests through hands-on engaging learning experiences.

Summer programs offered by the district shall be aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), other applicable district and school plans, and the educational program provided during the school year. When feasible, summer programs shall blend high-quality academic instruction in core curricular and/or elective subjects with recreation, nutrition programs, social and emotional development, and support services that encourage attendance, student engagement in learning, and student wellness.

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*  
*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*  
*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development Program)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

### **Summer School**

The Superintendent or designee, with Board approval, may establish summer school day and/or evening classes.

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Program)*  
*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*  
*(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*

The district shall provide students with supplemental instruction and support 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.

As appropriate, priority for enrollment in summer school programs shall be given to district students who:

**SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS** (continued)

1. Need course credits in order to graduate from high school before the beginning of the next school year
2. Have been retained or are at risk of being retained at their grade level
3. Demonstrate academic deficiencies in core curriculum areas
4. Are in student groups identified in the district's LCAP as needing increased or improved services to succeed in the educational program
5. Are foster youth and/or are students experiencing homelessness

If during an intersession period the student will be moving, the student's educational rights holder or, in the case of an American Indian child, Indian custodian, shall determine which school the student attends for the intersession period, if applicable (Education Code 48850, 48853.5)

6. Are transitional kindergarten or kindergarten children, or in any of grades 1-6 and are required to be offered or provided access to Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Programs pursuant to Education Code 46120 and BP/AR 5184.2 – Before/After School Programs

The remaining openings shall be offered to other district students on a first-come first-served basis.

Because summer courses cover extensive instructional content in a relatively short time period, students who have more than three excused absences or one unexcused absence may not receive credit for summer session class(es) unless they make-up missed work in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*  
*(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)*

Sites for summer school programs may be rotated in an effort to make summer school programs more accessible to all students, regardless of residence or regular attendance area, and to accommodate the maintenance needs of district schools.

The district shall provide any student who attends a school that is not operating an ELO program transportation to attend at a location that is providing an ELO program and to return to the original location or another location that is established by the district. (Education Code 46120)

**SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on summer school enrollment in the current year and previous year for the program as a whole and disaggregated by grade level, school that the students attend during the regular school year, and student population. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may report on the extent to which students successfully achieved the outcomes established for the program.

**Additional Summer Learning Opportunities**

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with parents/guardians, city and county agencies, community organizations, child care providers, and/or other interested persons to develop, implement, and build awareness of organized activities that support summer learning.

Strategies to support summer learning may include, but are not limited to:

1. Providing information to students and parents/guardians about summer reading programs scheduled to be conducted by public libraries or community organizations
2. Collaborating with the local parks and recreation agency and/or community organizations to provide day camps, sports programs, or other opportunities for physical education and activity

*(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)*

3. Collaborating with workforce development agencies, businesses, and community organizations to provide summer job training opportunities that include an academic component

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

*(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)*

*(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)*

4. Encouraging reading in the home, such as providing lists of recommended reading to students and parents/guardians, establishing a target number of books or pages, and providing prizes for achievement of reading goals

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

5. Assigning summer vacation homework in core curricular subject(s) for extra credit

6. Conducting occasional, interactive "fun days" during the summer to provide activities related to art, music, science, technology, mathematics, environmental science, multicultural education, debate, or other subjects

7. Arranging opportunities for community service

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

**SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS (continued)**

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41505-41508 *Pupil Retention Block Grant*  
41976.5 *Summer school programs, substantially disabled persons or graduating high school seniors*  
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42238.8 *Revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance*  
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RAND Corporation: <http://www.rand.org>  
Summer Matters: <http://summermatters2you.net>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

# Board Policy

**Instruction**

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## **CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a comprehensive career technical education (CTE) program in the secondary grades which integrates core academic instruction with technical and occupational instruction in order to increase student achievement, graduation rates, and readiness for postsecondary education and employment. The district's CTE program shall be designed to help students develop the academic, career, and technical skills needed to succeed in a knowledge- and skills-based economy.

The district's CTE program shall focus on preparing students to enter current or emerging high-skill, high-wage, and/or high-demand occupations by providing a rigorous academic component and practical experience in all aspects of an industry. CTE opportunities may be offered through linked learning programs, partnership academies, apprenticeship programs or orientation to apprenticeships, regional occupational centers or programs (ROC/Ps), charter schools, small learning communities, magnet programs, or other programs that expose students to career options while preparing them for future careers in a given industry or interest area.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore available funding sources that may be used to support CTE programs. The Board shall review and approve all district plans and applications for the use of district, state, and/or federal funds supporting CTE.

The Board shall adopt district standards for CTE which meet or exceed the state's model content standards and describe the essential knowledge and skills that students enrolled in these courses are expected to master. The course curriculum shall be aligned with district-adopted standards and the state's curriculum framework.

At least every three years, the Board shall compare the district's curriculum, course content, and course sequence of CTE with the model state curriculum standards. (Education Code 52376)

The Superintendent or designee shall systematically review the district's CTE courses to determine the degree to which each course may offer an alternative means for completing and receiving credit for specific portions of the course of study prescribed by the district for high school graduation. CTE courses approved for these purposes shall be equivalent in content and rigor to the courses prescribed for graduation. (Education Code 52376)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop partnerships with local businesses and industries to ensure that course sequences, career technical and integrated curriculum, classroom instruction and projects, and assessments have real-world relevance and reflect labor market needs and priorities. The Superintendent or designee shall also work to develop

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connections with businesses, postsecondary institutions, community organizations, and/or other employers to provide students with actual or simulated work-based learning opportunities.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with postsecondary institutions to ensure that the district's program is articulated with postsecondary programs in order to provide a sequential course of study. Articulation opportunities may include dual or concurrent enrollment in community college courses.

The Board shall appoint a CTE advisory committee to develop recommendations on the district's CTE program and to serve as a liaison between the district and potential employers. The committee shall consist of at least one student, teacher, business representative, industry representative, school administrator, member of the general public knowledgeable about the disadvantaged, and representative of the field office of the California Employment Development Department. (Education Code 8070)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform all secondary students and their parents/guardians about the CTE experiences available in the district, CTE courses that satisfy college admission criteria, and, if applicable, CTE courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements. In addition, secondary students shall receive individualized academic counseling which provides information about academic and CTE opportunities related to the student's career goals.

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall advise students, parents/guardians, employees, and the general public that all CTE opportunities are offered without regard to any actual or perceived characteristic protected from discrimination by law. The notification shall be disseminated in languages other than English as needed and shall state that the district will take steps to ensure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the district's CTE program. (20 USC 2354; 34 CFR 100 Appendix B, 104.8, 106.9)

To the extent required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall invite the participation of private school students in CTE programs supported by federal funding under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins). (20 USC 2397)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with businesses, government agencies, postsecondary institutions including universities and career technical schools, community organizations, and/or other employers to provide students with actual or simulated work-based learning opportunities through college and/or career fairs.

When planning to hold a college or career fair, the Superintendent or designee shall notify each apprenticeship program in the county. The notification shall include the planned date, time and location of the college or career fair. (Labor Code 3074.2)

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers of CTE courses possess the qualifications and credentials necessary to teach their assigned courses. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide teachers and administrators with professional development designed to enhance their knowledge of standards-aligned CTE and shall provide opportunities for CTE teachers to collaborate with teachers of academic courses in the development and implementation of integrated curriculum models.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide counselors and other guidance personnel with professional development that includes, but is not limited to, information about current workforce needs and trends, requirements of the district's CTE program, work-based learning opportunities, and postsecondary education and employment options following high school.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess district needs for facilities, technologies, and equipment to increase students' access to the district's CTE program.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board achievement data on participating students, including, but not limited to, the percentage of participating students who successfully complete CTE programs, their performance on state and district academic achievement tests, and graduation rates. Data shall be disaggregated by program and various student subgroups. Based on such data, the Board shall determine the need for program improvements and update the goals in the district's local control and accountability plan as necessary.

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5 CCR 3051.14	Specially designed career technical education for students with disabilities
8 CCR 200-240	Apprenticeships
Ed. Code 1205	Classification of counties
Ed. Code 17078.70-17078.72	Career technical education facilities
Ed. Code 33430-33432	Health science and medical technology grants
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Ed. Code 41540-41544	Targeted instructional improvement block grant
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Ed. Code 52519-52520	Adult education; occupational training
Ed. Code 53010-53016	California Career Pathways Trust

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<i>Ed. Code 53020-53025</i>	<i>Golden State Pathways Program</i>
<i>Ed. Code 53070-53076.4</i>	<i>The California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program</i>
<i>Ed. Code 53086</i>	<i>California Career Resource Network</i>
<i>Ed. Code 54690-54699.1</i>	<i>California Partnership Academies</i>
<i>Ed. Code 54750-54760</i>	<i>California Partnership Academies; green technology and goods movement occupations</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56363</i>	<i>Related services for students with disabilities; specially designed career technical education</i>
<i>Ed. Code 66205.5-66205.9</i>	<i>Approval of career technical education courses for admission to California colleges</i>
<i>Ed. Code 8006-8155</i>	<i>Career technical education</i>
<i>Ed. Code 88500-88551</i>	<i>Community college economic and workforce development program</i>
<i>Gov. Code 54950-54963</i>	<i>The Ralph M. Brown Act</i>
<i>Lab. Code 3070-3099.5</i>	<i>Apprenticeships</i>
<i>Lab. Code 3110-3112.1</i>	<i>Apprenticeship Innovation Funding Program</i>
<i>Lab. Code 3120-3122.4</i>	<i>Youth Apprenticeship</i>
<i>20 USC 2301-2414</i>	<i>Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act</i>
<i>20 USC 6301-6578</i>	<i>Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged</i>
<i>34 CFR 100</i>	<i>Appendix B Guidelines for eliminating discrimination in career technical education programs</i>
<i>34 CFR 104.1-104.39</i>	<i>Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973</i>
<i>34 CFR 106.1-106.61</i>	<i>Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX</i>

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### **CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

#### **Federal Grants for Career Technical Education (Perkins)**

The district shall submit to the California Department of Education an application for a basic grant of the federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act. The application shall address the components specified in 20 USC 2354 and any additional requirements specified in the state plan developed pursuant to 20 USC 2342. (20 USC 2354)

The district shall conduct a needs assessment in accordance with 20 USC 2354, which shall be updated at least once every two years. The needs assessment shall be conducted in consultation with representatives of district career technical education (CTE) programs, postsecondary CTE programs, state or local workforce development boards and businesses, parents/guardians, students, and other specified stakeholders. (20 USC 2354)

To meet the needs identified in the needs assessment, the Superintendent or designee shall develop, coordinate, implement, or improve CTE programs that are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective and that fulfill the following purposes: (20 USC 2355)

1. Provide career exploration and career development activities through an organized, systematic framework designed to aid students, including students in the middle grades, in making informed plans and decisions about future education and career opportunities and programs of study. Such activities shall occur before students enroll and while they are participating in a CTE program, and may include:
  - a. Introductory courses or activities focused on career exploration and career awareness, including non-traditional fields
  - b. Readily available career and labor market information, including information on occupational supply and demand, educational requirements, other information on careers aligned to economic priorities, and employment sectors
  - c. Programs and activities related to the development of student graduation and career plans
  - d. Career guidance and academic counselors who provide information on postsecondary education and career options
  - e. Any other activity that advances knowledge of career opportunities and assists students in making informed decisions about future education and employment goals, including nontraditional fields

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- f. Activities that provide students with strong experience in, and comprehensive understanding of, all aspects of an industry
2. Provide the skills necessary to pursue careers in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations
3. Integrate academic skills into CTE programs and programs of study to support participating students in meeting state academic standards
4. Provide professional development for teachers, school leaders, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel, guidance counselors, and/or paraprofessionals, which may include the types of activities listed in 20 USC 2355
5. Plan and carry out elements that support the implementation of CTE programs and programs of study and that result in increased student achievement. Such elements may include curriculum aligned with program requirements, sustainable relationships among community stakeholders, opportunities for students to participate in accelerated learning programs, equipment and instructional materials aligned with business and industry needs, and other activities specified in 20 USC 2355.
6. Develop and implement evaluations of the activities funded by the grant

The district's program shall provide activities to prepare special populations for high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations that will lead to self-sufficiency. Special populations shall be provided with equal access to CTE programs and shall not be unlawfully discriminated against. Special populations include, but are not limited to, students with disabilities, students from economically disadvantaged families, pregnant and parenting students, out-of-work individuals, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, children of military families, and students preparing for nontraditional fields. Nontraditional fields include occupations or fields of work, including careers in computer science, technology, and other emerging high-skill occupations, for which individuals from one gender constitute less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in each such occupation or field of work. (20 USC 2302, 2354, 2373)

Upon written request from a nonprofit private school within the geographical area served by the district, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with private school representatives in a timely and meaningful manner and may provide for the participation of private school secondary students in the district's programs and activities funded pursuant to 20 USC 2301-2414. To the extent practicable, the Superintendent or designee shall also, upon request, permit participation of CTE teachers, administrators, and other personnel from private schools in the district's inservice and preservice professional development programs funded through such grants. (20 USC 2397)

**CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION** (continued)**Linked Learning Programs**

The district shall offer one or more comprehensive, multi-year linked learning programs in grades 9-12 that are organized around a broad theme, interest area, or industry sector including, but not limited to, the industry sectors identified in model standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Education Code 51226. The program shall provide all participating students with curriculum choices that prepare them for career entry and a full range of postsecondary options, including two-year and four-year colleges, apprenticeships, and formal employment training.

At a minimum, the district's linked learning program shall include:

1. An integrated core curriculum that meets the eligibility requirements for admission to the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) and is delivered through project-based learning and other engaging instructional strategies that bring real-world context and relevance to the curriculum where broad themes, interest areas, and CTE are emphasized
2. An integrated technical core of a sequence of at least four related courses that may reflect CTE standards-based courses and that provide students with career skills, are aligned to academic principles, and fulfill academic core requirements described in Item #1 above to the extent possible
3. A series of work-based learning opportunities that begin with mentoring and job shadowing and evolve into intensive internships, school-based enterprises, or virtual apprenticeships
4. Support services, including supplemental instruction in reading and mathematics, that help students master the advanced academic and technical content that is necessary for success in college and career

**Student Organizations**

The district may provide support, including supplies, materials, activities, and advisor expenses, to student organizations which engage in activities that are integral to the CTE program and provide for the development of student leadership skills. However, no state or federal funds shall be used to pay students' membership dues, food or lodging expenses, out-of-state travel, or the cost of a social activity or assemblage.

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**WORK-BASED LEARNING**

The Board of Trustees desires to improve student educational outcomes and successes and support student workforce preparedness by facilitating work-based learning opportunities which link classroom learning with real-world experiences. The district's work-based learning program shall be designed to teach students the skills, attitudes, and knowledge necessary for successful employment and to reinforce mastery of both academic and career technical education (CTE) standards.

*(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)*

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

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

The district's work-based learning program may offer opportunities for paid and/or unpaid work experiences, including, but not limited to:

1. Work experience education as defined in Education Code 51764
2. Cooperative CTE or community classrooms as defined in Education Code 52372.1
3. Job shadowing experience as defined in Education Code 51769
4. Student internships
5. Apprenticeships
6. Service learning
7. Employment in social/civic or school-based enterprises
8. Technology-based or other simulated work experiences

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

The Superintendent or designee may provide students employment opportunities with public and private employers in areas within or outside the district, including in any contiguous state. (Education Code 51768)

The Board may elect to pay wages to students participating in a work-based learning program, but shall not make payments to or for private employers except for students with disabilities who are participating in work experience education programs funded by the state for such students. (Education Code 51768)

Any district plan for work-based learning shall be submitted to the Board for approval. When

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required, the plan shall be submitted to the California Department of Education or other state agency or official.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with businesses, government agencies, postsecondary institutions including universities and career technical schools, community organizations, and/or other employers in planning and implementing work-based learning opportunities that support the district's vision and goals for student learning and local workforce development efforts.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

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

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

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

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of students in grades 11-12 about local apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs and make the Division of Apprenticeship Standards' database accessible through a direct link on the district's website (Education Code 48980.5)

In accordance with Board Policy 6178 – Career Technical Education, the district may provide students with opportunities to explore, make career choices, and seek appropriate instruction and training to support those choices, by hosting locally focused apprenticeship and/or career technical education fair events.

As specified in Board Policy 6142.94 – History-Social Science Instruction, the district shall annually observe “Workplace Readiness Week.” (Education Code 49110.5)

When required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a written training agreement with the employer that describes the conditions and requirements to be met by all parties and shall develop an individual training plan for each student which outlines the objectives or competencies that the student is expected to accomplish at the work site. (5 CCR 10070-10071, 10087, 10108)

To ensure appropriate guidance and supervision of participating students and maximize the educational benefit from placement in any work-based learning program, district staff shall coordinate with the workplace supervisors or mentors.

A minor student shall be allowed employment through a paid work-based learning program only if the student has been issued a work permit, in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 49113, 49160)

*(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)*

All laws or rules applicable to minors in employment relationships shall be applicable to students enrolled in work-based learning programs. (Education Code 51763)

**WORK-BASED LEARNING** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any student participating in a work-based learning program off school grounds is covered under the employer's or district's insurance, as applicable, in the event the student is injured.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any teacher-coordinator of a work-based learning program possesses the appropriate experience and credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. (5 CCR 10075, 10080, 10100)

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records related to each student's participation in the district's work-based learning program, including, but not limited to, the student's individualized training plan, employment hours and job site, work permit if applicable, the employer's report of student's attendance and job performance, the teacher-coordinator's consultations and observations, and reports of the student's grade and credits earned.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding program implementation and effectiveness, including, but not limited to, rates of student participation in work-based learning programs and assessment results of participating students.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

35208 *Liability insurance*

46144 *Minimum school day for work experience program*

46147 *Exception for minimum day; students in last semester or quarter of grade 12*

46300 *Method of computing ADA*

48402 *Enrollment in continuation education, minors not regularly employed*

49110-49119 *Permits to work*

49160 *Permits to work, duties of employer*

51760-51769.5 *Work-based learning*

52300-52499.66 *Career technical education*

54690-54697 *Partnership academies*

56026 *Students with exceptional needs*

52372.1 *Community classrooms and cooperative career technical education programs*

LABOR CODE

1285-1312 *Employment of minors*

1391-1394 *Working hours for minors*

3070-3099.5 *Apprenticeship*

3200-6002 *Workers' compensation and insurance*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1635 *Credit for work experience education*

10070-10075 *Work experience education*

10080-10090 *Community classrooms*

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*10100-10111 Cooperative career technical education programs*  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
*2301-2414 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006*  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29  
*570.35a Work experience programs*

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS  
*Work Experience Education Guide*  
*California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, 2013*  
*Multiple Pathways to Student Success: Envisioning the New California High School, 2010*  
*2008-2012 California State Plan for Career Technical Education, 2008*  
*Career Technical Education Framework for California Public Schools: Grades Seven Through Twelve, 2007*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

*Child Labor Laws, 2013*

WEST ED PUBLICATIONS

*Work-Based Learning in California: Opportunities and Models for Expansion, 2009*

WEB SITES

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

*California Association of Work Experience Educators: <http://www.cawee.org>*

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

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

*Linked Learning Alliance: <http://www.linkedlearning.org>*

*WestEd: <http://www.wested.org>*

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**WORK-BASED LEARNING**

**Work Experience Education**

The district's work experience education (WEE) program shall consist of one or more of the following types of unpaid and paid on-the-job experiences: (5 CCR 10071)

1. Exploratory WEE, which provides students with a combination of related classroom instruction in WEE and unpaid opportunities to observe and sample systematically a variety of conditions of work for the purpose of ascertaining their interest and suitability for the occupation they are exploring

The length of exploratory WEE assignments may vary depending on the aptitude of the student, the occupation being explored, the facilities of the work station, and the job classification. A student may not participate in an exploratory WEE assignment if the student receives pay for like work at the same work station or similar job outside of the WEE program.

2. General WEE, which has as its purpose the application of basic skills of reading, writing, and computation and which provides students an opportunity to acquire general and specific occupational skills through a combination of supervised paid employment in any occupational field and related classroom instruction in WEE
3. Career technical WEE, which reinforces and extends career learning opportunities for students through a combination of related classroom instruction in WEE and supervised paid or unpaid employment in the occupation for which their career technical course in school prepares them

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

The student-teacher ratio in any WEE program shall not exceed 125 students per full-time equivalent certificated teacher-coordinator. (Education Code 46300)

The minimum day for students enrolled in a WEE program shall be four periods totaling at least 180 minutes in duration, unless the school or student meets one of the conditions specified in Education Code 46144 or 46147. (Education Code 46144, 46147)

*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

Each WEE program shall operate under the supervision of a teacher-coordinator. The teacher-coordinator shall prepare individual training plans, observe and consult with students, and make at least two on-site contacts per semester with each work supervisor and at least one on-site contact during summer school to evaluate student performance. (Education Code 51764; 5 CCR 10074)

**WORK-BASED LEARNING** (continued)

Any student who is age 16 years of age or older and who satisfactorily completes a WEE program with a minimum of one instructional period per week of related classroom instruction or counseling by a certificated employee, in sessions scheduled intermittently throughout the semester, shall be granted up to 40 semester periods of credit for WEE within the following limits: (Education Code 51760.3; 5 CCR 1635)

1. For exploratory WEE, the student may earn 10 semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of 20 semester periods earned in two semesters.
2. For either general or career technical WEE, the student may earn 10 semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of 40 semester periods.

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

Any student who satisfies the above requirements but is under age 16 years of age may be granted credit under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 51760.3)

1. The student is enrolled in grade 11 or higher.
2. The principal certifies that the student is in need of immediate work experience education in order to pursue employment opportunities.
3. The principal certifies that, without being provided an opportunity to enroll in the WEE program, there is a high probability that the student will no longer be enrolled as a full-time student.

*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*

4. The student is at least 14 years of age and the principal certifies that such credit is necessary for the student's participation in a career technical education (CTE) program.
5. The student has an individualized education program (IEP) that prescribes the type of training for which participation in a WEE program is deemed appropriate.

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

**Cooperative Career Technical Education Program/Community Classrooms**

To be eligible for program participation, a student shall be concurrently enrolled in a CTE course or program approved by the California Department of Education. (5 CCR 10082, 10103)

Additionally, to be eligible for participation in the cooperative CTE program, a student shall: (5 CCR 10103)

**WORK-BASED LEARNING** (continued)

1. Be at least 16 years of age, unless the principal determines that the program is appropriate for a younger student due to the student's financial, motivational, or other exceptional needs
2. Be a full-time student, as defined
3. Have parent/guardian consent if under 18 years of age

At least one instructional period per week of formal CTE classroom instruction shall be provided to participating students. A minimum of three CTE instructional periods shall be provided per week. Each of the CTE instructional periods shall be at least 50 minutes. (5 CCR 10085, 10106)

Teachers assigned to the program shall locate and select training stations to provide participating students with unpaid on-the-job learning experiences in the specific occupation related to the approved course or program. (5 CCR 10086, 10107)

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Students shall be granted academic credit for satisfactory completion of the program. The teacher shall be responsible for evaluating the student's performance in the CTE course and, with the assistance of the employer, the student's participation at the training station. (5 CCR 10081, 10102)

**Job Shadowing**

The program coordinator shall identify job shadowing placements with the goal of providing students with exposure to a broad range of career options and employment settings.

The program coordinator shall supervise job shadowing activities, including the coordination of the student's and employer's schedules and consultation with the student's other teachers when necessary.

Participating students may attend job shadowing opportunities for three to 25 hours in one semester, intersession, or summer school session. However, a student may be permitted to participate for up to 40 hours in one semester, intersession, or summer school session, if the principal certifies that it is necessary for the student's participation in a CTE program. (Education Code 51769)

**REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER/PROGRAM**

**Cautionary Notice:** As added and amended by SBX3 4 (Ch. 12, Third Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), ABX4 2 (Ch. 2, Fourth Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), and SB 70 (Ch. 7, Statutes of 2011), Education Code 42605 grants districts flexibility in "Tier 3" categorical programs. The Biggs Unified School District has accepted this flexibility and thus is deemed in compliance with the statutory or regulatory program and funding requirements for these programs for the 2008-09 through 2014-15 fiscal years. As a result, the district may temporarily suspend certain provisions of the following policy or regulation that reflect these requirements. For further information, please contact the Superintendent or designee.

The Board of Trustees desires to provide opportunities for district students to receive specialized training and career technical skills through a regional occupational center or program (ROC/P) that prepares them for employment, advanced training, or postsecondary education.

*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

*(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)*

The district shall refer eligible students to an ROC/P that has been established by the County Superintendent of Schools and is under the governance of the County Board of Education. (Education Code 52301, 52310.5)

The Board and Superintendent or designee shall maintain effective communications with the County Board and County Superintendent in order to ensure that district students receive a high-quality career technical program. The Superintendent or designee shall work with the County Superintendent to identify appropriate means for the district to provide input into ROC/P program development, budget adoption, program evaluation, and other matters.

The Board may enter into a contract with the county-operated ROC/P to provide district teachers, student support services, facilities, or other services to students enrolled in the ROC/P.

**Student Eligibility and Participation**

To enroll in the ROC/P on a part-time or full-time basis, a district high school or adult student must have his/her admittance approved by the ROC/P based on a determination that he/she will benefit from the program. To be eligible, a student must be at least 16 years of age, unless he/she meets one of the conditions specified in Education Code 52314. (Education Code 52314, 52314.5, 52315)

*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*

*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

Adult students may have access to ROC/P classes offered on high school campuses during the school day.

## **REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER/PROGRAM (continued)**

A student who is attending an ROC/P may be exempted from the district's full-time compulsory continuation education program and/or physical education in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48410, 52316)

*(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*

Credits earned from courses completed in an ROC/P may be applied toward fulfillment of high school graduation course requirements. (Education Code 51225.3, 52310)

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

### **Student Services**

The district may provide or arrange for transportation to the ROC/P in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)*  
*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*  
*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

The district's academic counseling program shall be designed to increase students' awareness of available educational options aligned with their career goals, including, as appropriate, career technical programs offered through the ROC/P.

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

### **Program Evaluation**

The Board also shall review student achievement data for participating district students.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*  
*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)*  
*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER/PROGRAM (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

1205 *Classification of counties*  
37223 *Weekend classes*  
39807.5 *Transportation to ROC/P, parent/guardian payment*  
41850 *Transportation to ROC/P, apportionments*  
44910 *Permanent employment status; preclusion of ROC/P service*  
46140 *Attendance credit*  
46300 *Computation of average daily attendance*  
48410 *Exemption from compulsory continuation education*  
48430-48433 *Continuation education, ROC/P classes*  
51225.3 *Requirements for graduation*  
52300-52335.6 *Regional occupational centers/programs*  
52378 *Supplemental school counseling program, grades 7-12*  
60850-60859 *High school exit examination*  
60900 *California longitudinal student achievement data system*

GOVERNMENT CODE

6500-6536 *Joint powers agreements*

LABOR CODE

3368 *Workers' compensation, responsibility in jointly operated ROC/P*

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE

15037.1 *Education and job training, performance accountability*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10080-10092 *Community classrooms*

10100-10111 *Cooperative vocational education*

11500-11508 *Regional occupational centers and programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

2301-2414 *Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006*

6319 *Highly qualified teachers*

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

2008-2012 State Plan for Career Technical Education

Regional Occupational Centers and Programs Operations Handbook March 2008

Model Programs and Practices: Setting Standards for Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCPs), rev. October 2007

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California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs: <http://www.carocp.org>

California Department of Education, ROC/P: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/rp>

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that high-quality supplemental instruction can motivate and support students to attain grade-level academic standards, overcome academic deficiencies, and/or acquire critical skills. The district shall offer programs of direct, systematic, and intensive supplemental instruction to meet student needs. Supplemental instruction shall be offered in accordance with law and may be used to assist the district in meeting its goals for student achievement.

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*  
*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

Supplemental instruction may be offered during and outside the regular school day, including during the summer, before school, after school, on Saturday, and/or during intersessions. When supplemental instruction is offered during the regular school day, it shall not supplant the student's instruction in the core curriculum areas or physical education.

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*  
*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*  
*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)*  
*(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)*

As appropriate, supplemental instruction may be provided through a classroom setting, individual or small group instruction, technology-based instruction, and/or an arrangement with a community or other external service provider.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

When determined to be necessary by the principal or designee, a student may be required to participate in supplemental instruction outside the regular school day. In such cases, written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained for the student's participation.

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to students in grades 2-9 who have been retained or recommended for retention at their current grade level. (Education Code 37252.2, 48070.5)

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*

The district shall offer alternative supports designed to increase the academic achievement of socioeconomically disadvantaged students attending schools identified by the California Department of Education for program improvement for two or more consecutive years.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION** (continued)

*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*  
*(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)*

In addition, supplemental instruction may be offered to:

1. Students who are identified as being at risk for retention based on state assessment results, grades, or other indicators

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

2. Students who demonstrate academic deficiencies that may jeopardize their attainment of academic standards

*(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*

3. High school students who need support to successfully complete courses required for graduation

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

37200-37202 School calendar

37223 Weekend classes

37252-37254.1 Supplemental instruction, summer school

42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula

46100 Length of school day

48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention

48200 Compulsory education

48985 Translation of notices

51210-51212 Courses of study, elementary schools

51220-51228 Courses of study, secondary schools

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60603 Definitions, core curriculum areas

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

60850-60859 High school exit examination, especially:

60851.5 Suspension of high school exit examination

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11470-11472 Summer school

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Every Student Succeeds Act 2016-17 School Year Transition Plan, April 2016*

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION** (continued)

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

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION**

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**Cautionary Notice 2010-13:** AB 1610 (Ch. 724, Statutes of 2010) amended Education Code 37252.2 and Government Code 17581.5 to relieve districts from the obligation, until July 1, 2013, to perform any activities that are deemed to be reimbursable state mandates under those sections. As a result, certain provisions of the following policy or administrative regulation that reflect those requirements may be suspended.

Supplemental instructional programs shall be offered outside the regular school day. Such programs may be offered during the summer, before school, after school, on Saturday, and/or during intersessions. (Education Code 37252, 37252.2, 37252.8, 37253)

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

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

*(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)*

*(cf. 6177 - Summer School)*

Priority for enrollment in supplemental instruction offered at a time other than Saturday shall be given to any student whose parent/guardian has informed the Superintendent or designee that the student is unable to attend a Saturday school program for religious reasons. (Education Code 37252, 37252.2, 37252.8, 37253)

**Supplemental Instruction Based on Retention or Academic Deficiencies**

Students in grades 2-9 who have been retained or recommended for retention shall be eligible for supplemental instruction under the following circumstances: (Education Code 37252.2)

1. For the purposes of this program, a student shall be considered to be enrolled in a grade immediately upon completion of the preceding grade.
2. Students who were enrolled in grade 6 or 9 during the prior school year shall be eligible for summer school instruction.

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*

To the extent that the district provides supplemental instruction to students in grades 2-6 who are identified as being at risk of retention or as having deficiencies in mathematics, reading,

or written expression, those students also shall be subject to the provisions set forth in items #1 and #2 above. (Education Code 37252.8)

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall seek the active involvement of parents/guardians and classroom teachers in the development and implementation of supplemental instructional programs. (Education Code 37252.2, 37252.8)

An intensive remedial program in reading or written expression shall, as needed, include instruction in phonemic awareness, systematic explicit phonics and decoding, word attack skills, spelling and vocabulary, explicit instruction of reading comprehension, writing, and study skills. (Education Code 37252.2, 37252.8)

*(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)*

### **Supplemental Instruction Based on Progress Toward Passing Exit Examination**

Students in grades 7-12 who do not demonstrate "sufficient progress," as defined in Board policy, toward passing the state exit exam required for high school graduation shall be eligible for supplemental instruction under the following circumstances: (Education Code 37252)

1. For purposes of this program, a student shall be considered to be enrolled in a grade immediately upon completion of the preceding grade.
2. Students who were enrolled in grade 12 during the prior school year may be eligible for supplemental instructional programs.

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*

The curriculum of the supplemental instruction program shall reflect state academic content standards to the extent that the district curriculum is aligned with those state standards, and shall be designed to assist students to succeed on the exit exam. (Education Code 60851)

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

### **Supplemental Instruction Based on Failure to Pass Exit Exam by End of Grade 12**

Intensive instruction and services designed to help students pass the high school exit exam after they have failed to pass one or both parts of the exam by the end of grade 12 shall be provided as follows: (Education Code 37254)

1. Each eligible student shall receive an appropriate diagnostic assessment to identify his/her areas of need.

2. Each student shall receive intensive instruction and services based on the results of the diagnostic assessment and his/her prior results on the exit exam.

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION** (continued)

3. The intensive instruction and services shall be based on strategies that are most likely to result in the student passing the part(s) of the exit exam that he/she has not yet passed and may include, but not be limited to:

- a. Individual or small group instruction
- b. The hiring of additional teachers
- c. Purchasing, scoring, and reviewing diagnostic assessments
- d. Counseling
- e. Designing instruction to meet specific needs of eligible students
- f. Appropriate teacher training to meet the needs of eligible students

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

- g. Instruction in English language arts and/or mathematics that eligible students need in order to pass those parts of the exit exam not yet passed, including employing different intensive instruction and services aligned to the needs and circumstances of students who have not passed one or both parts of the exit exam by the end of grade 12 compared to other district students in grade 12 with similar needs
- h. Instruction and services by a public or nonpublic entity as determined by the Superintendent or designee

4. English language learners shall have the opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services as described in item #2 above that also shall include services to improve English proficiency as needed to pass one or both parts of the exit exam not passed by the end of grade 12.

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*

The intensive instruction and services may be provided during the regular school day provided that they do not supplant the student's instruction in the core curriculum areas defined in Education Code 60603 or physical education. Eligible students may receive intensive instruction and services on Saturdays, evenings, or at a time and location deemed appropriate by the Superintendent or designee in order to meet the needs of these students. (Education Code 37254)

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify, in writing, all students who have not passed one or both parts of the exit exam by the end of grade 12, or the parents/guardians of such students if under age 18, of the availability of intensive instruction and services each term for the next two consecutive school years. Eligible students also shall be notified of their right to file a complaint regarding the intensive instruction and services in accordance with Education Code 35186 (Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures).

*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

The notice shall include the name and phone number of a contact person designated by the Superintendent or designee who can assist students who have questions, concerns, or complaints regarding the availability of the additional instruction.

The notification shall be sent to the last known address before the end of each school term in sufficient time for eligible students to register for or avail themselves of those services. The notice shall also be posted in the school office, district office, and on the district's Internet web site, if any. (Education Code 37254)

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*

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## **ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS OF CHOICE**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a variety of innovative educational programs to accommodate students' diverse learning needs and interests, foster student engagement in the schools, and enhance student achievement. Toward this end, the Board may establish and maintain alternative schools or programs of choice.

A district alternative school or program of choice may differ from the traditional educational program in its academic emphasis, sequence of curriculum, educational philosophy, instructional strategy, structure, setting, size, scheduling, targeted student population, decision-making process, and/or other components. All alternative schools or programs of choice shall offer enrolled students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve district content standards in core academic subjects and shall provide access to the course of study required for high school graduation.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*  
*(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

Any staff member, parent/guardian of any student, or other interested person may request the Board to establish an alternative school or program of choice. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures and criteria for reviewing proposals. Based on such criteria, he/she shall evaluate all proposals received and present his/her recommendation to the Board for action.

As necessary to provide flexibility to alternative schools or programs of choice to improve student performance and/or streamline operations, the Superintendent or designee may request that the Superintendent of Public Instruction waive any provision of the Education Code except provisions specified in Education Code 58509.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes to ensure communication among staff in the alternative schools or programs of choice and staff in the regular educational program in order to share information and ideas.

### **Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct an annual evaluation of each alternative school or program of choice which includes testing of basic skills for student participants and which identifies the variables that may have affected student academic achievement. The evaluation

process shall include input from teachers, parents/guardians, and students from the alternative school or program of choice. (Education Code 58510)

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## **ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS OF CHOICE (continued)**

Evaluation reports shall be sent to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before August 1 following the close of the school year. (Education Code 58510)

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

*(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)*

Prior to submitting the evaluation report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Superintendent or designee shall report the evaluation results to the Board. The Board shall review the effectiveness of the school or program in meeting program objectives, compare student achievement data with that of students in other district schools, evaluate changes in the school or program over time, and make program modifications as needed.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

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

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35160.5 Intradistrict open enrollment

41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant

48980 Parental notifications

52052 Academic Performance Index

58500-58512 Alternative schools and programs of choice

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1068-1074 Alternative schools accountability model

11705 Charter schools as alternative schools

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California Department of Education, Alternative Schools of Choice: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/as>

Foundation for California Community Colleges, Early College High School Initiative:

<http://www.foundationccc.org/ECHS>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement:

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

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## **HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION**

A student with a temporary disability which makes school attendance impossible or inadvisable shall be entitled to receive individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals. (Education Code 48206.3)

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*

Temporary disability means a physical, mental, or emotional disability incurred while a student is enrolled in regular day classes or an alternative education program, and after which the student can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or the alternative education program in which the student is enrolled. Temporary disability does not include a disability that would qualify a student for special education pursuant to Education Code 56026. (Education Code 48206.3)

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

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

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of district students regarding: (Education Code 48206.3, 48208, 48980)

1. The availability of individual instruction for any student with a temporary disability, including information regarding student eligibility for, and the duration of, individual instruction
2. The rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians of any student with a temporary disability pursuant to Education Code 48207 and 48208

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Parents/guardians shall notify the principal or designee when their child is temporarily disabled and needs individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility.

### **Determination of Student Eligibility**

Not later than five working days after receiving notification from a parent/guardian that a student has a temporary disability, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether the student will be able to receive individual instruction at home or in a hospital or residential health facility. (Education Code 48208)

The Superintendent or designee may require verification through any reasonable means that

the student is temporarily disabled and needs individual instruction.

### **Provision of Individual Instruction**

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### **HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION (continued)**

Individual instruction at a student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility shall begin no later than five working days after the Superintendent or designee makes the determination that the student is eligible to receive individual instruction. (Education Code 48207.5, 48208)

The district shall be responsible for providing individual instruction to any temporarily disabled student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within district boundaries, whether or not the student is enrolled in the district. If the student is enrolled in another district, the Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement to have the student's district of residence provide the individual instruction. The Superintendent or designee may also enter into an agreement to provide individual instruction to a district student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within the boundaries of another district. (Education Code 48208)

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

Whenever the district provides individual instruction to a non-district student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days of the beginning of the individual instruction, provide written notification to the student's district of residence that, effective on the date on which individual instruction began, the district of residence may not count the student for purposes of computing that district's average daily attendance. (Education Code 48208)

A student receiving individual instruction in a hospital or residential health facility for a partial week shall be entitled to attend school or receive individual instruction at home on days in which the student is not receiving individual instruction in the hospital or other residential health facility, if the student is well enough to do so. (Education Code 48207.3)

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only by teachers with valid California teaching credentials who consent to the assignment. (Education Code 44865)

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

*(cf. 4113 - Assignment)*

Insofar as possible, the teacher providing home or hospital instruction shall consult with the student's current classroom teacher(s) so as to provide a continuity of instruction that enables the student to stay abreast with the regular school program.

The district's attendance supervisor shall ensure that the absences of any temporarily disabled student receiving individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility are excused until the student is able to return to the regular school program. (Education Code 48240)

**HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION (continued)**

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

*(cf. 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision)*

**Return to School**

A student receiving individual instruction who is well enough to return to school shall be allowed to return to the school that the student attended immediately before receiving individual instruction, if the return occurs during the school year in which the individual instruction was initiated. (Education Code 48207.3)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

44865 *Qualifications for home teachers*

45031 *Home teachers*

48200 *Minimum school day*

48206.3-48208 *Students with temporary disabilities; individual instruction*

48240 *Supervisors of attendance*

48980 *Parental notifications*

51800-51802 *Employment of home teachers*

56026 *Individual with exceptional needs*

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421 *Method of verification*

423 *Prolonged illness*

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**CONTINUATION EDUCATION**

The Board of Trustees shall provide a continuation education program as an option for at-risk students who may need a flexible educational environment. The continuation education program shall be designed to meet the educational needs of each student, provide an opportunity for participating students to complete the required course of instruction necessary to graduate from high school, emphasize occupational orientation or a work study schedule, and offer intensive guidance services.

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*  
*(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)*

The continuation education program shall be aligned with the goals identified in the district's local control and accountability plan, designed and implemented in collaboration with other high schools within the district, and coordinated with other educational options available to district students.

*(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)*  
*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*  
*(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)*  
*(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)*  
*(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)*  
*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a director of continuation education who shall be responsible for the organization and administration of the district's continuation education program and guidance, placement, and follow-up services for participating students. (5 CCR 11000, 11003)

The continuation high school shall be conducted for not less than 180 days during a school year. The Board may maintain continuation classes during the district's regular school hours, during special school hours for these classes established by the Board, or during such hours and for such length of time during the day or evening that adult education classes are maintained. (Education Code 48434; 5 CCR 11004)

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*  
*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

Students eligible for continuation education classes shall be age 16 or 17 years at the time of their enrollment and shall not have graduated from high school. (Education Code 48400,

**CONTINUATION EDUCATION** (continued)

A student may be involuntarily transferred into a continuation education program in accordance with law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48432.5)

With the consent of the Superintendent or designee, a student may voluntarily enroll in continuation classes in order to receive special attention such as individualized instruction. (Education Code 48432, 48432.3, 48432.5)

Priority for voluntary enrollment in continuation classes shall be given to students who need credit recovery in order to graduate with their peers and to students who, due to employment, pregnancy, parenting responsibilities, or other circumstances, are unable to attend a comprehensive high school. A student with a disability shall be admitted only if his/her individualized education program specifically states that a continuation high school setting meets his/her needs.

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

*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*

*(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

Enrollment criteria shall be applied consistently throughout the district. (Education Code 48432.3)

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

Students may be enrolled in a regional occupational center or program within the county in lieu of, or in combination with, continuation education. (Education Code 48432)

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

Students otherwise subject to compulsory attendance in continuation education classes may be exempted if they meet any of the conditions specified in Education Code 48410 and AR 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance.

*(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of district continuation education programs and report these evaluation results to the Board. Indicators may include, but not be limited to, disaggregated data on student enrollment, student assessment results, and graduation rates.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)  
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)  
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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## CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

46170 Minimum school day for continuation schools and classes  
48400-48454 Compulsory continuation education, especially:  
48400 Weekly minimum attendance requirement  
48402 Minors not regularly employed  
48410-48416 Compulsory continuation education  
48430-48438 Continuation classes  
48450-48454 Violation  
48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion  
48900.5 Student discipline  
48903 Limitations on days of suspension  
51224-51225.3 Courses of study  
60850-60856 High school exit examination

#### FAMILY CODE

7000-7002 Emancipation of minors law  
7050 Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11000-11010 Continuation education

#### COURT DECISIONS

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### Management Resources:

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*Raising the Bar, Building Capacity: Driving Improvement in California's Continuation High Schools*, May 2012

*Intake Processes at Continuation High Schools: Shaping School Climate Through Selection and Enrollment Strategies*, February 2011

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California Continuation Education Association: <http://www.cceanet.org>

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

John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities, Stanford School of Education:  
<http://jgc.stanford.edu>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**Instruction**

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## **CONTINUATION EDUCATION**

### **Program Components**

The district's continuation education program shall include the following components:

1. Curriculum that prepares students to meet the course requirements for graduation prescribed in Education Code 51224-51225.3 (5 CCR 11004)
2. A plan to coordinate instruction and training in the continuation education program with the student's home, employment, and other agencies (5 CCR 11003)
3. Instruction based on individual student needs as determined by counseling and coordination services (5 CCR 11002)
4. Personal guidance in matters affecting students' personal, social, and educational adjustment (5 CCR 11001)
5. Occupational guidance to prepare students for future employment opportunities (5 CCR 11001)
6. Placement in suitable employment whenever students can benefit from such employment, and follow-up visitations at places of employment to determine the effectiveness of the guidance and placement services (5 CCR 11001)
7. Regular home contacts and parent conferences when students are not succeeding in the continuation program (5 CCR 11001)
8. Regular contacts with students enrolled for only four hours per week and all students suspended from continuation education, with the intent of eventually returning them to the full-time continuation education program (5 CCR 11001)
9. Regular communication with all parents/guardians regarding their child's progress in the educational program
10. Opportunities for parent/guardian and community involvement in school activities and program planning
11. Student support services that may include, but are not limited to, academic support services, health services or referrals, child care and development services for the children of enrolled students, and/or prevention and intervention services for alcohol or substance abuse
12. Professional development that includes opportunities for teachers to continually improve their instructional and classroom management skills
13. Efforts to ensure school safety and promote a positive school climate

**CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)****Involuntary Transfer**

A decision to transfer a student involuntarily into continuation education classes shall be based on a finding that the student: (Education Code 48432.5)

1. Committed an act enumerated in Education Code 48900
2. Has been habitually truant or irregular in attendance from instruction the student is lawfully required to attend.

Involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall be made only when other means fail to bring about student improvement. However, a student may be involuntarily transferred the first time an act enumerated in Education Code 48900 is committed if the principal determines that the student's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48432.5)

Prior to an involuntary transfer, the student and the student's parent/guardian, or a foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney and social worker, or an Indian child's tribal social worker, and if applicable, county social worker, shall be given written notice that a meeting may be requested with the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48432.5)

At the meeting, the student and the student's parent/guardian, or, if the student is a foster youth, the foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or, if the student is an Indian child, the Indian child's tribal social worker, or, if applicable, county social worker, shall be informed of the specific facts and reasons for the proposed transfer, and have the opportunity to inspect all documents relied upon, question any evidence and witnesses presented, and present evidence on the student's behalf. The student may designate one or more representatives and witnesses to be present with the student at the meeting. (Education Code 48432.5)

A written decision to transfer, stating the facts and reasons for the decision, shall be sent to the student and the student's parent/guardian or, if the student is a foster youth, the foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or, if the student is an Indian child, the Indian child's tribal social worker, or, if applicable, county social worker. It shall indicate whether the decision is subject to periodic review and the procedure for such review. (Education Code 48432.5)

The persons making the final decision for involuntary transfer shall not be members of the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled at the time. (Education Code 48432.5)

No involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall extend beyond the end of the semester following the semester when the acts leading to the involuntary transfer occurred. (Education Code 48432.5)

**CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)****Voluntary Enrollment**

As space permits, students who meet the eligibility criteria specified in Board policy may voluntarily enroll in a continuation school. A student may be considered for placement in the continuation school whenever the student's parent/guardian submits a written request to the Superintendent or designee or the student is referred by a counselor or school administrator.

Approval of a student's voluntary transfer shall be based on a finding that the placement will promote the educational interests of the student. (Education Code 48432.3)

Voluntary enrollment shall be subject to the following conditions: (Education Code 48432.3, 48432.5)

1. A student's voluntary placement in continuation education shall not be used as an alternative to expulsion unless alternative means of correction have been attempted pursuant to Education Code 48900.5.
2. The district shall strive to ensure that no specific group of students, including a group based on race, ethnicity, language status, or special needs, is disproportionately enrolled in continuation education within the district.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall annually review disaggregated student enrollment data and report such data to the Governing Board. If it is determined that one or more student groups are enrolled in continuation education at a significantly higher level than their proportional enrollment in the district, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a review of enrollment criteria and procedures to determine the reason for the disproportionate enrollment.
4. A copy of this administrative regulation and accompanying Board policy shall be provided to a student whose voluntary transfer to a continuation school is under consideration and to the student's parent/guardian.
5. Before a student is transferred and upon request by the student's parent/guardian, the parent/guardian may meet with a counselor, principal, or administrator from both the school that the student is currently attending and the continuation school to determine if transferring is the best option for the student.
6. To the extent possible, voluntary transfer to a continuation school shall occur within the first four weeks of each semester.
7. The transfer is voluntary, and the student has a right to return to the student's previous school.
8. A student who is voluntarily enrolled in continuation education may return to the regular high school at the beginning of the following school year, or at any other time with the consent of the Superintendent or designee.

**CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)****Intake and Orientation**

Upon voluntary or involuntary transfer to a continuation education program, an intake meeting shall be conducted with each student and his/her parent/guardian. At this meeting, the principal or counselor shall provide information about each course and number of credits that the student needs to complete in order to graduate and shall develop an individualized academic plan for the student. The student, and his/her parent/guardian as appropriate, shall sign a contract indicating their commitment to these objectives.

In addition, at the beginning of each school year, the district coordinator for continuation education, school counselor(s), or other designee(s) shall provide an orientation session for all incoming students and their parents/guardians in order to explain the credit recovery process and establish expectations for student conduct and participation. As appropriate, extended orientation sessions may be provided to assist students in developing academic, social, communication, anger management, or other skills necessary to success in school.

**Minimum Attendance Requirement**

In continuation high schools and classes, a day of attendance shall be at least 180 minutes. (Education Code 46170)

Each student shall attend classes for not less than 15 hours per week. However, if a student gives satisfactory proof of regular employment, the student may attend classes for not less than four hours per week for the regular school term. These requirements may be met by any combination of attendance in a continuation education class and/or regional occupational center or program. (Education Code 46170, 48402, 48400)

**Leaves of Absence**

A student enrolled in compulsory continuation education classes may take a leave of absence for up to two semesters for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48416)

*(cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence)*

**Reenrollment**

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

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**COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the need to provide an appropriate alternative educational option for expelled students who are prohibited from attending regular schools in the district, students referred by probation pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300 or 602, and students referred by a school attendance review board or another district-level referral process. The district's community day school program shall be designed to meet the needs of these students and ensure academic progress necessary for their success when returned to a regular school environment.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*  
*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the County Superintendent of Schools and, as appropriate, other districts within the county to develop, for Board adoption, a plan for providing education services and appropriate placements to all expelled students in the county. (Education Code 48926)

The district's community day school program shall be designed to give students substantial individual help with their problems. To the extent possible, the program shall include:

1. Cooperation with the county office of education, law enforcement, probation, and human services agencies personnel who work with at-risk youth
2. Low student-teacher ratio
3. Individualized instruction and assessment
4. Maximum collaboration with district support service resources, including, but not limited to, school counselors and psychologists, academic counselors, and student discipline personnel

*(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)*  
*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the involuntary transfer of students to a community day school in accordance with law. (Education Code 48662)

The Superintendent or designee may require community day school students to attend school for up to seven days each week in a directed program designed to provide students with the

skills and attitudes necessary for success when they are returned to a regular school environment. (Education Code 48666)

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## **COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL** (continued)

A community day school shall not be situated on the same site as a regular district elementary, middle, junior high, comprehensive senior high, opportunity, or continuation school, except when allowed by law and when the Board certifies by a two-thirds vote that no satisfactory alternative facilities are available for the community day school. Such Board certification shall be valid for not more than one school year and may be renewed by a subsequent two-thirds vote of the Board. (Education Code 48661)

*(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)*

Community day schools shall be operated in safe, well-maintained facilities that meet the requirements of Education Code 17292.5.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the academic performance and other outcomes of students enrolled in a community day school.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

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

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

1980-1986 County community schools

17085-17096 Emergency portable facilities

17280-17316 Field Act, approvals

17365-17374 Field Act, fitness of occupancy

48260-48273 Truants

48660-48666 Community day schools

48900-48926 Suspension or expulsion

52052 Accountability

52064.5 Program evaluation; state evaluation rubrics

#### WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 Minors subject to jurisdiction

602 Minors violating laws defining crime; ward of court

#### CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1068-1074 Alternative schools accountability systems

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.35 Evaluation and placement of students with disabilities

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#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Guidelines for Establishing a Community Day School*

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

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**COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL**

**Involuntary Transfer**

The Superintendent or designee may assign a student to a district community day school if the student meets one or more of the following conditions: (Education Code 48662)

1. The student is expelled for any reason.

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

2. The student is probation-referred pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300 or 602.

3. The student is referred by a school attendance review board (SARB) or other district-level referral process.

*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*

The Superintendent or designee shall give first priority for assignment to a community day school to students expelled for mandatory expulsion offenses pursuant to Education Code 48915(d). Second priority shall be given to students expelled for other reasons, and third priority shall be given to students referred pursuant to item #2 or #3 above. These priorities are applicable unless there is an agreement that the County Superintendent of Schools will serve any of these students. (Education Code 48662)

When the student to be involuntarily transferred to a community day school is a student with disabilities, as defined under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, assignment to a community day school shall be determined by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or 504 team, as applicable. (20 USC 1415; 34 CFR 104.35)

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion (Students with Disabilities))*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

Students who have been involuntarily transferred to a community day school based on an expulsion order, probation referral, SARB referral, or other district-level referral process shall be notified in accordance with the applicable laws and/or district policy. Such process shall include timely written notification of the transfer to the student and his/her parent/guardian and an opportunity for the student and parent/guardian to meet with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the transfer.

**COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL** (continued)

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Academic programs offered in the community day school shall be comparable to those available to students of a similar age in the district. (Education Code 48663)

The minimum school day for a district community day school shall be 360 minutes of classroom instruction provided by a certificated employee. Independent study shall not be used as a means of providing any part of this minimum day. (Education Code 48663)

*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

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## **EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that it is accountable to students, parents/guardians, and the community for the effectiveness of the district's educational program in meeting district goals for student learning. The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a continual evaluation of the curriculum and the instructional program in order to identify strategies for improving student achievement.

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*  
*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*  
*(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)*  
*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board and the community with regular reports on student achievement. The reports shall include data for each district school and for each numerically significant student subgroup, as defined in Education Code 52052, including, but not limited to, school and subgroup performance on statewide achievement indicators and progress toward goals specified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*  
*(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*  
*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*  
*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an evaluation of any new instructional program implemented in the district and shall regularly assess district progress toward increasing student achievement in all subject areas taught in the district. The findings of such evaluations and assessments shall be reported to the Board.

Based on these reports, the Board shall take appropriate actions to maintain the effectiveness of programs and to improve the quality of education provided to district students.

### **Annual Evaluation of Consolidated Application Programs**

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall annually determine whether the district's categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application are effective in meeting the needs of the students they are intended to serve. As a basis for this evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the specific, measurable criteria that shall be used at each school and at the district level. These criteria may include,

but are not necessarily limited to, the progress of all students participating in the program and of each numerically significant subgroup toward goals contained in the district's LCAP, the school's single plan for student achievement, and/or other applicable district or school plans.

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## **EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (continued)**

### **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation**

The Board believes that accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) can foster excellence and ongoing academic improvement in the district's schools. The results of the accreditation process also may demonstrate to parents/guardians and the community that the schools are meeting their goals and objectives and the WASC criteria for school effectiveness through a viable instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall undertake procedures whereby district schools may achieve and maintain full WASC accreditation status. The schools shall conduct a self-study in accordance with WASC requirements, cooperate with the WASC committee during a site visit, and develop and review action plans to increase the effectiveness of the instructional program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board on the status of district schools and any WASC recommendations for school improvement.

Not later than 60 days after receiving the results of an inspection of a school by WASC or any other accrediting agency, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in writing of the inspection results and/or shall post the information on the district's or school's web site. (Education Code 35178.4)

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

If any district school loses its accreditation status, the Board shall give official notice at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to each parent/guardian of a student in the school that the school has lost its accreditation status, including the potential consequences of the loss of accreditation status. This notice shall also be posted on the district's web site and the school's web site. (Education Code 35178.4)

*Legal Reference: See next page*

**EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

33400-33407 Educational evaluations

35178.4 Notice of accreditation status

44662 Evaluation and assessment guidelines, certificated employee performance

48985 Compliance with translation of parental notifications

51041 Education program, evaluation and revisions

51226 Model curriculum standards

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

62005.5 Failure to comply with purposes of funds

64000-64001 Consolidated application process

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3930-3937 Program requirements

3942 Continuity of funding

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State plans

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WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PUBLICATIONS

*Focus on Learning: Joint ACS WASC/CDE Process Guide, 2017*

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

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Accrediting Commission for Schools:

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