

**CLASS SIZE**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that smaller classes may contribute to student learning by allowing teachers to better identify and respond to individual student needs. In accordance with negotiated employee agreements and state law, the Board shall establish class size limits appropriate for each grade level or subject taught and conducive to the effective use of teaching staff.

*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*

The highest priority for maintaining small class sizes shall be in the primary grades in order to support young students as they acquire the basic skills that serve as the foundation for subsequent learning. Other priorities shall be established in accordance with the goals and strategies identified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

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

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

For grades K-3, the district shall annually make progress toward maintaining an average class of not more than 24 students, unless an alternative annual average class size for each school site is collectively bargained. (Education Code 42238.02; 5 CCR 15498-15498.3)

Transitional kindergarten classes established pursuant to Education Code 48000 shall be included in the calculation of average class enrollment for kindergarten.

*(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)*

At the secondary level, district priorities for class size reduction shall focus on English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and other courses that are necessary for completion of graduation requirements and shall be aligned with student needs as identified in the district's LCAP.

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6146.1 - Graduation Requirements)*

For students who require special education and related services, the ratio of instructional adults to students in group services shall be dependent on the needs of the students. However, for children ages 3-5 years who are placed in group services, the teacher-child ratio shall be less than 1:24 and the adult-child ratio shall be less than 1:8. For children ages 3-5 years who are identified as severely disabled, the ratio of instructional adults to children shall not exceed 1:5. (Education Code 8264.8, 56441.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with an analysis of staffing and school facilities needs and other costs related to class size reduction proposals.

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

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*(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)*

*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board regarding the impact of the class size reduction program on student achievement and other outcomes such as changes in school climate and student engagement.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

*17042 Rules for determining area of adequate school construction; exceptions*

*17042.7 Formula for calculation*

*33050 Nonwaivable provisions*

*35160 Authority of the board*

*42238.02 Local control funding formula, including adjustment for class size reduction*

*42280 Necessary small schools*

*46205 Computation for early-late programs*

*51225.3 Graduation requirements*

*52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan*

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

*3543.2 Scope of representation*

### *Management Resources:*

#### WEB SITES

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

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**CLASS ASSIGNMENT**

The Board of Trustees believes students should be assigned to classes and/or grouped in a manner that provides the most effective learning environment for all students.

When assigning students to specific courses and classes, the principal or designee may consider the following criteria as appropriate for the grade level and course:

1. Staff recommendation, including, but not limited to, the recommendations of teachers and counselors
2. Skills and classroom management style of individual teachers
3. Student skill level as indicated by multiple objective academic measures, such as student assessment results, grade point average, and grades in prerequisite courses

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

(cf. [6152.1](#) - *Placement in Mathematics Courses*)

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

(cf. [6162.51](#) - *State Academic Achievement Tests*)

4. Balance of high, medium, and low academic achievers
5. Student interests, readiness, behavior, and motivation
6. Student/teacher ratios and, if relevant, class size reduction considerations

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

The principal or designee may accept from parents/guardians any information which would be helpful in making placement decisions. However, a parent/guardian who provides such information shall be informed that a request for a specific teacher shall be one of many factors which may be taken into account when determining his/her child's placement.

During the school year, the principal or designee may make any adjustments in class placement which he/she considers beneficial to the student or the educational program.

**Additional Requirements for Grades 9-12**

Except for a student enrolled in an alternative school, community day school, continuation high school, or opportunity school, or as otherwise specified below, no student enrolled in grades 9-12 shall be assigned:

1. To any course without educational content for more than one week in any semester, including any of the following situations: (Education Code 51228.1)

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- a. The student is sent home or released from campus before the conclusion of the designated school day.
  - b. The student is assigned to a service, instructional work experience, or other course in which he/she is assigned to assist a certificated employee, but is not expected to complete curricular assignments, in a course the certificated employee is teaching during that period and where the ratio of certificated employees to students assigned to the course for curricular purposes is less than one to one.
  - c. The student is not assigned to any course for the relevant course period.
2. To a course that he/she has previously completed and received a grade determined by the district to be sufficient to satisfy minimum high school graduation requirements and the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public postsecondary institutions, unless the course has been designed to be taken more than once because students are exposed to a new curriculum year to year and are therefore expected to derive educational value from taking the course again (Education Code 51228.2)

(cf. [6181](#) - *Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice*)

(cf. [6184](#) - *Continuation Education*)

(cf. [6185](#) - *Community Day School*)

An exception to item #1 or #2 above may be made only if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (Education Code 51228.1, 51228.2)

1. The student, or the student's parent/guardian if he/she is younger than age 18 years, has consented in writing to the assignment.
2. A school official has determined that the student will benefit from being assigned to the course period.
3. The principal or assistant principal has stated in a written document maintained at the school that, for the relevant school year, no students are assigned to those classes unless the school has obtained the student's or parent/guardian's consent and determined that the student will benefit from the assignment.

In addition, under no circumstances shall a student be assigned to a course period without educational content or a course he/she has already satisfactorily completed because there are insufficient curricular course offerings for the student to take during the relevant period of the school day. (Education Code 51228.1, 51228.2)

The above limitations on class assignments shall not affect the authority of the Superintendent or designee to permit the enrollment of a student in a dual enrollment,

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independent study, evening high school program, or other class or course authorized by law.  
(Education Code 51228.1, 51228.2)

(cf. [6158](#) - *Independent Study*)

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

Any complaint that the district has not complied with the requirements in this section regarding assignments in grades 9-12 may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE). If the district or the CDE finds merit in an appeal, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. (Education Code 51228.3; 5 CCR [4600-4687](#))

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

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35020 Duties of employees fixed by governing board

35160 Authority of the board

51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015

51228.1 Assignment to courses without educational content, grades 9-12

51228.2 Assignment to courses previously completed, grades 9-12

51228.3 Uniform complaint procedures; noncompliance with assignment limitations for grades 9-12

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Curriculum and Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci>

National Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.naeyc.org>

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**PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES**

The Board of Trustees believes that a sound educational program must include the study of subjects that prepare students for admission to higher education and/or fulfilling careers. District students shall be provided an opportunity to complete a sequence of mathematics courses recommended for admission into the University of California and California State University systems.

The district shall offer alternative pathways of courses designed in a manner that provides maximum opportunities for students to access advanced mathematics courses during high school.

*(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)*  
*(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

The Superintendent or designee shall work with district teachers, counselors, and administrators and the representatives of feeder schools to develop a well-articulated sequence of mathematics courses and consistent protocols for placing students in mathematics courses offered at district high schools.

Such placement protocols shall systematically take into consideration multiple objective academic measures that may include, but are not limited to, statewide mathematics assessments, including state interim and summative assessments; placement tests that are aligned to state-adopted content standards in mathematics; classroom assignment and grades; and report cards. (Education Code 51224.7)

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

District staff shall implement the placement protocols uniformly and without regard to students' socioeconomic background or any characteristic specified in BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, including, but not limited to, race, sex, gender, nationality, and ethnicity.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*  
*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

The placement protocols shall provide for at least one reevaluation within the first month of the school year to ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and shall specify the criteria the district will use to make this determination. Any student found to be misplaced shall be promptly placed in the appropriate mathematics course.

**PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES (Continued)**

If a student or parent/guardian questions the student's placement, the student or the student's parent/guardian may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or designee. The decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be final.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all teachers, counselors, and other district staff responsible for determining students' placement in mathematics courses receive training on the placement protocols.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall annually review student data related to placement in mathematics courses offered at district high schools to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures are not being held back in a disproportionate manner on the basis of any subjective or discriminatory basis, and shall develop strategies for removing any identified barriers to students' access to mathematics courses. The Superintendent or designee shall also report on the percentage of district students who have successfully completed mathematics courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University systems.

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

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

48070.5 Promotion and retention; required policy

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

51224.5 Completion of Algebra I or Mathematics I

51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas

60605.8 Common Core standards

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Math Misplacement, Governance Brief, September 2015*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

*California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, January 2013*

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (LCCR)

*Held Back - Addressing Misplacement of 9th Grade Students in Bay Area School Math Classes, 2013*

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**PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES (Continued)**

WEB SITES

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

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

*Common Core State Standards Initiative: <http://www.corestandards.org/math>*

*Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCR): <http://www.lccr.com>*

*Northwest Evaluation Association, Measures of Academic Progress: <http://www.nwea.org>*

*University of California, Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project: <http://mdtp.ucsd.edu>*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES****Placement Protocols**

In determining student placement in mathematics courses for students entering grade 9, the Superintendent or designee shall assess whether each student has the prerequisite skills for success in the course and consider student and parent/guardian requests. Such determinations shall be based on multiple measures, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Interim and summative grade 8 mathematics assessments from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
2. For students with disabilities, an alternate test or other measures when designated in a student's individualized education program (IEP)
3. Other assessments such as Measures of Academic Progress, the readiness tests of the University of California's Mathematics Diagnosis Testing Project, and/or district benchmark assessments
4. The student's grades in previous mathematics course
5. The final mathematics grade on the end-of-year report card

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

*(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)*

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

Individual student performance data shall be analyzed each spring prior to scheduling and placing students into secondary mathematics courses. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified in writing by the end of the school year as to the mathematics course in which the student has been placed.

No student shall be required to repeat a mathematics course which the student has successfully completed in accordance with district's placement protocols.

When a student does not qualify to be enrolled in a particular mathematics course based on a consideration of the objective measures specified in the placement protocol, the student may nevertheless be admitted to the course based on the recommendation of a teacher or counselor who has personal knowledge of the student's academic ability.

Students who exhibit deficits in knowledge and skills needed to advance to a higher level mathematics course may receive supplemental instruction to improve achievement of mathematic content standards.

## **PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES**

### **Reevaluation**

Within the first month of the school year, mathematics course placements shall be individually reevaluated to ensure placement in the most rigorous mathematics course for which the student has the potential for success.

Criteria for reevaluating each student's placement shall include, but are not limited to, course preassessment results, attendance, and student performance in the first month of the school year as determined by teacher observation and grades on assignments and tests. Student and parent/guardian request for course placement may also be considered.

### **Notification of Placement Protocol**

The district's policy and protocols related to student placement in mathematics courses shall be posted on the district's web site. (Education Code 51224.7)

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*

The Superintendent or designee shall also make the district's placement policy, protocols, and course sequence readily accessible to students, parents/guardians, and staff at school sites and/or in student handbooks.

### **Appeals**

Within 10 school days of an initial placement decision or a placement decision upon reevaluation, a student and the student's parent/guardian who disagree with the placement may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall rule on the appeal within 10 school days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be final.

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**SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that field trips supplement and enrich the classroom learning experience, lead to increased student achievement, and foster student engagement. The Board encourages field trips to reinforce and increase learning opportunities and to enhance district programs.

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

Field trips shall be conducted in connection with the district's course of study or school-related social, educational, cultural, athletic, school band, or other extracurricular or cocurricular activities. A field trip to a foreign country may be permitted to familiarize students with the language, history, geography, natural science, and other studies relative to the district's course of study. (Education Code 35330)

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

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

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

Requests for field trips involving out-of-state, out-of-country, or overnight travel shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall review the request and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the request should be approved by the Board. All other field trips shall be approved in advance by the principal.

*(cf. 3312.2 - Educational Travel Program Contracts)*

The principal shall establish a process for approving a staff member's request to conduct a field trip. When planning trips, staff shall consider student safety, objectives of instruction, the most effective use of instructional time, the distance from school, district and student expense, and transportation and supervision requirements. Principals may exclude from the trip any student whose presence on the trip would pose a safety or disciplinary risk.

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

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

No field trip shall be authorized if any student would be excluded from participation because of a lack of sufficient funds. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with community groups to supply funds for students in need. (Education Code 35330)

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*

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

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

**SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS** (continued)

The Board may approve the use of district funds for student expenses for in-state, out-of-state, or out-of-country field trips or excursions when permitted by law. In addition, expenses of instructors, chaperones, and other personnel participating in such trips, as well as incidental expenses for the use of district equipment during the trip, may be paid from district funds. (Education Code 35330)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*8760 Authorization of outdoor science and conservation programs**32040-32044 First aid equipment: field trips**35330 Excursions and field trips**35331 Provision for medical or hospital service for pupils (on field trips)**35332 Transportation by chartered airline**35350 Transportation of students**44808 Liability when pupils not on school property**48908 Duties of pupils; authority of teachers*BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE*17550-17550.9 Sellers of travel**17552-17556.5 Educational travel organizations**Management Resources:*WEB SITES*American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>**California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>**U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.dhs.gov>**(3/91 7/06) 10/17*

**SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS****Supervision**

Students on school-sponsored trips are under the jurisdiction of the district and shall be subject to district and school rules and regulations.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that adequate supervision is provided on all school-sponsored trips and that there is an appropriate ratio of adults to students present on the trip. If the trip involves water activities, this ratio shall be revised as necessary.

**Parent/Guardian Permission**

Before a student can participate in a school-sponsored trip, the teacher shall obtain parent/guardian permission for the trip. Whenever a trip involves water activities, the parent/guardian shall provide specific permission for his/her child to participate in the water activities. The district shall provide an alternative educational experience for students whose parents/guardians do not wish them to participate in a trip.

All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the district or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. All adults taking out-of-state field trips or excursions and all parents/guardians of students taking out-of-state field trips or excursions shall sign a statement waiving such claims. (Education Code 35330)

**Safety Issues**

1. While conducting a trip, the teacher, employee, or agent of the school shall have the school's first aid kit in his/her possession or immediately available. (Education Code 32041)

Whenever trips are conducted in areas known to be infested with poisonous snakes, the first aid kit taken on the trip shall contain medically accepted snakebite remedies. In addition, a teacher, employee, or agent of the school who has completed a first aid course which is certified by the American Red Cross and which emphasizes the treatment of snakebites shall participate in the trip. (Education Code 32043)

2. The district shall provide or make available medical and/or hospital insurance for students injured while participating in any excursion or field trip. (Education Code 35331)

**SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS** (continued)

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*  
*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

3. If the Superintendent or designee receives threat level warnings from the Homeland Security Advisory System pertaining to the destination of a school-sponsored trip, he/she shall implement precautions necessary to protect the safety of students and staff.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*

4. Lifeguards are required for all swimming activities. If the activity is at a private pool, the owner of the pool shall provide a certificate of insurance, designating the district as an additional insured, for not less than \$500,000 in liability coverage. Staff shall determine supervisory responsibilities for all chaperones.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*  
*(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)*

5. Before trips of more than one day, the principal or designee may hold a meeting for staff, chaperones, parents/guardians, and students to discuss safety and the importance of safety-related rules for the trip.

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that meaningful homework assignments can be a valuable extension of student learning time, provide enrichment, and assist students in developing good study habits. Homework and/or makeup work shall be assigned when necessary to support classroom lessons, enable students to complete unfinished assignments, or review and apply academic content for better understanding.

Students may use technology to assist with homework and/or makeup work in conducting research, correcting grammar and spelling, and learning from educational applications such as tutoring systems and language learning applications, as specified in Board Policy 5131.9 - Academic Honesty and Board Policy 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with school administrators and teachers to develop and regularly review guidelines for the assignment of homework and the related responsibilities of students, staff, and parents/guardians.

Homework assignments shall be reasonable in length and appropriate to the grade level and course. The Board expects that the number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments will increase with the grade level and the maturity of students. Teachers shall assign homework only as necessary to fulfill academic goals and reinforce current instruction.

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

As needed, teachers may receive training in designing relevant homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning objectives and inspire students' interests.

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

Although on-time completion of homework is important to maintain academic progress, the Board recognizes that students learn at different rates. Students shall receive credit for work that is completed late in order to encourage their continued learning.

Age-appropriate instruction may be given to help students allocate their time wisely, meet their deadlines, learn to work independently, and develop good personal study habits.

At the beginning of the school year, teachers shall communicate homework expectations to students and their parents/guardians. Homework guidelines shall also be included in student and/or parent/guardian handbooks. These communications shall include the manner in which homework relates to achievement of academic standards and course content, the impact of homework assignments on students' grades, any school resources and programs that are available to provide homework support, and ways in which parents/guardians may appropriately assist their children.

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK** (continued)

Although it is the student's responsibility to undertake assignments independently, parents/guardians may serve as a resource and are encouraged to ensure that their child's homework assignments are completed. Students may also work with other students and use approved outside resources as directed by the teacher.

(cf. [5020](#) - *Parent Rights and Responsibilities*)

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

To further support students' homework efforts, the Superintendent or designee may establish and maintain electronic forums, provide access to school library media centers and technological resources, and/or provide before-school and after-school programs where students can receive homework assistance from teachers, volunteers, and/or student tutors. The Board encourages the Superintendent or designee to design class and transportation schedules that will enable students to make use of homework support services.

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

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

(cf. [3541](#) - *Transportation Routes and Services*)

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

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

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

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

(cf. [6163.1](#) - *Library Media Centers*)

Teachers shall review all completed homework to assess the student's understanding of academic content and shall provide timely feedback to the student.

If a student repeatedly fails to complete homework, the teacher shall notify the student's parents/guardians as soon as possible so that corrective action can be taken prior to the release of any final grades or report cards.

**Makeup Work**

Students who are absent from school shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have a grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code [48205](#). (Education Code [48980](#))



**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK** (continued)

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

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

**Suspended Students**

When a parent/guardian of a student who has been suspended for two or more school days requests homework that the student would otherwise have been assigned, the student's teacher shall provide such homework. If a homework assignment is requested and is turned in to the teacher by the student either upon the student's return from suspension or within the timeframe originally prescribed by the teacher, whichever is later, and is not graded before the end of the academic term, the homework assignment shall not be included in the calculation of the student's overall grade in the class. (Education Code 48913.5)

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code [48913](#))

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

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

[8420-8428](#) 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens

[8482-8484.65](#) After School Education and Safety Program

[8484.7-8484.9](#) 21st Century Community Learning Centers

[48205](#) Absences for personal reasons

[48913](#) Completion of work missed by suspended student

48913.5 Homework assignments for suspended students

[48980](#) Parental notifications

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[7171-7176](#) 21st Century Community Learning Centers

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*Research-Supported Strategies to Improve the Accuracy and Fairness of Grades, Governance Brief,*  
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**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK****School-Site Homework Plan**

The principal and staff at each school shall develop and regularly review a school-site homework plan which includes guidelines for the assignment of homework and describes the responsibilities of students, staff and parents/guardians. The plan shall identify all of the following:

1. For each grade level, the amount of time that students shall be expected to spend on homework
2. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall systematically involve participation by parents/guardians
3. The means by which parents/guardians shall be informed about:
  - a. Homework expectations
  - b. How homework relates to the student's grades
  - c. How best to help their children
4. Techniques that will be taught to help students allocate their time wisely, meet their deadlines and develop good personal study habits
5. The access that students shall have to obtain:
  - a. Resource materials from the library media center
  - b. Assistance and/or tutoring through telephone help lines and/or after-school centers
6. The means by which teachers shall coordinate assignments so that students do not receive an overload of homework one day and very little the next
7. For each grade level, the extent to which homework assignments shall emphasize independent research, reports, special reading and problem-solving activities

**Makeup Work**

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that no student may have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence when missed assignments and tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notification shall include the full text of Education Code 48205. (Education Code 48980)

**HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK (continued)**

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

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the suspension. (Education Code 48913)

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

**DISTANCE LEARNING**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that distance learning can be a viable alternative instructional strategy that supports student achievement of academic goals. Distance learning opportunities may be offered to students participating in independent study, credit recovery courses, enrichment courses, or other courses identified by the Superintendent or designee, or in the event that a school site is physically closed due to widespread illness, natural disaster, or other emergency.

(cf. [3516](#) - *Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan*)

(cf. [3516.5](#) - *Emergency Schedules*)

(cf. [4113.5/4213.5/4313.5](#) - *Working Remotely*)

(cf. [6158](#) - *Independent Study*)

The district may offer distance learning through a variety of delivery methods as appropriate for the grade level and subject matter. Distance learning opportunities may include video, audio, and/or written instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the student and teacher is online interaction, instructional television, live or prerecorded video, telecourses, and other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology. They may also include the use of print materials with written or oral feedback.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and select distance learning courses, which may include those taught by district staff or others, that are of high academic quality and are aligned with district standards and curricula. As appropriate, courses may be self-directed to allow students to complete assignments at their own pace and/or may involve real-time interaction among the teacher and students.

(cf. [6141](#) - *Curriculum Development and Evaluation*)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall, in collaboration with teachers, plan for schoolwide or long-term distance learning in the event of a school closure. In developing the plan, the Superintendent or designee shall analyze the course sequence, prioritize content and standards to be completed, and recommend the grading criteria. In such circumstances, students' social-emotional wellness shall be taken into account, and schedules and learning experiences shall be designed to build continuity, routine, and regular connections with students.

(cf. [5141.5](#) - *Mental Health*)

As needed, the Superintendent or designee shall provide teachers with training and ongoing support, including technological support and guidance, to effectively implement distance learning. The district shall also provide opportunities for teachers to communicate and collaborate with each other to exchange information on effective practices.

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

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Staff shall comply with all copyright regulations in developing materials to be used in distance education courses.

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

The district shall take steps to ensure that distance learning opportunities are available to all students, including economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English learners. Teachers may use multiple methods of providing instruction to meet student needs. All online programming and Internet content shall meet accessibility standards for students with disabilities, including compatibility with commonly used assistive technologies.

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

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall assess students' access to technological devices and the Internet and, consistent with the district's budget and technology plan, may loan devices to students to use at home and/or assist families in identifying free service providers. Students are expected to use district technology responsibly in accordance with the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. To the extent possible, the district shall make technical and academic support available to students.

(cf. [0440](#) - *District Technology Plan*)

(cf. [3311.4](#) - *Procurement of Technological Equipment*)

(cf. [3515.4](#) - *Recovery for Property Loss or Damage*)

(cf. [6163.4](#) - *Student Use of Technology*)

Teachers shall provide regular communications to students and parents/guardians about expectations, assignments, and available resources to assist the student in successful completion of distance learning coursework.

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

Grading of distance learning assignments and assessments of end-of-course knowledge and understanding of the subject matter shall be consistent with district policy on grading for equivalent courses.

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

(cf. [6146.3](#) - *Reciprocity of Academic Credit*)

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

**DISTANCE LEARNING** continued

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Contracts for electronic products or services; prohibitions

51210-51212 Course of study for grades 1-6

51220-51229 Course of study for grades 7-12

51740-51741 Authority to provide instruction by correspondence

51745-51749.3 Independent study

51865 California distance learning policy

PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

20118.2 Contracting by school districts; technological equipment

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7131 Internet safety

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

254 Universal service discounts (E-rate); Internet safety

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools

WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

WEB SITES

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

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

**INDEPENDENT STUDY**

The Board of Trustees authorizes independent study as an optional alternative instructional strategy for students whose needs may be best met through study outside of the regular classroom setting. Independent study shall offer a means of individualizing the educational plan to serve students who desire a more challenging educational experience, whose health or other personal circumstances make classroom attendance difficult, who are unable to access course(s) due to scheduling problems, and/or who need to make up credits or fill gaps in their learning. As necessary to meet student needs, independent study may be offered for short- or long-term placements, on a full-time or part-time basis, and/or in conjunction with part- or full-time classroom study.

The Board shall hold a public hearing when considering the scope of its existing or prospective use of independent study as an instructional strategy, its purposes in authorizing independent study, and factors bearing specifically on the maximum realistic lengths of assignments and acceptable number of missed assignments for specific populations of students or adult education students. (Education Code 51747; 5 CCR 11701)

The Superintendent or designee may provide a variety of independent study opportunities, including, but not limited to, through a program or class within a comprehensive school, a charter school, an alternative school or program of choice, and/or an online course.

Student participation in independent study shall be voluntary and no student shall be required to participate. (Education Code 51747, 51749.5, 51749.6)

Independent study for each student shall be under the general supervision of a district employee who possesses a valid certification document pursuant to Education Code 44865 or an emergency credential pursuant to Education Code 44300. Students' independent study shall be coordinated, evaluated, and documented, as prescribed by law and reflected in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 51747.5)

An independent study student shall not be credited with more than one day of attendance per calendar day. (Education Code 46300 )

A nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch shall be made available at no cost to any independent study student scheduled for educational activities lasting two or more hours at a school site, resource center, meeting space, or other satellite facility, who requests a meal. (Education Code 49505.5)

**General Independent Study Requirements**

The Superintendent or designee may offer and approve independent study for an individual student upon determining that the student is prepared to meet the district's requirements for participation and is likely to succeed as well as or better than the student would in the regular

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classroom setting.

The minimum instructional minutes shall be the same for all students at each school including students participating in independent study, except as otherwise permitted by law. (Education Code 46100)

Because excessive leniency in the duration of independent study assignments may result in a student falling behind peers and increase the risk of dropping out of school, independent study assignments shall be completed no more than one week after assigned for all grade levels and types of programs. When necessary based on the specific circumstances of the student's approved program, the Superintendent or designee may allow for a longer period of time between the date an assignment is made and when it is due. However, in no event shall the due date of an assignment be extended beyond the termination date specified in the student's written agreement.

An evaluation shall be conducted to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study whenever the student fails to make satisfactory educational progress and/or misses three assignments. Satisfactory educational progress shall be determined based on all of the following indicators: (Education Code 51747)

1. The student's achievement and engagement in the independent study program, as indicated by the student's performance on applicable student-level measures of student achievement and engagement specified in Education Code 52060
2. The completion of assignments, assessments, or other indicators that evidence that the student is working on assignments
3. Learning of required concepts, as determined by the supervising teacher
4. Progress towards successful completion of the course of study or individual course, as determined by the supervising teacher

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in independent study are provided with content aligned to grade level standards at a level of quality and intellectual challenge substantially equivalent to in-person instruction. For high schools, this shall include access to all courses offered by the district for graduation and approved by the University of California (UC) or the California State University (CSU) as creditable under the A-G admissions criteria. (Education Code 51747)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students participating in independent study for 16 school days or more in a school year receive the following throughout the school year: (Education Code 51747)



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1. For students in grades transitional kindergarten (TK)-3, opportunities for daily synchronous instruction
2. For students in grades 4-8, opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction
3. For students in grades 9-12, opportunities for at least weekly synchronous instruction

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that procedures for tiered reengagement strategies are used for all students participating in an independent study program for 16 school days or more who are: (Education Code 51747)

1. Not generating attendance for more than ten percent of required minimum instructional time over four continuous weeks of the district's approved instructional calendar
2. Not participating in synchronous instructional offerings pursuant to Education Code 51747.5 for more than 50 percent of the scheduled times of synchronous instruction in a school month as applicable by grade span
3. In violation of their written agreement

Tiered reengagement strategies procedures used in district independent study programs shall include local programs intended to address chronic absenteeism, as applicable, including but not limited to the following: (Education Code 51747)

1. Verification of current contact information for each enrolled student
2. Notification to parents/guardians of lack of participation within one school day of the recording of a nonattendance day or lack of participation
3. A plan for outreach from the school to determine student needs, including connection with health and social services as necessary
4. A clear standard for requiring a student-parent-educator conference to review a student's written agreement and reconsider the independent study program's impact on the student's achievement and well-being

The Superintendent or designee shall, for students who participate in an independent study program for 16 school days or more in a school year, develop a plan to transition students whose families wish to return to in-person instruction from independent study expeditiously, and, in no case, later than five instructional days. (Education Code 51747)

When any student enrolled in classroom-based instruction is participating in independent study due to necessary medical treatment or inpatient treatment for mental health or

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substance abuse under the care of appropriately licensed professionals, the student shall be exempt from the live interaction and/or synchronous instruction, tiered reengagement strategies, and transition back to in-person instruction requirements specified above. In such cases, evidence from appropriately licensed professionals, of the student's need to participate in independent study, shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 51747)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a written agreement exists for each participating student as prescribed by law. (Education Code 51747, 51749.5)

Upon the request of the parent/guardian of a student, and before signing a written agreement as described below in "Master Agreement," the district shall conduct a telephone, videoconference, or in-person student-parent-educator conference or other meeting during which the student, parent/guardian, and, if requested by the parent/guardian an advocate, may ask questions about the educational options, including which curriculum offerings and nonacademic supports will be available to the student in independent study. (Education Code 51747)

**Master Agreement**

A written agreement shall be developed and implemented for each student participating in independent study. (Education Code 46300, 51747)

For student participation lasting 16 school days or more, a signed written agreement shall be obtained before the student begins independent study. For student participation of 15 school days or fewer, a signed written agreement may be obtained at any time during the school year in which the independent study program takes place. (Education Code 46300, 51747)

The agreement shall include general student data, including the student's name, address, grade level, birth date, school of enrollment, and program placement.

The independent study agreement for each participating student also shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 51747; 5 CCR 11700, 11702)

1. The manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting the student's assignments, reporting the student's academic progress, and communicating with a student's parent/guardian regarding the student's academic progress
2. The objectives and methods of study for the student's work and the methods used to evaluate that work
3. The specific resources that will be made available to the student, including materials and personnel, and access to Internet connectivity and devices adequate to participate

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- in the educational program and complete assigned work
4. A statement of the Board's policy detailing the maximum length of time allowed between an assignment and its completion, the level of satisfactory educational progress, and the number of missed assignments which will give rise to an evaluation of whether the student should be allowed to continue in independent study
  5. The duration of the independent study agreement, including the beginning and ending dates for the student's participation in independent study under the agreement, with a maximum of one school year
  6. A statement of the number of course credits or, for the elementary grades, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the agreement, to be earned by the student upon completion
  7. A statement detailing the academic and other supports that will be provided to address the needs of students who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, students with disabilities with an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan in order to be consistent with their program or plan, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students requiring mental health supports
  8. A statement that independent study is an optional educational alternative and no student may be required to participate
  9. In the case of a suspended or expelled student who is referred or assigned to any school, class, or program pursuant to Education Code 48915 or 48917, a statement that instruction may be provided through independent study only if the student is offered the alternative of classroom instruction

All learning agreements shall be signed by the student, the student's parent/guardian or caregiver if the student is less than 18 years of age, the certificated employee responsible for the general supervision of independent study, and as applicable for students with disabilities, the certificated employee designated as having responsibility for the special education programming of the student. If the independent study program is projected to last for more than 15 school days, the learning agreement shall be signed before the commencement of the program. For an independent study program that is projected to last for 15 or fewer school days, the learning agreement shall be signed at any time during the school year in which the independent study program is to take place. (Education Code 51747)

For purposes of the above paragraph, caregiver means a person who has met the requirements of Family Code 6550-6552.

Written agreements may be signed using an electronic signature that complies with state and federal standards, as determined by the CDE. (Education Code 51747)

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The parent/guardian's signature on the agreement shall constitute permission for the student to receive instruction through independent study.

**Course-Based Independent Study**

The district's course-based independent study program for students in grades K-12 shall be subject to the following requirements: (Education Code 51749.5)

1. A signed learning agreement shall be completed and on file for each participating student, pursuant to Education Code 51749.6
2. Courses shall be taught under the general supervision of certificated employees who hold the appropriate subject matter credential and are employed by the district or by another district, charter school, or county office of education with which the district has a memorandum of understanding to provide the instruction
3. Courses shall be annually certified by Board resolution to be of the same rigor and educational quality and to provide intellectual challenge that is substantially equivalent to in-person, classroom-based instruction, and shall be aligned to all relevant local and state content standards.

For high schools, this shall include access to all courses offered by the district for graduation and approved by UC or CSU as creditable under the A-G admissions criteria.

The certification shall, at a minimum, include the duration, number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for each school day that student is enrolled, number of equivalent total instructional minutes, and number of course credits for each course, consistent with that of equivalent classroom-based courses. Additionally, the certification shall include plans to provide opportunities throughout the school year, for all students in TK-3 to receive daily synchronous instruction, for all students in grades 4-8, to receive both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction, and for all students in grades 9-12 to receive at least weekly synchronous instruction.

4. Students enrolled in independent study courses shall meet the applicable age requirements established pursuant to Education Code 46300.1, 46300.4, 47612, and 47612.1, and the applicable residency and enrollment requirements established pursuant to Education Code 46300.2, 47612, 48204, and 51747.3
5. For each student participating in an independent study course, satisfactory educational progress shall be determined based on the student's achievement and engagement in the independent study program as indicated by the student's performance on applicable student-level measures of student achievement and engagement set forth in Education Code 52060, completion of assignments, assessments, or other indicators that evidence that the student is working on

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assignments, learning of required concepts, as determined by the supervising teacher, and progress toward successful completion of the course of study or individual course, as determined by the supervising teacher.

If satisfactory educational progress in one or more independent study courses is not being made, the teacher providing instruction shall notify the student and, if the student is under 18 years of age, the student's parent/guardian. The teacher shall conduct an evaluation to determine whether it is in the student's best interest to remain in the course or whether the student should be referred to an alternative program, which may include, but is not limited to, a regular school program.

Procedures for tiered reengagement strategies shall be used for all students who are not making satisfactory educational progress in one or more courses or who are in violation of the written learning agreement, as described in the section "Learning Agreement for Course-Based Independent Study" below. These procedures shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, the verification of current contact information for each enrolled student, a plan for outreach from the school to determine student needs, including connection with health and social services as necessary, and a clear standard for requiring a student-parent-educator conference to review a student's written agreement and reconsider the independent study program's impact on the student's achievement and well-being.

6. Examinations shall be administered by a proctor
7. Statewide testing results shall be reported and assigned to the school at which the student is enrolled and shall be included in the aggregate results of the district. Test results also shall be disaggregated for purposes of comparisons with the test results of students enrolled in classroom-based courses.
8. A student shall not be required to enroll in courses included in the course-based independent study program
9. The student-teacher ratio in the courses in this program shall be in accordance with Education Code 51745.6
10. For each student, the combined equivalent daily instructional minutes for courses in this program and all other courses shall meet applicable minimum instructional day requirements, and the student shall be offered the minimum annual total equivalent instructional minutes pursuant to Education Code 46200-46208
11. Courses required for high school graduation or for admission to UC or CSU shall not be offered exclusively through independent study

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12. A student participating in this program shall not be assessed a fee that is prohibited by Education Code 49011
13. A student shall not be prohibited from participating in independent study solely on the basis that the student does not have the materials, equipment, or access to Internet connectivity necessary to participate in the course
14. A student with disabilities, as defined in Education Code 56026, may participate in course-based independent study if the student's individualized education program specifically provides for that participation
15. A temporarily disabled student shall not receive individual instruction pursuant to Education Code 48206.3 through course-based independent study
16. The district shall maintain a plan to transition any student whose family wishes to return to in-person instruction from course-based independent study expeditiously, and, in no case, later than five instructional days

**Learning Agreement for Course-Based Independent Study**

Before enrolling a student in a course within a course-based independent study program, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student and, if the student is under age 18 years, the student's parent/guardian with a written learning agreement that includes all of the following: (Education Code 51749.6)

1. A summary of the district's policies and procedures related to course-based independent study pursuant to Education Code 51749.5
2. The duration of the enrolled course(s) and the number of course credits for each enrolled course, consistent with the Board certifications made pursuant to Item #3 of the Course-Based Independent Study section above
3. The duration of the learning agreement, which shall not exceed a school year or span multiple school years
4. The learning objectives and expectations for each course, including, but not limited to, a description of how satisfactory educational progress is measured and when a student evaluation is required to determine whether the student should remain in the course or be referred to an alternative program, which may include, but is not limited to, a regular school program

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5. The specific resources that will be made available to the student, including materials and personnel, and access to Internet connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work
6. A statement detailing the academic and other supports that will be provided to address the needs of students who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, students with disabilities with an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan in order to be consistent with their program or plan, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students requiring mental health supports
7. A statement that enrollment is an optional educational alternative and no student may be required to participate.

In the case of a suspended or expelled student who is referred or assigned to any school, class, or program pursuant to Education Code 48915 or 48917, a statement that instruction may be provided through course-based independent study only if the student is offered the alternative of classroom instruction.

8. The manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting a student's assignments, for reporting the student's academic progress, and for communicating with a student's parent/guardian regarding a student's academic progress
9. The objectives and methods of study for the student's work, and the methods used to evaluate that work
10. A statement of the adopted policies regarding the maximum length of time allowed between the assignment and the completion of a student's assigned work, the level of satisfactory educational progress, and the number of missed assignments allowed before an evaluation of whether the student should be allowed to continue in course-based independent study
11. A statement of the number of course credits or, for the elementary grades, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the learning agreement, to be earned by the student upon completion.

All learning agreements shall be signed by the student, the student's parent/guardian or caregiver if the student is less than 18 years of age, the certificated employee responsible for the general supervision of the independent study course, and as applicable for students with disabilities, the certificated employee designated as having responsibility for the special education programming of the student. If the independent study program is projected to last for more than 15 school days, the learning agreement shall be signed before the commencement of the program. For an independent study program that is projected to last for 15 or fewer school days, the learning agreement shall be signed at any time during the school year in which the independent study program is to take place. (EC 51749.6)

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For purposes of the above paragraph, caregiver means a person who has met the requirements of Family Code 6500-6552.

Learning agreements may be signed using an electronic signature that complies with state and federal standards, as determined by CDE. (Education Code 51749.6)

A signed learning agreement from a parent/guardian of a student who is less than 18 years of age shall constitute the parent/guardian's permission for the student to receive instruction through course-based independent study. (Education Code 51749.6)

Upon the request of a student's parent/guardian, and before signing a learning agreement as described above, the district shall conduct a telephone, videoconference, or in-person student-parent-educator conference, or other meeting during which the student, parent/guardian, and, if requested by the parent/guardian, an advocate, may ask questions about the educational options, including which curriculum offerings and nonacademic supports will be available to the student in independent study. (Education Code 51749.6)

**Student-Parent-Educator Conferences**

A student-parent-educator conference shall be held as appropriate including, but not limited to, as a reengagement strategy and/or, if requested by a parent/guardian, prior to enrollment or disenrollment from independent study. (Education Code 51745.5, 51747, 51749.5)

**Records**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that records are maintained for audit purposes.

These records shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 51748; 5 CCR 11703)

1. A copy of the Board policy, administrative regulation, and other procedures related to independent study
2. A listing of the students, by grade level, program, and school, who have participated in independent study, along with the units of the curriculum attempted and completed by students in grades K-8 and the course credits attempted by and awarded to students in grades 9-12 and adult education
3. A file of all agreements, with representative samples of each student's work products bearing the supervising teacher's signed or initialed and dated notations indicating that the teacher has personally evaluated the work or personally reviewed the evaluations made by another certificated teacher
4. As appropriate to the program in which the students are participating, a daily or hourly attendance register that is separate from classroom attendance records, maintained on a current basis as time values of student work products judged by a certificated teacher, and reviewed by the supervising teacher if they are two different



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Additionally, the district shall maintain documentation of hours or fraction of an hour for student work products and the time that students engaged in asynchronous instruction. (Education Code 54747.5)

5. Appropriate documentation of compliance with the teacher-student ratios required by Education Code 51745.6 and 51749.5.
6. Appropriate documentation of compliance with the requirements pursuant to Education Code 51747.5 to ensure the coordination, evaluation, and supervision of the independent study of each student by a district employee who possesses a valid certification document pursuant to Education Code 44865 or an emergency credential pursuant to Education Code 44300.

The district shall document each student's participation in live interaction and synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day, as applicable, in whole or in part, for which live interaction or synchronous instruction is provided as part of the independent study program. A student who does not participate in scheduled live interaction or synchronous instruction shall be documented as non-participatory for that school day. (Education Code 51747.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall also maintain a written or computer-based record such as a grade book or summary document of student engagement, for each class, of all grades, assignments, and assessments for each student for independent study assignments. (Education Code 51747.5)

Signed written and supplemental agreements, assignment records, work samples, and attendance records may be maintained as an electronic file in accordance with Education Code 51747 and 51749.6, as applicable.

**Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board the number of district students participating in independent study, the average daily attendance generated for apportionment purposes, student performance as measured by standard indicators and in comparison to students in classroom-based instruction, and the number and proportion of independent study students who graduate or successfully complete independent study. Based on the program evaluation, the Board and Superintendent shall determine areas for program improvement as needed.

<i>State</i>	<i>Description</i>
5 CCR 11700-11705	Independent study
Ed. Code 17289	Exemption for facilities
Ed. Code 41020	Requirement for annual audit

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<i>Ed. Code 41422</i>	<i>Emergency conditions and apportionments</i>
<i>Ed. Code 42238</i>	<i>Revenue limits</i>
<i>Ed. Code 42238.05</i>	<i>Local control funding formula; average daily attendance</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44865</i>	<i>Qualifications for independent study teachers</i>
<i>Ed. Code 46100</i>	<i>Length of school day</i>
<i>Ed. Code 46200-46208</i>	<i>Incentives for longer instructional day and year</i>
<i>Ed. Code 46300-46307.1</i>	<i>Methods of computing average daily attendance</i>
<i>Ed. Code 46390-46393</i>	<i>Emergency average daily attendance</i>
<i>Ed. Code 46600</i>	<i>Interdistrict attendance computation</i>
<i>Ed. Code 47612-47612.1</i>	<i>Charter School Operation</i>
<i>Ed. Code 47612.5</i>	<i>Charter schools operations; general requirements</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48204</i>	<i>Residency requirements for school attendance</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48206.3</i>	<i>Home or hospital instruction; students with temporary disabilities</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48220</i>	<i>Classes of children exempted</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48340</i>	<i>Improvement of pupil attendance</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48915</i>	<i>Expulsion; particular circumstances</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48916.1</i>	<i>Educational program requirements for expelled students</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48917</i>	<i>Suspension of expulsion order</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49011</i>	<i>Student fees</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51225.3</i>	<i>High school graduation requirements</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51744-51749.6</i>	<i>Independent study</i>
<i>Ed. Code 52060</i>	<i>Local Control and Accountability Plan</i>
<i>Ed. Code 52523</i>	<i>Adult education as supplement to high school curriculum; criteria</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56026</i>	<i>Individual with exceptional needs</i>
<i>Ed. Code 58500-58512</i>	<i>Alternative schools and programs of choice</i>
<i>Fam. Code 6550-6552</i>	<i>Caregivers</i>
<i>20 USC 6301</i>	<i>Highly qualified teachers</i>
<i>20 USC 6311</i>	<i>State plan</i>

**Management Resources****Description**

<i>California Department of Education Publication</i>	<i>Legal Requirements for Independent Study</i>
<i>California Department of Education Publication</i>	<i>Conducting Individualized Determinations of Need</i>
<i>California Department of Education Publication</i>	<i>2021-22 AA &amp; IT Independent Study FAQs</i>
<i>California Department of Education Publication</i>	<i>California Digital Learning Integration and Standards Guidance, May 2021</i>
<i>California Department of Education Publication</i>	<i>Elements of Exemplary Independent Study</i>
<i>Court Decision Modesto City Schools v. Education Audits Appeal Panel (2004) 123 Cal.App.4th 1365</i>	
<i>Education Audit Appeals Panel Publication</i>	<i>Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>California Consortium for Independent Study</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>California Department of Education, Independent Study</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>Education Audit Appeals Panel</i>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**INDEPENDENT STUDY****Definitions**

*Live interaction* means interaction between the student and classified or certificated staff, and may include peers, provided for the purpose of maintaining school connectedness, including, but not limited to, wellness checks, progress monitoring, provision of services, and instruction. This interaction may take place in-person, or in the form of Internet or telephonic communication. (Education Code 51745.5)

*Student-parent-educator conference* means a meeting involving, at a minimum, all parties who signed the student's written independent study agreement pursuant to Education Code 51747 or the written learning agreement pursuant to Education Code 51749.6. (Education Code 51745.5)

*Synchronous instruction* means classroom-style instruction or designated small group or one-on-one instruction delivered in-person, or in the form of Internet or telephonic communications, and involving live two-way communication between the teacher and student. Synchronous instruction shall be provided by a teacher(s) of record for that student pursuant to Education Code 51747.5 or the certificated employee providing instruction for course-based independent study. (Education Code 51745.5)

**Educational Opportunities**

Educational opportunities offered through independent study may include, but are not limited to: (Education Code 51745)

1. Special assignments extending the content of regular courses of instruction
2. Individualized study in a particular area of interest or in a subject not currently available in the regular school curriculum
3. Continuing and special study during travel
4. Volunteer community service activities and leadership opportunities that support and strengthen student achievement
5. Individualized study for a student whose health, as determined by the student's parent/guardian, would be put at risk by in-person instruction or for a student who is unable to attend in-person instruction due to a quarantine due to exposure to, or infection with, COVID-19, pursuant to local or state public health guidance

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In addition, when requested by a parent/guardian due to an emergency or illness, independent study may be used on a short-term basis to ensure that the student is able to maintain academic progress in the student's regular classes.

No course required for high school graduation shall be offered exclusively through independent study. (Education Code 51745)

### **Equivalency**

The district's independent study option shall be substantially equivalent in quality and quantity to classroom instruction to enable participating students to complete the district's adopted course of study within the customary timeframe. Students in independent study shall have access to the same services and resources that are available to other students in the school and shall have equal rights and privileges. (5 CCR 11700, 11701.5)

Students participating in independent study shall have access to Internet connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work. (Education Code 51747)

The district shall not provide independent study students and their parents/guardians with funds or items of value that are not provided for other students and their parents/guardians. Providing access to Internet connectivity and district-owned devices adequate to participate in an independent study program and complete assigned work consistent with Education Code 51747, or to participate in an independent study course, as authorized by Education Code 51749.5, shall not be considered funds or other things of value. (Education Code 46300.6, 51747.3)

### **Eligibility for Independent Study**

To participate in independent study, a student shall be enrolled in a district school. (Education Code 51748)

The Superintendent or designee may approve the participation of a student who demonstrates the motivation, commitment, organizational skills, and academic skills necessary to work independently provided that experienced certificated staff are available to effectively supervise students in independent study. The Superintendent or designee may also approve the participation of a student whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction. A student whose academic performance is not at grade level may participate in independent study only if the program is able to provide appropriate support, such as supplemental instruction, tutoring, counseling, ongoing diagnostic assessments, and/or differentiated materials, to enable the student to be successful. For an elementary student, the

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Superintendent or designee may consider the parent/guardian's level of commitment to assist the student.

A student participating in independent study shall be a resident of the county or an adjacent county. Full-time independent study shall not be available to students whose district residency status is based on their parent/guardian's employment within district boundaries pursuant to Education Code 48204. (Education Code 46300.2, 51747.3)

A student with disabilities, as defined in Education Code 56026, may participate in independent study if the student's individualized education program (IEP) specifically provides for such participation. If a parent/guardian of a student with disabilities requests independent study because the student's health would be put at risk by in-person instruction, the student's IEP team shall make an individualized determination as to whether the student can receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in an independent study placement. A student's inability to work independently, need for adult support, or need for special education or related services shall not preclude the IEP team from determining that the student can receive FAPE in an independent study placement. (Education Code 51745)

A temporarily disabled student shall not receive individual instruction pursuant to Education Code 48206.3 through independent study. (Education Code 51745)

Except for students participating in independent study due to an emergency as described in Education Code 41422 and 46392 and pregnant and parenting students who are the primary caregiver for their child(ren), no more than 10 percent of the students enrolled in a continuation high school or opportunity school or program shall be enrolled in independent study. (Education Code 51745)

**Monitoring Student Progress**

The independent study administrator and/or supervising teacher shall promptly and directly address any failure by the student to meet the terms of the student's written agreement. The following supportive strategies may be used:

1. A letter to the student and/or parent/guardian
2. A meeting between the student and the teacher and/or counselor
3. A meeting between the student and the independent study administrator, including the parent/guardian if appropriate
4. An increase in the amount of time the student works under direct supervision

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When the student has failed to make satisfactory educational progress or missed the number of assignments specified in the written agreement as requiring an evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an evaluation to determine whether independent study is in the student's best interest. This evaluation may result in termination of the independent study agreement and the student's return to the regular classroom program or other alternative program. (Education Code 51747, 51749.5; 5 CCR 11701)

A written record of the findings of any such evaluation shall be treated as a mandatory interim student record which shall be maintained for three years from the date of the evaluation, and if the student transfers to another public school in California, the record shall be forwarded to that school. (Education Code 51747, 51749.5)

**Responsibilities of Independent Study Administrator**

The responsibilities of the independent study administrator include, but are not limited to:

1. Recommending certificated staff to be assigned as independent study teachers at the required teacher-student ratios pursuant to Education Code 51745.6 and supervising staff assigned to independent study functions who are not regularly supervised by another administrator
2. Approving or denying the participation of students requesting independent study
3. Facilitating the completion of written independent study agreements
4. Ensuring a smooth transition for students into and out of the independent study mode of instruction
5. Approving all credits earned through independent study
6. Completing or coordinating the preparation of all records and reports required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation

**Assignment and Responsibilities of Independent Study Teachers**

Each student's independent study shall be coordinated, evaluated, and carried out under the general supervision of a district employee who possesses a valid certification document pursuant to Education Code 44865 or emergency credential pursuant to Education Code 44300, registered as required by law, and who consents to the assignment. (Education Code 44865, 51747.5; 5 CCR 11700)

The ratio of student average daily attendance for independent study students age 18 years or younger to full-time equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study shall not exceed the equivalent ratio for all other education programs in the district, unless a new higher or lower ratio for all other educational programs offered is negotiated in a

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collective bargaining agreement or the district enters into a memorandum of understanding that indicates an existing collective bargaining agreement contains an alternative ratio. (Education Code 51745.6)

The responsibilities of the supervising teacher shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Completing designated portions of the written independent study agreement and signing the agreement
2. Supervising and approving coursework and assignments
3. Maintaining records of student assignments showing the date the assignment is given and the date the assignment is due
4. Maintaining a daily or hourly attendance register in accordance with Item #4 in "Records" in the accompanying Board policy
5. Providing direct instruction and counsel as necessary for individual student success
6. Regularly meeting with the student to discuss the student's progress
7. Determining the time value of assigned work or work products completed and submitted by the student including time that the student engaged in asynchronous instruction
8. Assessing student work and assigning grades or other approved measures of achievement
9. Documenting each student's participation in live interaction and/or synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day, as applicable, in whole or in part, for which live interaction or synchronous instruction is provided as part of the independent study program

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that independent study teachers have access to professional development and support comparable to classroom-based teachers.

*Legal References on following page*

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<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 11700-11705	Independent study
Ed. Code 17289	Exemption for facilities
Ed. Code 41020	Requirement for annual audit
Ed. Code 41422	Emergency conditions and apportionments
Ed. Code 42238	Revenue limits
Ed. Code 42238.05	Local control funding formula; average daily attendance
Ed. Code 44865	Qualifications for independent study teachers
Ed. Code 46100	Length of school day
Ed. Code 46200-46208	Incentives for longer instructional day and year
Ed. Code 46300-46307.1	Methods of computing average daily attendance
Ed. Code 46390-46393	Emergency average daily attendance
Ed. Code 46600	Interdistrict attendance computation
Ed. Code 47612-47612.1	Charter School Operation
Ed. Code 47612.5	Charter schools operations; general requirements
Ed. Code 48204	Residency requirements for school attendance
Ed. Code 48206.3	Home or hospital instruction; students with temporary disabilities
Ed. Code 48220	Classes of children exempted
Ed. Code 48340	Improvement of pupil attendance
Ed. Code 48915	Expulsion; particular circumstances
Ed. Code 48916.1	Educational program requirements for expelled students
Ed. Code 48917	Suspension of expulsion order
Ed. Code 49011	Student fees
Ed. Code 51225.3	High school graduation requirements
Ed. Code 51744-51749.6	Independent study
Ed. Code 52060	Local Control and Accountability Plan
Ed. Code 52523	Adult education as supplement to high school curriculum; criteria
Ed. Code 56026	Individual with exceptional needs
Ed. Code 58500-58512	Alternative schools and programs of choice
Fam. Code 6550-6552	Caregivers
20 USC 6301	Highly qualified teachers
20 USC 6311	State plan

**Management Resources Description**

California Department of Education Publication	Legal Requirements for Independent Study
California Department of Education Publication	Conducting Individualized Determinations of Need
California Department of Education Publication	2021-22 AA & IT Independent Study FAQs
California Department of Education Publication	California Digital Learning Integration and Standards
Guidance, May 2021	
California Department of Education Publication	Elements of Exemplary Independent Study
Court Decision	Modesto City Schools v. Education Audits Appeal Panel (2004) 123 Cal.App.4th 1365
Education Audit Appeals Panel Publication	Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and
	State Compliance Reporting
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Consortium for Independent Study
Website	California Department of Education, Independent Study
Website	Education Audit Appeals Panel

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California



**INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide full educational opportunities to all students with exceptional needs. Students with exceptional needs shall receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) and, to the maximum extent possible, shall be educated in the least restrictive environment with nondisabled students.

(cf. [0430](#) - *Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education*)  
(cf. [3541.2](#) - *Transportation for Students with Disabilities*)  
(cf. [4112.23](#) - *Special Education Staff*)  
(cf. [5144.2](#) - *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)*)  
(cf. [6146.4](#) - *Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities*)  
(cf. [6159.1](#) - *Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education*)  
(cf. [6159.2](#) - *Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education*)  
(cf. [6159.3](#) - *Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students*)  
(cf. [6164.4](#) - *Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education*)  
(cf. [6164.6](#) - *Identification and Education Under Section 504*)

For each student with exceptional needs, an individualized education program (IEP) shall be developed which identifies the special education instruction and related services to be provided to the student. The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations regarding the membership of the IEP team, the team's responsibility to develop and regularly review the IEP, the contents of the IEP, and the development, review, and revision processes.

The district shall make FAPE available to individuals with disabilities ages 3-21 who reside in the district, including: (Education Code [56040](#); 20 USC [1412](#); 34 CFR [300.17](#), [300.101](#), [300.104](#))

1. Students who have been suspended or expelled from school
2. Students who are placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school
3. Individuals age 18-21 years who are incarcerated in an adult correctional facility and were identified as being an individual with disabilities or had an IEP in their prior educational placement

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE[46392](#) *Emergencies*[51225.3](#) *Requirements for high school graduation and diploma*[56040.3](#) *Assistive technology*[56055](#) *Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster child's education*[56136](#) *Guidelines for low incidence disabilities areas*[56195.8](#) *Adoption of policies*[56321](#) *Development or revision of IEP*[56321.5](#) *Notice to include right to electronically record*[56340.1-56347](#) *Instructional planning and individualized education program*[56350-56354](#) *IEP for visually impaired students*

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[56380](#) IEP reviews; notice of right to request  
[56390-56392](#) Certificate of completion, special education  
[56500-56509](#) Procedural safeguards  
[60640-60649](#) California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress  
FAMILY CODE  
[6500-6502](#) Age of majority  
GOVERNMENT CODE  
[7572.5](#) Seriously emotionally disturbed child, expanded IEP team  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE  
[300](#) Children subject to jurisdiction  
[601](#) Minors habitually disobedient  
[602](#) Minors violating law defined as crime  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
[853-853.5](#) State assessments, accommodations  
[3021-3029](#) Identification, referral and assessment  
[3040-3043](#) Instructional planning and the individualized education program  
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*California Practitioners' Guide for Educating English Learners with Disabilities*, July 2019  
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# Administrative Regulation

## Instruction

AR 6159(a)

### INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

At the beginning of each school year, the district shall have an individualized education program (IEP) in effect for each student with an exceptional need within district jurisdiction. The IEP shall be a written statement that is developed, reviewed, and revised by the IEP team to meet the unique educational needs of a student with an exceptional need. (Education Code [56344](#), [56345](#); 34 CFR [300.320](#), [300.323](#))

#### Members of the IEP Team

Unless excused by written agreement in accordance with Education Code [56341](#), the IEP team for any student with an exceptional need shall include the following members: (Education Code [56341](#), [56341.5](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.321](#))

1. One or both of the student's parents/guardians and/or a representative selected by them

To the extent permitted by federal law, a foster parent shall have the same rights relative to a foster child's IEP as a parent/guardian. (Education Code [56055](#))

2. If the student is or may be participating in the general education program, at least one of the student's general education teachers designated by the Superintendent or designee to represent the student's general education teachers

The general education teacher shall, to the extent appropriate, participate in the development, review, and revision of the student's IEP, including assisting in the determination of appropriate positive behavioral interventions, supports, and other strategies for the student, and supplementary aids and services, program modifications, and supports for school personnel that will be provided for the student, consistent with 34 CFR [300.320](#). (Education Code [56341](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.324](#))

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

3. At least one of the student's special education teachers or, where appropriate, special education providers
4. A representative of the district who is:
  - a. Qualified to provide or supervise the provision of specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of students with exceptional needs
  - b. Knowledgeable about the general education curriculum

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- c. Knowledgeable about the availability of district resources

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

- 5. An individual who can interpret the instructional implications of assessment results

This individual may already be a member of the team as described in items #2-4 above or in item #6 below.

- 6. At the discretion of the parent/guardian or the Superintendent or designee, other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel, as appropriate

The determination of whether the individual has knowledge or special expertise regarding the student shall be made by the party who invites the individual to be a member of the IEP team.

- 7. Whenever appropriate, the student

In the development, review, or revision of the IEP, the student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of the IEP team. (Education Code [56341.5](#))

- 8. When the student is suspected of having a specific learning disability, at least one individual who is qualified to conduct individual diagnostic examinations of the student such as a school psychologist, speech language pathologist, or remedial reading teacher

In accordance with 34 CFR [300.310](#), at least one team member other than the student's general education teacher shall observe the student's academic performance and behavior in the areas of difficulty in the student's learning environment, including in the general education classroom setting. If the child is younger than five years or not enrolled in school, a team member shall observe the child in an environment appropriate for a child of that age.

In the following circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall invite other specified individuals to an IEP team meeting:

- 1. When the student has been placed in a group home by the juvenile court, a representative of the group home shall be invited to attend IEP team meetings. (Education Code [56341.2](#))
- 2. Whenever the IEP team is meeting to consider the student's postsecondary goals and the transition services needed to assist the student in reaching the goals, the following individuals shall be invited to attend: (34 CFR [300.321](#))

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- a. The student, regardless of the student's age

If the student does not attend the IEP team meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall take other steps to ensure that the student's preferences and interests are considered.

- b. To the extent appropriate, and with the consent of the parent/guardian or adult student, a representative of any other agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for the transition services

- 3. If the student was previously served under the Early Education for Individuals with Exceptional Needs (Education Code [56425-56432](#)) or the California Early Intervention Services Act (Government Code [95000-95004](#)), and upon request of the student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall invite the Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Coordinator or other representative of the early education or early intervention system to the initial IEP team meeting to assist with the smooth transition of services. (Education Code [56341](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.321](#))

A member of the IEP team shall not be required to attend an IEP team meeting, in whole or in part, if the parent/guardian and the district agree, in writing, that the attendance of the member is not necessary because the member's area of the curriculum or related services is not being modified or discussed at the meeting. Even if the meeting involves a discussion of the IEP team member's area of the curriculum or related service, the member may be excused from the meeting if the parent/guardian, in writing, and the district consent to the excusal after conferring with the member and the member submits to the parent/guardian and team written input into the development of the IEP prior to the meeting. (Education Code [56341](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.321](#))

**Contents of the IEP**

The IEP shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (Education Code [56345](#), [56345.1](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.320](#))

- 1. A statement of the present levels of the student's academic achievement and functional performance, including:
  - a. The manner in which the exceptional need affects the student's involvement and progress in the general education curriculum (i.e., the same curriculum as for a student without exceptional needs)
  - b. For a preschool student, as appropriate, the manner in which the exceptional need affects the student's participation in appropriate activities
  - c. For a student with an exceptional need who takes alternate assessments aligned to alternate achievement standards, a description of benchmarks or short-term objectives

**INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM** (continued)

2. A statement of measurable annual goals, including academic and functional goals, designed to:
  - a. Meet the student's needs that result from an exceptional need in order to enable the student to be involved in and make progress in the general education curriculum
  - b. Meet each of the student's other educational needs that result from the exceptional need
3. A description of the manner in which the student's progress toward meeting the annual goals described in item #2 above will be measured and when the district will provide periodic reports on the progress the student is making toward meeting the annual goals, such as through the use of quarterly or other periodic reports, concurrent with the issuance of report cards
4. A statement of the special education instruction and related services and supplementary aids and services, based on peer-reviewed research to the extent practicable, to be provided to the student or on behalf of the student, and a statement of the program modifications or supports for school personnel that will be provided to enable the student to:
  - a. Advance appropriately toward attaining the annual goals
  - b. Be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum in accordance with item #1 above and to participate in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities
  - c. Be educated and participate with other students with exceptional needs and students without exceptional needs in the activities described in the IEP

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

5. An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the student will not participate with students without exceptional needs in the regular class and in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities described in the IEP
6. A statement of any appropriate individual accommodations necessary to measure the academic achievement and functional performance of the student on state and districtwide assessments

If the IEP team determines that the student shall take an alternate assessment instead of a particular regular state or districtwide assessment, the student's IEP also shall include a statement of the reason that the student cannot participate in the regular

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assessment and the reason that the particular alternate assessment selected is appropriate.

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

(cf. [6162.51](#) - *State Academic Achievement Tests*)

7. The projected date for the beginning of the services and modifications described in item #4 above and the anticipated frequency, location, and duration of those services and modifications
8. If determined appropriate by the IEP team, when the student starts high school or not later than the first IEP to be in effect when the student is 16 years of age, or younger, and updated annually thereafter, the following:
  - a. Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and where appropriate, independent living skills
  - b. The transition services, including courses of study, needed to assist the student in reaching those goals
9. A description of the means by which the IEP will be provided under emergency conditions, as described in Education Code [46392](#), in which instruction and/or services cannot be provided to the student either at the school or in person for more than 10 school days.
 

The description shall take into account public health orders and shall include special education and related services, supplementary aids and services, transition services, and extended school year services.
10. Beginning at least one year before the student reaches age 18, a statement that the student has been informed of the rights, if any, that will transfer to the student upon reaching age 18, pursuant to Education Code [56041.5](#)
11. For a student in grades 7-12, any alternative means and modes necessary for the student to complete the district's prescribed course of study and to meet or exceed proficiency standards required for graduation

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

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

12. For a student whose native language is not English, linguistically appropriate goals, objectives, programs, and services

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

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13. Extended school year services when the IEP team determines, on an individual basis, that the services are necessary for the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE)

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

(cf. [6177](#) - Summer Learning Programs)

14. If the student is to be transferred from a special class or nonpublic, nonsectarian school into a general education program in a public school for any part of the school day, provision for transition into the general education program including descriptions of activities intended to:

- a. Integrate the student into the general education program, including the nature of each activity and the time spent on the activity each day or week
- b. Support the transition of the student from the special education program into the general education program

(cf. [6176](#) - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

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

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

15. For a student with low incidence disabilities, specialized services, materials, and equipment consistent with the guidelines pursuant to Education Code [56136](#)

To assist a student who is blind, has low vision, or is visually impaired to achieve the student's maximum potential, the IEP team may consider instruction in the expanded core curriculum, including compensatory skills such as Braille, concept development, or other skills needed to access the core curriculum; orientation and mobility; social interaction skills; career technical education; assistive technology, including optical devices; independent living skills; recreation and leisure; self-determination; and sensory efficiency. When appropriate, such services may be offered before or after school. (Education Code 56353)

**Development of the IEP**

Within 30 days of a determination that a student needs special education and related services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a meeting to develop an initial IEP is conducted. (Education Code [56043](#); 34 CFR [300.323](#))

Any IEP required as a result of an assessment of a student shall be developed within 60 days from the date of receipt of the parent/guardian's written consent for assessment, unless the parent/guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension. Days between the student's regular school sessions, terms, or vacation of more than five school days shall not be counted. In the case of school vacations, the 60-day time limit shall recommence on the date that the student's school days reconvene. (Education Code [56043](#), [56344](#))



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However, when the IEP is required as a result of an assessment of a student for whom a referral has been made 30 days or less prior to the end of the preceding regular school year, the IEP shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year. (Education Code [56344](#))

In developing the IEP, the IEP team shall consider all of the following: (Education Code [56341.1](#), [56345](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.324](#))

1. The strengths of the student
2. The concerns of the parents/guardians for enhancing the education of their child
3. The results of the initial or most recent assessment of the student
4. The academic, developmental, and functional needs of the student
5. In the case of a student whose behavior impedes the student's learning or that of others, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports and other strategies to address that behavior
6. In the case of a student with limited English proficiency, the language needs of the student as such needs relate to the student's IEP
7. In the case of a student who is blind or visually impaired, the need to provide for instruction in Braille and instruction in the use of Braille

However, such instruction need not be included in the IEP if the IEP team determines that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate for the student. This determination shall be based upon an assessment of the student's reading and writing skills, needs, and appropriate reading and writing media, including an assessment of future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille.

8. The communication needs of the student and, in the case of a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, or deaf-blind, the student's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the student's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode

The team shall also consider the related services and program options that provide the student with an equal opportunity for communication access, as described in Education Code [56345](#).

9. Whether the student requires assistive technology devices and services, including artificial intelligence devices and services

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If, in considering the special factors in items #1-9 above, the IEP team determines that the student needs a particular device or service, including an intervention, accommodation, or other program modification, in order to receive FAPE, the team shall include a statement to that effect in the student's IEP. (Education Code [56341.1](#))

**Provision of Special Education and Related Services**

The district shall ensure that, as soon as possible following development of the IEP, special education services and related services are made available to the student in accordance with the IEP. (Education Code [56344](#); 34 CFR [300.323](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the student's IEP is accessible to each general education teacher, special education teacher, related service provider, and any other service provider who is responsible for its implementation. The Superintendent or designee also shall ensure that such teachers and providers are informed of their specific responsibilities related to implementing the IEP and the specific accommodations, modifications, and supports that must be provided to the student in accordance with the IEP. (34 CFR [300.323](#))

If an orientation and mobility evaluation is determined to be needed for a student who is blind, has low vision, or is visually impaired, the evaluation shall be conducted by a person who is appropriately certified as an orientation and mobility specialist and shall occur in familiar and unfamiliar environments, in varying lighting conditions, and in the home, school, and community, as appropriate. The Superintendent or designee may require annual written parent/guardian consent to provide orientation and mobility services when such services are provided before or after school and when they are provided away from the school site. (Education Code [56354](#); 5 CCR [3051.3](#))

If a student's IEP requires the provision of assistive technology devices or services, including artificial intelligence services, the district shall provide such devices or services and shall, on a case-by-case basis, provide for the use of school-purchased devices or services in the student's home or other settings if the IEP team determines that the student needs access to those devices in order to receive FAPE. If a student who requires the use of an assistive technology device or service transfers to another local educational agency, the district shall provide the student with continued access to that device or service or a comparable device for two months from the date the student ceased to be enrolled in the district or until alternative arrangements can be made to provide access to the device, whichever occurs first. (Education Code [56040.3](#); 34 CFR [300.105](#))

**Review and Revision of the IEP**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the IEP team reviews the IEP periodically, but at least annually, in order to: (Education Code [56043](#), [56341.1](#), [56380](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.324](#))

1. Determine whether the annual goals for the student are being achieved

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2. Revise the IEP, as appropriate, to address:
  - a. Any lack of expected progress toward the annual goals and in the general education curriculum, where appropriate
  - b. The results of any reassessment conducted pursuant to Education Code [56381](#)
  - c. Information about the student provided to or by the parents/guardians regarding review of evaluation data pursuant to 34 CFR [300.305](#) and Education Code [56381](#)
  - d. The student's anticipated needs
  - e. Any other relevant matter
3. Consider the special factors listed in items #5-9 above under "Development of the IEP" when reviewing the IEP of any student with an exceptional need to whom one of those factors may apply

The IEP team shall also meet at any other time upon request by the student's parent/guardian or teacher to review or revise the IEP. (Education Code [56343](#))

When a parent/guardian requests an IEP team meeting to review the IEP, the team shall meet within 30 days of receiving the parent/guardian's written request, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions or terms or days of school vacation in excess of five school days. If a parent/guardian makes an oral request, the district shall notify the parent/guardian of the need for a written request and the procedure for filing such a request. (Education Code [56043](#), [56343.5](#))

A regular education or special education teacher may request a review of the classroom assignment of a student with an exceptional need by submitting a written request to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall consider the request within 20 days of receiving it, not counting days when school is not in session or, for year-round schools, days when the school is off track. If the review indicates a need for change in the student's placement, instruction, and/or related services, the Superintendent or designee shall convene an IEP team meeting, which shall be held within 30 days of the Superintendent or designee's review, not counting days when school is not in session or days when school is off track, unless the student's parent/guardian consents in writing to an extension of time.

If a participating agency other than the district fails to provide the transition services described in the student's IEP, the team shall reconvene to identify alternative strategies to meet the transition service objectives set out for the student in the IEP. (Education Code [56345.1](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.324](#))

If a student with an exceptional need residing in a licensed children's institution or foster family home has been placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, the

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Superintendent or designee shall conduct an annual evaluation as part of the IEP process of whether the placement is the least restrictive environment that is appropriate to meet the student's needs. (Education Code [56157](#))

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

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

To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall encourage the consolidation of reassessment meetings and other IEP team meetings for a student. (20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.324](#))

When a change is necessary to a student's IEP after the annual IEP team meeting for the school year has been held, the parent/guardian and the Superintendent or designee may agree not to convene an IEP team meeting for the purpose of making the change and instead may develop a written document to amend or modify the student's current IEP. The IEP team shall be informed of any such changes. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian with a revised copy of the IEP with the incorporated amendments. (Education Code [56380.1](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.324](#))

**Audio Recording of IEP Team Meetings**

Parents/guardians and the Superintendent or designee shall have the right to audio record the proceedings of IEP team meetings, provided members of the IEP team are notified of this intent at least 24 hours before the meeting. If the Superintendent or designee gives notice of intent to audio record a meeting and the parent/guardian objects or refuses to attend because the meeting would be audio recorded, the meeting shall not be audio recorded.

Parents/guardians also have the right to: (Education Code [56341.1](#))

1. Inspect and review the audio recordings
2. Request that an audio recording be amended if they believe it contains information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights
3. Challenge, in a hearing, information that the parents/guardians believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights

**Parent/Guardian Participation and Other Rights**

The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to ensure that one or both of the parents/guardians of the student with an exceptional need are present at each IEP team meeting or are afforded the opportunity to participate. These steps shall include notifying the parents/guardians of the meeting early enough to ensure that they will have the opportunity to attend and scheduling the meeting at a mutually agreed upon time and place. (Education Code [56341.5](#); 34 CFR [300.322](#))

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The Superintendent or designee shall send parents/guardians notices of IEP team meetings that: (Education Code [56341.5](#); 34 CFR [300.322](#))

1. Indicate the purpose, time, and location of the meeting
2. Indicate who will be in attendance at the meeting
3. Inform them of:
  - a. Their right to bring to the meeting other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise about the student, pursuant to Education Code [56341](#)
  - b. The provision of Education Code [56341](#) relating to the participation of the Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Coordinator at the initial IEP team meeting, if the student was previously served under Early Education for Individuals with Exceptional Needs (Education Code [56425-56432](#)) or the California Early Intervention Services Act (Government Code [95000-95004](#))

In addition, when the IEP team meeting is to consider the development, review, or revision of the IEP of a student with an exceptional need who is 16 years of age or older, or younger than 16 if deemed appropriate by the IEP team, the Superintendent or designee's notice to the student's parents/guardians shall include the following: (Education Code [56341.5](#))

1. An indication that a purpose of the meeting will be the consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student pursuant to Education Code [56345.1](#), [20](#) USC [1414](#), and 34 CFR [300.320](#)
2. An indication that the student is invited to the IEP team meeting

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

At each IEP team meeting convened by the district, the district administrator or specialist on the team shall inform the parent/guardian and student of the federal and state procedural safeguards included in the notice of parental rights provided pursuant to Education Code [56321](#). (Education Code [56500.1](#))

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

The parent/guardian shall have the right and opportunity to examine all of the student's school records upon request, before any IEP meeting, and in connection with any hearing or resolution session on matters affecting the student, including, but not limited to, initial formal assessment, procedural safeguards, and due process. Upon receipt of an oral or written request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide complete copies of the records within five business days. (Education Code [56043](#), [56504](#))

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

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The parent/guardian shall have the right to present information to the IEP team in person or through a representative and the right to participate in meetings that relate to eligibility for special education and related services, recommendations, and program planning. (Education Code [56341.1](#))

If neither parent/guardian can attend the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall use other methods to ensure parent/guardian participation, including video conferences or individual or conference telephone calls. (Education Code [56341.5](#); 20 USC [1414](#); 34 CFR [300.322](#))

An IEP team meeting may be conducted without a parent/guardian in attendance if the Superintendent or designee is unable to convince the parent/guardian to attend. In such a case, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of the attempts to arrange a mutually agreed upon time and place for the meeting, including: (Education Code [56341.5](#); 34 CFR [300.322](#))

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

The Superintendent or designee shall take any action necessary to ensure that the parents/guardians understand the proceedings of the meeting, including arranging for an interpreter for parents/guardians with deafness or whose native language is not English. (Education Code [56341.5](#); 34 CFR [300.322](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall give the parents/guardians of a student with an exceptional need a copy of the IEP at no cost. (Education Code [56341.5](#); 34 CFR [300.322](#))

**Parent/Guardian Consent for Provision of Special Education and Services**

Before providing special education and related services to any student pursuant to 20 USC [1414](#), the Superintendent or designee shall seek to obtain informed consent of the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code [56346](#))

If the parent/guardian fails to respond or refuses to consent to the initiation of services, the district shall not use the due process hearing procedures pursuant to 20 USC [1415](#) to obtain agreement or a ruling that the services may be provided to the student. In such circumstances, the district shall not be required to convene an IEP team or develop an IEP for the student. (Education Code [56346](#))

If the parent/guardian consents in writing to the receipt of special education and related services for the student but does not consent to all of the components of the IEP, then those

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components to which the parent/guardian has consented shall be implemented so as not to delay providing instruction and services to the student. If the Superintendent or designee determines that a part of a proposed IEP to which the parent/guardian does not consent is necessary in order to provide the student with FAPE, a due process hearing shall be initiated in accordance with 20 USC [1415](#). While the due process hearing is pending, the student shall remain in the current placement unless the parent/guardian and the Superintendent or designee agree otherwise. (Education Code [56346](#))

If at any time subsequent to the initial provision of services, the student's parent/guardian, in writing, revokes consent for the continued provision of special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall provide prior written notice within a reasonable time before ceasing to provide services to the student. The Superintendent or designee shall not request a due process hearing or pursue mediation in order to require an agreement or ruling that services be provided to the student. (Education Code [56346](#); 34 CFR [300.300](#), [300.503](#))

Prior to the discontinuation of services, the Superintendent or designee may offer to meet with the parents/guardians to discuss concerns for the student's education. However, this meeting shall be voluntary on the part of the parent/guardian and shall not delay the implementation of the parent/guardian's request for discontinuation of services.

When the district ceases to provide special education services in response to the parent/guardian's revocation of consent, the student shall be classified as a general education student.

**Transfer Students**

To facilitate the transition of a student with an exceptional need who is transferring into the district, the Superintendent or designee shall take reasonable steps to promptly obtain the student's records, including the IEP and the supporting documents related to the provision of special education services. (Education Code [56325](#); 34 CFR [300.323](#))

If the student transfers into the district from another school district within the same Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) during the school year, the district shall continue to provide services comparable to those described in the student's existing IEP, unless the student's parent/guardian and the district agree to develop, adopt, and implement a new IEP that is consistent with state and federal law. (Education Code [56325](#); 34 CFR [300.323](#))

If the student transfers into the district from a school district outside of the district's SELPA during the school year, the district shall provide the student with FAPE, including services comparable to those described in the previous district's IEP in consultation with the student's parent/guardian, for a period not to exceed 30 days. By the end of that period, the district shall either adopt the previous district's IEP or shall develop, adopt, and implement a new IEP that is consistent with state and federal law. (Education Code [56325](#); 34 CFR [300.323](#))

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If the student transfers into the district from an out-of-state district during the school year, the district shall provide the student with FAPE, including services comparable to the out-of-state district's IEP, in consultation with the parent/guardian, until such time as the Superintendent or designee conducts an assessment, if it determines that such an assessment is necessary, and develops, adopts, and implements a new IEP, if appropriate. (Education Code [56325](#); 34 CFR [300.323](#))

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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# Board Policy

## Instruction

BP 6159.1(a)

### PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AND COMPLAINTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligation to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities and to uphold the rights of parents/guardians to be involved in educational decisions regarding their child. Parents/guardians of students with disabilities shall receive written notice of their rights under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(cf. [5144.2](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))  
(cf. [5145.6](#) - Parental Notifications)  
(cf. [6159](#) - Individualized Education Program)  
(cf. [6159.2](#) - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)  
(cf. [6159.3](#) - Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students)  
(cf. [6159.4](#) - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)  
(cf. [6164.4](#) - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

Whenever there is a dispute between the district and the parent/guardian of a student with disabilities regarding the identification, assessment, or educational placement of the student or the provision of FAPE to the student, the Superintendent or designee shall encourage the early, informal resolution of the dispute at the school level to the extent possible. The district or parent/guardian may also request mediation and/or a due process hearing in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall represent the district in any due process hearing conducted with regard to district students and shall inform the Board about the result of the hearing.

Any complaint alleging the district's noncompliance with federal or state laws or regulations related to the provision of a free appropriate public education to students with disabilities shall be filed in accordance with 5 CCR 3200-3205.

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

[56000](#) Education for individuals with disabilities

[56001](#) Provision of the special education programs

[56020-56035](#) Definitions

[56195.7](#) Written agreements

[56195.8](#) Adoption of policies for programs and services

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

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

[56500-56509](#) Procedural safeguards, including due process rights

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

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[3000-3100](#) Regulations governing special education, especially:

[3080-3089](#) Procedural safeguards

3200-3205 Special education compliance complaints

##### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[1232g](#) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

[794](#) *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

[11434](#) *Homeless assistance*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

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

[104.36](#) *Procedural safeguards*

[300.1-300.818](#) *Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities, especially:*

[300.150-300.153](#) *State compliance complaints*

[300.500-300.520](#) *Procedural safeguards and due process for parents and students*

COURT DECISIONS

*Winkelman v. Parma City School District, (2007) 550 U.S. 516*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

Office of Administrative Hearings, Special Education Division:

<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/Special-Education>

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

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

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# Administrative Regulation

## Instruction

AR 6159.1(a)

## PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AND COMPLAINTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Prior Written Notice

The Superintendent or designee shall send to the parents/guardians of any student with disabilities a prior written notice: (Education Code [56346](#), [56500.4](#), [56500.5](#); 20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.102](#), [300.300](#), [300.503](#))

1. Before the district initially refers the student for assessment
2. Within a reasonable time before the district proposes to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, educational placement, or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student
3. Within a reasonable time before the district refuses to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student
4. Within a reasonable time before the student graduates from high school with a regular diploma thus resulting in a change in placement
5. Upon receipt of the parent/guardian's written revocation of consent for the continued provision of special education and related services to the student

This prior written notice shall include: (Education Code [56500.4](#); 20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.503](#))

1. A description of the action proposed or refused by the district
2. An explanation as to why the district proposes or refuses to take the action
3. A description of each assessment procedure, assessment, record, or report the district used as a basis for the proposed or refused action
4. A statement that the parents/guardians of the student have protection under procedural safeguards and, if this notice is not an initial referral for assessment, the means by which a copy of the description of procedural safeguards can be obtained
5. Sources for parents/guardians to obtain assistance in understanding these provisions
6. A description of any other options that the individualized education program (IEP) team considered and why those options were rejected

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

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7. A description of any other factors relevant to the district's proposal or refusal

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

**Procedural Safeguards Notice**

A procedural safeguards notice shall be made available to parents/guardians of students with disabilities once each school year and: (Education Code [56301](#); 20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.504](#))

1. Upon initial referral or parent/guardian request for assessment
2. Upon receipt of the first state compliance complaint in a school year, filed in accordance with the section "State Compliance Complaints" below
3. Upon receipt of the first due process hearing request in a school year
4. In accordance with the discipline procedures pursuant to 34 CFR [300.530](#)(h), when removal of a student because of a violation of a code of conduct constitutes a change of placement

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

5. Upon request by a parent/guardian

The procedural safeguards notice shall include a full explanation of all of the procedural safeguards available under 34 CFR [300.148](#), [300.151-300.153](#), [300.300](#), [300.502-300.503](#), [300.505-300.518](#), [300.520](#), [300.530-300.536](#), and [300.610-300.625](#) relating to: (Education Code [56301](#); 20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.504](#))

1. Independent educational evaluation

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

2. Prior written notice
3. Parental consent, including a parent/guardian's right to revoke consent, in writing, to the student's continued receipt of special education and related services
4. Access to educational records

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

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5. Opportunity to present complaints and resolve complaints through the due process complaint and state compliance complaint procedures, including the time period in which to file a complaint, the opportunity for the district to resolve the complaint, and the difference between a due process complaint and the state compliance complaint procedures, including the jurisdiction of each procedure, what issues may be raised, filing and decisional timelines, and relevant procedures
6. The availability of mediation
7. The student's placement during the pendency of any due process complaint
8. Procedures for students who are subject to placement in an interim alternative educational setting
9. Requirements for unilateral placement by parents/guardians of students in private schools at public expense
10. Hearings on due process complaints, including requirements for disclosure of assessment results and recommendations
11. State-level appeals
12. Civil actions, including the time period in which to file those actions
13. Availability of attorneys' fees pursuant to 34 CFR [300.517](#)

This notice shall also include the rights and procedures contained in Education Code [56500-56509](#), including: (Education Code [56321](#), [56321.5](#), [56321.6](#))

1. Information on the procedures for requesting an informal meeting, prehearing mediation conference, mediation conference, or due process hearing
2. The timelines for completing each process
3. Whether the process is optional
4. The type of representative who may be invited to participate
5. The right of the parent/guardian and/or the district to electronically record the proceedings of IEP meetings in accordance with Education Code [56341.1](#)
6. Information regarding the state special schools for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind

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A copy of this notice shall be attached to the student's assessment plan. At each IEP meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian of the federal and state procedural safeguards that were provided in the notice. (Education Code [56321](#), [56500.1](#))

### **Format of Parent/Guardian Notices**

The parents/guardians of a student with a disability shall be provided written notice of their rights in language easily understood by the general public and in their native language or other mode of communication used by them, unless to do so is clearly not feasible. (Education Code [56341](#), [56506](#); 34 CFR [300.503](#), [300.504](#))

If the native language of other mode of communication of the parent/guardian is not a written language, the district shall take steps to ensure that the notice is translated orally or by other means in the parent/guardian's native language or other mode of communication and that the parent/guardian understands the contents of the notice. (34 CFR [300.503](#))

The district may place a copy of the procedural safeguards notice on the district's web site. (20 USC [1415](#))

A parent/guardian of a student with disabilities may elect to receive the prior written notice or procedural safeguards notice by an electronic mail communication. (34 CFR [300.505](#))

### **Filing Due Process Complaints**

A parent/guardian and/or the district may initiate due process hearing procedures whenever: (Education Code [56501](#); 20 USC [1415](#))

1. There is a proposal to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student.
2. There is a refusal to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student.
3. The parent/guardian refuses to consent to an assessment of the student.
4. There is a disagreement between a parent/guardian and the district regarding the availability of a program appropriate for the student, including the question of financial responsibility, as specified in 34 CFR [300.148](#).

Prior to having a due process hearing, the party requesting the hearing, or the party's attorney, shall provide the opposing party a due process complaint, which shall remain confidential, specifying: (Education Code [56502](#); 20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.508](#))

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1. The student's name
2. The student's address or, in the case of a student identified as homeless pursuant to 42 USC [11434](#), available contact information for that student

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

3. The name of the school the student attends
4. A description of the nature of the student's problem relating to the proposed or refused initiation or change, including facts relating to the problem
5. A proposed resolution to the problem to the extent known and available to the complaining party at the time

Parties filing a due process complaint shall file their request with the state Office of Administrative Hearings, Special Education Division.

The request shall be filed within two years from the date the party initiating the request knew or had reason to know of the facts underlying the basis for the request. This timeline shall not apply if the district misrepresented that it had solved the problem or withheld required information from the parent/guardian. (Education Code [56505](#); 20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.507](#), [300.511](#))

**District's Response to Due Process Complaints**

If the district has sent prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter of the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the district shall, within 10 days of receipt of the complaint, send a response specifically addressing the issues in the complaint. (20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.508](#))

If the district has not sent a prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter contained in the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the district shall send a response to the parent/guardian within 10 days of receipt of the complaint containing: (20 USC [1415](#); 34 CFR [300.508](#)):

1. An explanation of why the district proposed or refused to take the action raised in the complaint
2. A description of other options that the IEP team considered and the reasons that those options were rejected

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3. A description of each assessment procedure, assessment, record, or report the district used as the basis for the proposed or refused action
4. A description of the factors that are relevant to the district's proposal or refusal

Upon the filing of a due process complaint by either party or upon request of the parent/guardian, the district shall inform the parent/guardian of any free or low-cost legal and other relevant services available in the area. (34 CFR [300.507](#))

**Informal Process/Pre-Hearing Mediation Conference**

Prior to or upon initiating a due process hearing, the Superintendent or designee and a parent/guardian may, if the party initiating the hearing so chooses, agree to meet informally to resolve any issue(s) relating to the identification, assessment, education and placement, or provision of FAPE for a student with disabilities. The Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to resolve the issue(s). (Education Code [56502](#))

In addition, either party may file a request with the state Office of Administrative Hearings for a mediation conference. (Education Code [56500.3](#))

If resolution is reached that resolves the due process issue(s), the parties shall enter into a legally binding agreement that satisfies the requirements of Education Code [56500.3](#). (Education Code [56500.3](#))

Attorneys may attend or otherwise participate only in those mediation conferences that are scheduled after the filing of a request for due process hearing. (Education Code [56500.3](#), [56501](#))

**State Compliance Complaints**

Any individual, including a person's duly authorized representative or an interested third party, public agency, or organization may file with the California Department of Education (CDE) a written and signed statement alleging that, within the previous year, any of the following occurred: (5 CCR 3200, 3201)

1. The district violated Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC [1411-1419](#)) and its implementing regulations (34 CFR [300.1-300.818](#)).
2. The district violated Part 30 of the Education Code (Education Code [56000-56865](#)) and 5 CCR 3200-3205.



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3. The district violated the terms of a settlement agreement related to the provision of FAPE, excluding any allegation related to an attorney fees provision in a settlement agreement.
4. The district failed or refused to implement a due process hearing order to which the district is subject.
5. Physical safety concerns interfered with the provision of FAPE.

The complaint shall include: (5 CCR 3202; 34 CFR [300.153](#))

1. A statement that the district has violated or failed to comply with any provision set forth in 5 CCR 3201
2. The facts on which the statement is based
3. The signature and contact information for the complainant
4. If alleging violations with respect to a specific student, the student's name and address (or other available contact information for a homeless student), the name of the school that the student is attending, a description of the nature of the student's problem and facts related to the problem, and a proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available to the party at the time the complaint is filed

The complainant shall forward a copy of the complaint to the Superintendent or designee at the same time the complaint is filed with CDE. (5 CCR 3202)

Within 30 days of the date of CDE's investigation report, the district or complainant may request reconsideration of the decision in accordance with 5 CCR 3204. Pending CDE's response, any corrective actions set forth in the report shall remain in effect and enforceable, unless stayed by a court. (5 CCR 3204)

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# Board Policy

## Instruction

BP 6159.2(a)

### NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to provide a free appropriate public education to students with exceptional needs in accordance with law. When the district is unable to provide direct special education and/or related services to students with exceptional needs, the Board may enter into a contract with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency (NPS/A) to meet student needs consistent with the comprehensive local plan of the Special Education Local Plan Area.

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

Prior to entering into a contract to place any student in an NPS/A, the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the school or agency is certified to provide special education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs and complies with staff training requirements in accordance with Education Code [56366](#) and [56366.1](#).

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee, such as the district's liaison for foster youth, shall verify that for any student served by an NPS/A who is a foster youth, the NPS/A agrees to serve as the school of origin of the foster youth and allow the foster youth to continue the foster youth's education in the NPS/A in accordance with Education Code 56366.1

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor, on an ongoing basis, the certification of any NPS/A with which the district has a contract to ensure that the certification has not expired.

Within 14 days of becoming aware of any change to the certification status of an NPS/A, including, but not limited to, receiving notification of a determination to suspend or revoke the certification of the NPS/A pursuant to Education Code 56366.4, the district shall notify, through email or regular mail, the parents/guardians of any district student who attends the NPS/A of the change in certification status, which includes a copy of procedural safeguards. The district shall maintain a record of such notice and make the notice available for inspection upon request by the California Department of Education. (Education Code 56366.45)

No district student with exceptional needs shall be referred to, or placed in, an NPS/A unless the student's individualized education program (IEP) team has determined that the placement is appropriate for the student. (Education Code 56342.1)

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

The district shall pay to the NPS/A the full amount of the tuition or fees, as applicable, for students with exceptional needs who are enrolled in programs or receiving services provided by the NPS/A pursuant to the contract. (Education Code [56365](#))

## **NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)**

In accordance with law, any student with exceptional needs placed in an NPS/A shall have all the rights and protections to which students with exceptional needs are generally entitled, including, but not limited to, procedural safeguards, due process rights, and periodic review of the student's IEP.

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

During the period when any student with exceptional needs is placed in an NPS/A, the student's IEP team shall retain responsibility for monitoring the student's progress towards meeting the goals identified in the IEP.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any contract with an NPS/A contains a requirement for the NPS/A to comply with district policy, procedures, and practices related to student rights, health, and safety, including the use of seclusion and restraint. All NPS/A staff that serve district students shall be made aware of, and trained in such policies, procedures, and practices.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board prior to approving an out-of-state placement for any district student.

The Superintendent or designee may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive any of the requirements of Education Code [56365](#), [56366](#), and [56366.6](#). (Education Code [56366.2](#))

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

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

[56034-56035](#) Definitions of nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency

[56042](#) Placement not to be recommended by attorney with conflict of interest

[56101](#) Waivers

[56163](#) Certification

[56168](#) Responsibility for education of student in hospital or health facility school

[56195.8](#) Adoption of policies

[56342.1](#) Individualized education program; placement

[56360-56369](#) Implementation of special education

[56711](#) Computation of state aid

[56740-56743](#) Apportionments and reports

[56760](#) Annual budget plan; service proportions

[56775.5](#) Reimbursement of assessment and identification costs

[56836.20-56836.21](#) Special education funding; SELPA contracts with nonpublic nonsectarian schools

#### FAMILY CODE

[7911-7912](#) Interstate compact on placement of children

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

[7570-7587](#) Interagency responsibilities for providing services to disabled children; especially:

[7572.55](#) Seriously emotionally disturbed child; out-of-state placement

#### WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

[362.2](#) Out-of-home placement for IEP

[727.1](#) Out-of-state placement of wards of court

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

**NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES FOR  
SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)**

[3001](#) Definitions

[3051-3051.24](#) Special education; standards for related services and staff qualifications

[3060-3070](#) Nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[1400-1487](#) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

[300.129-300.148](#) Children with disabilities in private schools

COURT DECISIONS

*Agostini v. Felton, (1997) 521 U.S. 203, 117 S.Ct. 1997*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative  
Services: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers>

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# Administrative Regulation

## Instruction

AR 6159.2(a)

## NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Master Contract

Every master contract between the district and a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency (NPS/A) shall specify the general administrative and financial agreements for providing special education and designated instruction and services. The master contract shall be for a term not to exceed one year and shall be renegotiated prior to June 30. Provisions of the contract shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code [56366](#); 5 CCR [3062](#))

1. Student-teacher ratios
2. Transportation specified in a student's individualized education program (IEP)

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

The contract shall not include special education transportation provided through the use of services or equipment owned, leased, or contracted by the district for students enrolled in the NPS/A unless provided directly or subcontracted by that NPS/A.

3. Procedures for recordkeeping and documentation
4. The maintenance of school records by the district to ensure that appropriate high school graduation credit is received by any participating student

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

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

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

5. An individual services agreement for each student, which will be negotiated for the length of time for which NPS/A special education and designated instruction and services are specified in the student's IEP
6. A description of the process to be utilized by the district to oversee and evaluate placements in the NPS/A, including a method for evaluating whether each student is making appropriate educational progress
7. Procedures and responsibilities for attendance and unexcused absences
8. General provisions related to modifications and amendments to the contract, waivers, disputes, contractor's status, conflicts of interest, termination, inspection and audits,

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SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)**

- compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and indemnification and insurance requirements
9. Payment schedules, including, but not limited to, payment amounts, payment demand, right to withhold, and audit exceptions

The contract may allow for partial or full-time attendance at the NPS/A. (Education Code [56366](#))

With mutual agreement of the district and NPS/A, changes may be made to the administrative and financial agreements in the master contract at any time, provided the change does not alter a student's educational instruction, services, or placement as outlined in the student's individual services agreement. (Education Code [56366](#))

The master contract or individual services agreement may be terminated for cause if either party gives 20 days' notice. However, the availability of a public education program initiated during the period of the contract shall not give cause for termination unless the parent/guardian agrees to transfer the student to the program. (Education Code [56366](#))

**Placement and Services**

For any student to be placed in an NPS/A, the Superintendent or designee shall develop an individual services agreement based on the student's IEP. Each individual services agreement shall specify the length of time authorized in the student's IEP for the NPS/A services, not to exceed one year. Changes in a student's educational instruction, services, or placement shall be made only on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. (Education Code [56366](#))

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

At least once each year, the district shall: (Education Code [56366](#))

1. Evaluate the educational progress of each student placed in an NPS/A, including a review of state assessment results
2. During the annual meeting held to review the student's IEP pursuant to Education Code [56343](#), consider whether the student's needs continue to be best met at the NPS/A and whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the student may be transitioned to a public school setting

Prior to the annual review of a student's IEP, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any high school district to which the student may transfer of the student's enrollment in an NPS/A. (5 CCR [3069](#))

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When a special education student meets the district requirements for completion of the prescribed course of study as designated in the student's IEP, the district shall award the student a diploma of graduation. (5 CCR [3070](#))

(cf. [6146.4](#) - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Individuals with Exceptional Needs)

However, a student with exceptional needs who entered the ninth grade in the 2022-23 school year or later shall be exempted from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the Governing Board that are in addition to the statewide course requirements for high school graduation, if the student's IP meets the criteria specified in law and Board Policy 6146.4 – Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities. (Education Code 51225.31)

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may, until July 1 2031, exempt a student with exceptional needs who was enrolled in grade 10 or higher in the 2022-23 school year from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to the statewide course requirements for high school graduation if the student meets the eligibility criteria specified in Education Code 5122.32

**Out-of-State Placements**

Before contracting with an NPS/A outside California, the Superintendent or designee shall document the district's efforts to use public schools and/or to find an appropriate program offered by an NPS/A within California. (Education Code [56365](#))

Within 15 days of any decision for an out-of-state placement, the student's IEP team shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a report with information about the services provided by the out-of-state program, the costs of the special education and related services provided, and the district's efforts to locate an appropriate public school or NPS/A within California. (Education Code [56365](#))

If the district decides to place a student with an NPS/A outside the state, the district shall indicate the anticipated date of the student's return to a placement within California and shall document efforts during the previous year to return the student to California. (Education Code [56365](#))

**On-Site Visits**

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct an on-site visit to an NPS/A before the placement of a student at the NPS/A, if the district does not have any other students currently enrolled at the NPS/A. (Education Code [56366.1](#))

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SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)**

At least once per year, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an on-site monitoring visit to each NPS/A at which the district has a student attending and with which it maintains a master contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to: (Education Code [56366.1](#))

1. A review of services provided to the student through the individual services agreement
2. A review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP
3. A review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's behavioral intervention plan, if applicable
4. An observation of the student during instruction
5. A walkthrough of the facility

The district shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to CDE within 60 calendar days of the on-site visit. (Education Code [56366.1](#))

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# Administrative Regulation

## Instruction

AR 6159.4(a)

### BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

The following optional administrative regulation is based on guidance from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) of the U.S. Department of Education.

Generally, any student identified as a student with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400-1482, is subject to the same disciplinary measures applicable to all students for violations of the code of conduct, except when the student's behavior is determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

However, when the behavior of a student with a disability impedes his/her learning or the learning of others, the student's individualized education program (IEP) team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports and other strategies consistent with 20 USC 1414(d) to address the student's behavior. (Education Code 56521.2; 34 CFR 300.324)

If, pursuant to a manifestation determination conducted as specified in 34 CFR 300.530, the student's behavior is determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability, the IEP team shall conduct a functional behavioral assessment (FBA) and implement a behavioral intervention plan (BIP) for the student. If a BIP is already in place for the student, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP to address the student's behavior. (Education Code 56520; 34 CFR 300.324, 300.530)

In addition, when the disciplinary removal of a student with a disability will result in a change in the student's placement as specified in 34 CFR 300.530, the student shall receive an FBA and behavioral intervention services and modifications designed to address the student's behavior so that it does not recur. (34 CFR 300.530)

### Functional Behavioral Assessment

Any FBA to be conducted for a student with a disability shall focus on identifying the function or purpose of the student's behavior.

Before any FBA is conducted, the Superintendent of designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in accordance with Education Code 56321 and obtain the parent/guardian's consent. (Education Code 56321; 34 CFR 300.324)

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

## **BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS** (continued)

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the result of an FBA, he/she has the right to obtain an independent educational evaluation at district expense, subject to the conditions specified in 34 CFR 300.502.

### **Behavioral Intervention Plan and Services**

When any behavioral intervention, support, or other strategy is to be used by the district, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the student's physical freedom and social interaction, administer the intervention, support, or other strategy in a manner that respects the student's dignity and personal privacy, and ensure the student's right to be placed in the least restrictive educational environment. (Education Code 56520)

When a student for whom a BIP is to be developed is also the responsibility of another agency for residential care or related services, the Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the other agency to ensure that the BIP, to the extent possible, is implemented in a consistent manner. (Education Code 56520)

Behavior assessments and behavioral intervention services shall be provided only by individuals who possess the qualifications specified in Education Code 56525 or 5 CCR 3065.

### **Emergency Interventions**

Emergency interventions may be used only to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a systematic BIP that is designed to change, replace, modify, or eliminate a targeted behavior. (Education Code 56521.1)

No emergency intervention shall be used for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior. For any situation that requires a prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff shall seek assistance of the principal or law enforcement agency, as applicable to the situation. (Education Code 56521.1)

Emergency interventions shall not involve the use of force exceeding what is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances. In addition, use of locked seclusion or a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all hands and feet shall not be allowed except as allowed by law. (Education Code 56521.1)

Parents/guardians and, if appropriate, residential care providers shall be notified within one school day whenever emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. A behavior emergency report shall immediately be completed, kept in the student's file, and

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forwarded to the Superintendent or designee for review. This report shall include all of the following information: (Education Code 56521.1)

1. The name and age of the student
2. The setting and location of the incident
3. The name of the staff or other persons involved
4. A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used
5. A statement of whether the student is currently engaged in a systematic BIP
6. Details of any injuries sustained by the student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident

If the behavior emergency report is for a student who does not have a BIP, the Superintendent or designee shall, within two days, schedule an IEP team meeting to review the emergency report, determine the necessity for an FBA, and determine the necessity for an interim BIP. The IEP team shall document the reasons for not conducting the FBA and/or not developing the interim BIP. (Education Code 56521.1)

If the behavior emergency report is for a student who has a BIP, any incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem or where a previously designed intervention is not effective shall be referred to the IEP team. The IEP team shall review the incident and determine whether the student's plan needs to be modified. (Education Code 56521.1)

**Prohibited Interventions**

The district prohibits the use of corporal punishment as defined in Education Code 49001 as an intervention. In addition, the district prohibits all of the following: (Education Code 56521.2)

1. Any intervention designed or likely to cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric shock
2. Any intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances near the student's face
3. Any intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities

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4. Any intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject the student to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma
5. Any restrictive intervention that uses a device, material, or objects which simultaneously immobilize all hands and feet, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained staff as a limited emergency intervention
6. Locked seclusion, unless in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room
7. Any intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the student
8. Any intervention that deprives the student of one or more of his/her senses

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

56321 Notice of parental rights; consent of parents

56500-56508 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights

56520-56525 Behavioral interventions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3065 Staff qualifications - related services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

1412 State eligibility

1415 Procedural safeguards

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.1-300.818 Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities

*Management Resources:*

FEDERAL REGISTER

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

WEB SITES

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: <http://www.calaba.org/bacb.shtm>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:  
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>

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**EQUIPMENT, BOOKS AND MATERIALS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that student learning is enhanced when students have access to high-quality textbooks, equipment and other instructional materials for each of the subjects they are studying. To adequately support the Board-approved curriculum, instructional materials also should be up to date.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for determining the sufficiency of district instructional materials in providing accurate, current information and ensuring that students have access to standards-based materials. When new instructional materials have been chosen in accordance with the district's selection and evaluation policy, the Board shall make final decisions regarding their purchase.

*(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*

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

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

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

*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

60010 Definitions

60040-60047 Instructional requirements and materials

60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials

60200-60206 Elementary school materials

60240-60252 State Instructional Materials Fund

60400-60411 High school textbooks

60420-60424 Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

9505-9532 Instructional materials, especially:

9531-9532 Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program

*Management Resources:*WEB SITES

CDE, Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/cfir>

# Board Policy

## Instruction

BP 6161.1(a)

### SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees desires that district instructional materials, as a whole, present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect and value society's diversity, stimulate thought, the exploration of ideas and intellectual exchanges, and enhance instructors' ability to educate all students through the use of multiple teaching strategies and technologies. The Board shall adopt instructional materials based on a determination that such materials are an effective learning resource to help students achieve grade-level competency and that the materials meet criteria specified in law. Textbooks, technology-based materials, and other educational materials shall be aligned with academic content standards and the district's curriculum to ensure that they effectively support the district's adopted courses of study.

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

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

(cf. [0440](#) - *District Technology Plan*)

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

(cf. [6000](#) - *Concepts and Roles*)

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

(cf. [6141](#) - *Curriculum Development and Evaluation*)

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

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

(cf. [6161.11](#) - *Supplementary Instructional Materials*)

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

(cf. [6163.1](#) - *Library Media Centers*)

The Board shall select instructional materials for use in grades K-8 that have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) or that have, during the district's review process, been determined to be aligned with the state academic content standards adopted by SBE, which includes instructional materials for mathematics and English language arts that are aligned to Common Core State Standards. (Education Code [60200](#), [60210](#))

The Board shall adopt instructional materials for grades 9-12 upon determining that the materials meet the criteria specified in law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code [60400](#))

In selecting or adopting instructional materials, the Board shall consider the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee and/or an advisory committee established to review the materials.

The degree to which every student has sufficient access to standards-aligned instructional materials shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan. (Education Code 52060)

**SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (continued)**Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Public Hearing**

The Board shall annually conduct one or more public hearings on the sufficiency of the district's instructional materials, including textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational materials, and tests. Technology-based materials include, but are not limited to, software programs, video disks, compact disks, optical disks, video and audio tapes, lesson plans, databases, and the electronic equipment required to make use of those materials by students and teachers as a learning resource. (Education Code [60010](#), [60119](#))

The hearing shall be held on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day students attend school for that year. (Education Code [60119](#))

The Board encourages participation by parents/guardians, teachers, interested community members, and bargaining unit leaders at the hearing. Ten days prior to the hearing, the Superintendent or designee shall post a notice in three public places within the district containing the time, place, and purpose of the hearing. The hearing shall not take place during or immediately following school hours. (Education Code [60119](#))

(cf. [9322](#) - *Agenda/Meeting Materials*)

At the hearing(s), the Board shall determine, through a resolution, whether each student in each school, including each English learner, has sufficient textbooks and/or other instructional materials that are aligned to the content standards adopted by SBE and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by SBE in each of the following subjects: (Education Code [60119](#))

1. Mathematics

(cf. [6142.92](#) - *Mathematics Instruction*)

2. Science

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

3. History-social science

(cf. [6142.94](#) - *History-Social Science Instruction*)

4. English language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program

(cf. [6142.91](#) - *Reading/Language Arts Instruction*)

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

5. World language

## **SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (continued)

(cf. [6142.2](#) - *World Language Instruction*)

### **6. Health**

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

The Board shall also determine the availability of science laboratory equipment, as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12. (Education Code [60119](#))

In making these determinations, the Board shall consider whether each student has sufficient textbooks or other instructional materials to use in class and to take home. This does not require that each student have two sets of materials. However, materials shall not be considered sufficient if they are photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage. (Education Code [60119](#))

If materials are in a digital format, they shall be considered sufficient as long as each student, at a minimum, has and can access the same materials in the class and to take home as all other students in the same class or course in the district, and has the ability to use and access them at home. (Education Code [60119](#))

If the Board determines that there are insufficient textbooks or other instructional materials, the Board shall, by resolution, provide information to classroom teachers and to the public setting forth, for each school in which an insufficiency exists, the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials in each subject area and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials. The Board shall submit a copy of the resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools no later than three business days after the hearing. The Board shall take any action to ensure that each student has sufficient materials within two months of the beginning of the school year in which the determination is made. (Education Code [60119](#))

In addition, if the County Superintendent, in accordance with Education Code 1240, makes the district aware of a school that does not have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, the district shall take any action to ensure that each student has sufficient materials within two months of the beginning of the school year.

### **Prohibition Against Refusal to Approve or Prohibit the Use of Specified Instructional Materials**

The use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or 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)



## SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)

### Complaints

Complaints concerning instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with Board Policy 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials, Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures, or Administrative Regulation 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, as applicable.

*(1312.3 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials and 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

[220](#) Prohibition against discrimination

[1240](#) County superintendent, general duties

[33050-33053](#) General waiver authority

[33126](#) School accountability report card

[35272](#) Education and athletic materials

[44805](#) Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations

[49415](#) Maximum textbook weight

[51501](#) Nondiscriminatory subject matter

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

[60000-60005](#) Instructional materials, legislative intent

[60010](#) Definitions

[60040-60052](#) Instructional requirements and materials

[60060-60063.5](#) Requirements for publishers and manufacturers

[60070-60076](#) Prohibited acts (re instructional materials)

[60110-60115](#) Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education

[60119](#) Public hearing on sufficiency of materials

[60200-60210](#) Elementary school materials

[60226](#) Requirements for publishers and manufacturers

[60350-60352](#) Core reading program instructional materials

[60400-60411](#) High school textbooks

[60510-60511](#) Donation for sale of obsolete instructional materials

[60605](#) State content standards

[60605.8](#) Common Core State Standards

[60605.86-60605.88](#) Supplemental instructional materials aligned with Common Core State Standards

[9505-9530](#) Instructional materials

*Instructional Materials FAQ*

*01-05 Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials, rev. January 2015*

*Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2013*

**WEB SITES**

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

Association of American Publishers: <http://www.publishers.org>

California Academic Content Standards Commission, Common Core State

Standards: <http://www.scoe.net/castandards>

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

# Administrative Regulation

Instruction

AR 6161.1(a)

## SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

### Review Process

The district's review process for evaluating instructional materials shall involve teachers in a substantial manner and shall encourage the participation of parents/guardians and community members in accordance with Education Code [60002](#). The review process may also involve administrators, other staff who have subject-matter expertise, and students as appropriate. The Superintendent or designee shall seek input from stakeholders with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

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

If the district is considering the use of instructional materials for grades K-8 that have not been adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a majority of the participants in the district's review process are classroom teachers who are assigned to the subject area or grade level of the materials. (Education Code [60210](#))

The Superintendent or designee may establish an advisory committee to conduct the review of instructional materials.

*(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

The Superintendent or designee shall present to the Governing Board recommendations for instructional materials and documentation that supports the recommendations.

All recommended instructional materials shall be available for public inspection at the district office.

*(cf. [5020](#) - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

When possible, the district may pilot instructional materials in a representative sample of classrooms for a specified period of time during a school year, in order to determine the extent to which the materials support the district's curricular goals and academic standards, and accurately reflect and value society's diversity. Feedback from teachers piloting the materials shall be made available to the Board before the materials are adopted.

### Criteria for Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

In recommending instructional materials for adoption by the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the materials:

**SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (continued)

1. Are aligned to the content standards adopted by SBE and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by SBE

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

For grades K-8, only instructional materials on the list of materials adopted by SBE and/or other instructional materials that have not been adopted by SBE but are aligned with the state academic content standards or the Common Core State Standards may be recommended for selection. (Education Code [60200](#), [60210](#))

(cf. [6161.11](#) - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

For grades 9-12, instructional materials in history-social science, mathematics, English/language arts, and science shall be reviewed using a standards map in order to determine the extent to which the materials are aligned to state academic content standards.

2. Do not reflect adversely upon persons because of any characteristic specified in law and BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, nor contain any sectarian or denominational doctrine or propaganda contrary to law (Education Code [51501](#), [60044](#))

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

3. To the satisfaction of the Board, are accurate, objective, current, and suited to the needs and comprehension of district students at their respective grade levels (Education Code [60045](#))
4. With the exception of literature and tradebooks, use proper grammar and spelling (Education Code [60045](#))
5. Do not expose students to a commercial brand name, product, or corporate or company logo unless the Board makes a specific finding that the use is appropriate based on one of the following: (Education Code [60048](#), [60200](#))
  - a. The commercial brand name, product, or corporate or company logo is used in text for an educational purpose as defined in guidelines or frameworks adopted by SBE.
  - b. The appearance of a commercial brand name, product, or corporate or company logo in an illustration is incidental to the general nature of the illustration.

(cf. [1325](#) - Advertising and Promotion)

**SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)**

6. Meet the requirements of Education Code [60040-60043](#) for specific subject content, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Accurately portraying society's cultural and racial diversity, including:
    - i. The contributions of all genders in all types of roles, including professional, vocational, and executive roles
    - ii. The role and contributions of Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic groups to the total development of California and the United States
    - iii. The role and contributions of the entrepreneur and labor in the total development of California and the United States
  - b. Accurately portraying humanities place in ecological systems and the necessity for the protection of the environment
  - c. Accurately portraying the effects on the human system of the use of tobacco, alcohol, and narcotics, and restricted dangerous drugs as defined in Health and Safety Code 11032, and other dangerous substances
  - d. Encouraging thrift, fire prevention, and the humane treatment of animals and people
  - e. Requiring, when appropriate to the comprehension of students, that textbooks for social science, history, or civics classes contain the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution
7. Support the district's adopted courses of study and curricular goals, including the district's local control and accountability plan

(cf. [6141](#) - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. [6142.2](#) - World Language Instruction)

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

(cf. [6142.91](#) - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. [6142.92](#) - Mathematics Instruction)

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

(cf. [6142.94](#) - History-Social Science Instruction)

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

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

**SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (continued)

8. Contribute to a comprehensive, balanced curriculum
9. Demonstrate reliable quality of scholarship as evidenced by:
  - a. Accurate, up-to-date, and well-documented information
  - b. Objective presentation of diverse viewpoints
  - c. Clear, concise writing and appropriate vocabulary
  - d. Thorough treatment of subject matter
10. Provide for a wide range of materials at all levels of difficulty, with appeal to students of varied interests, abilities, and developmental levels
11. Stimulate discussion of contemporary issues, exploration of ideas, and intellectual exchanges, and improve students' thinking and decision-making skills
12. As appropriate, have corresponding versions available in languages other than English
13. Include high-quality teacher's guides
14. When available, include options for lighter weight materials in digital format, in order to help minimize any injury to students by the combined weight of instructional materials

In addition to meeting the above criteria as applicable, technology-based materials shall:

1. Be both available and comparable to other, equivalent instructional materials (Education Code [60052](#))
2. Be accessible to all students, including economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English learners
3. Protect the privacy of student data

(cf. [6157](#) - Distance Learning)

**Conflict of Interest**

To ensure integrity in the evaluation and selection of instructional materials, individuals who are participating in the evaluation of instructional materials and are not otherwise designated in the district's conflict of interest code shall sign a disclosure statement indicating that they:

**SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (continued)

1. Will not accept any emolument, money, or other valuable thing or inducement to directly or indirectly introduce, recommend, vote for, or otherwise influence the adoption or purchase of any instructional material (Education Code [60072](#))

Sample copies of instructional materials are excepted from this prohibition. (Education Code [60075](#))

2. Are not employed by nor receive compensation from the publisher or supplier of the instructional materials or any person, firm, organization, subsidiary, or controlling entity representing it
3. Do not have an interest as a contributor, author, editor, or consultant in any textbook or other instructional material submitted to the district

(cf. [9270](#) - *Conflict of Interest*)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

# Exhibit

## Instruction

E 6161.1-E(1)(a)

### SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

#### RESOLUTION ON SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Whereas, the Governing Board of the Biggs Unified School District, in accordance with the requirements of Education Code 60119, held a public hearing on (date), at (time) o'clock, which is on or before the eighth week of school (between the first day that students attend school and the end of the eighth week from that day) and which did not take place during or immediately following school hours, and;

Whereas, the Board provided at least 10 days notice of the public hearing by posting it in at least three public places within the district stating the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, and;

Whereas, the Board encouraged participation by parents/guardians, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders in the public hearing, and;

Whereas, information provided at the public hearing detailed the extent to which sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the Biggs Unified School District, and;

Whereas, the definition of sufficient textbooks or instructional materials means that each student, including each English learner, has standards-aligned textbooks and/or instructional materials to use in class and to take home, which may include materials in a digital format as long as each student, at a minimum, has and can access the same materials in the class and at home as other students in the same class or course in the district, but shall not include photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage, and;

Whereas, textbooks or instructional materials in core curriculum subjects should be aligned with state academic content standards and/or the Common Core State Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

#### Finding of Sufficient Textbooks or Instructional Materials

Therefore, be it resolved, for the \*\*\* school year, the Biggs Unified School District, sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or other instructional materials that are consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks were provided to each student, including each English learner, at the following schools in the following subjects:

- \* Mathematics: (List adopted textbooks or instructional materials for this subject for each school as well as applicable state adoption cycle.)

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## Instruction

E 6161.1-E(1)(b)

### SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - continued

\* Science: (List adopted textbooks or instructional materials for this subject for each school as well as applicable state adoption cycle.)

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\* History-social science: (List adopted textbooks or instructional materials for this subject for each school as well as applicable state adoption cycle.)

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\* English language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program: (List adopted textbooks or instructional materials for this subject for each school as well as applicable state adoption cycle.)

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\* World language: (List adopted textbooks or instructional materials for this subject for each school as well as applicable state adoption cycle.)

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\* Health: (List adopted textbooks or instructional materials for this subject for each school as well as applicable state adoption cycle.)

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### Finding of Insufficient Textbooks or Instructional Materials in One or More Subjects

Be it further resolved, for the \*\*\* school year, the Biggs Unified School District, insufficient standards-aligned textbooks or other instructional materials were provided to students at the following schools in the following subjects:

- Mathematics: (For each school, list the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient instructional materials.)

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- Science: (For each school, list the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient instructional materials.)

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**SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - continued**

- History-social science: (For each school, list the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient instructional materials.)

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- English language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program: (For each school, list the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient instructional materials.)

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- World language: (For each school, list the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient instructional materials.)

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- Health: (For each school, list the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient instructional materials.)

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Be it further resolved, that the following actions will be taken to ensure that all students have sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or other instructional materials in all subjects that are consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks within two months of the beginning of the school year in which this determination is made. (List actions to be taken to resolve the insufficiency.)

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**Finding of Available Science Laboratory Equipment for Grades 9-12**

Be it further resolved, laboratory science equipment was available or was not available for science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12, inclusive, as indicated below:

- Available: (List all science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12 for which science laboratory equipment was available.)

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- Not Available: (List all science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12 for which science laboratory equipment was not available.)

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**Instruction**

E 6161.1(d)

**SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - continued**

Be it further resolved, that the Superintendent or designee, on behalf of the Board, shall submit a copy of this resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools within three business days of the hearing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at a meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

# Board Policy

## Instruction

BP 6161.11(a)

### SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Governing Board encourages the use of supplementary instructional materials to enrich the curriculum and enhance student learning. Such materials shall be aligned with district goals, curriculum objectives, and academic standards and shall supplement and not supplant the use of Board-adopted basic instructional materials that serve as the primary learning resources.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

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

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

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

*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

*Supplementary instructional materials* include, but are not limited to, instructional materials that are designed to serve one or more of the following purposes: (Education Code 60010)

1. To provide more complete coverage of one or more subjects included in a given course
2. To meet the various learning ability levels of students in a given age group or grade level
3. To meet the diverse educational needs of students with a language disability in a given age group or grade level
4. To meet the diverse educational needs of students reflective of a condition of cultural pluralism
5. To use current, relevant technology that further engages interactive learning in the classroom and beyond

*(cf. 6142.91 - English/Language Arts Instruction)*

*(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)*

*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*

*(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*

Supplementary instructional materials may be selected by the Superintendent or designee, school administrators, or teachers, as applicable, and obtained through donations to the district and/or available funding sources designated for these purposes.

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*

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

*(cf. 4132/4232/4332 - Publication or Creation of Materials)*

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)**

The use of any supplemental instructional material 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)

As appropriate, supplementary instructional materials shall meet the criteria developed for the selection and evaluation of basic instructional materials as described in AR 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials.

Supplementary instructional materials shall be directly related to the course of study in which they are being used and shall be appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students.

The use or reproduction of supplementary instructional materials shall be in accordance with federal copyright law.

*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

### **Appropriateness of Materials**

Whenever a district employee proposes to use a supplementary resource which is not included in the approved learning resources of the district, the employee shall preview the material to determine whether, in the employee's professional judgment, it is appropriate for the grade level taught and is consistent with district criteria for the selection of supplementary instructional materials.

The employee shall confer with the Superintendent or designee as necessary to determine the compliance of the material with district criteria. The primary considerations should be the educational value, factual accuracy, appropriateness, including whether the material contains pervasive vulgarity or profanity, and relevance of the materials as well as the ages and maturity of the students.

The Superintendent or designee may provide training to administrators and teachers in the selection and evaluation of supplementary instructional materials, including the criteria to be utilized and applicable legal considerations.

### **Complaints**

Complaints concerning supplemental instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with Board Policy 1312.2 – Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials and Boar Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures as applicable.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)

(cf. 6141.2 - *Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs*)  
(cf. 6142.1 - *Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction*)  
(cf. 6144 - *Controversial Issues*)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

233.5 *Duty regarding instruction in morals, manners, and citizenship*  
18111 *Exclusion of books by governing board*  
51510 *Prohibited study or supplemental materials*  
51511 *Religious matters properly included*  
51933 *Sex education materials*  
60010 *Definitions*  
60050 *Social content review of instructional materials*  
60060-60062 *Requirements of publishers*  
60200.7 *Suspension of state instructional materials adoptions*  
60226 *Learner verification of instructional materials*  
60242 *Uses of instructional materials funds*  
60400 *Adoption of high school instructional materials*  
60605.8 *Common Core Standards*  
60605.86-60605.88 *Supplemental instructional materials aligned with Common Core Standards*  
60811.3 *English language development standards*

#### COURT DECISIONS

McCarthy v. Fletcher, (1989) 207 Cal. App. 3d 130  
Fowler v. Board of Education of Lincoln County, (1978) 819 F.2d 657

### *Management Resources:*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2000

#### WEB SITES

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

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**DAMAGED OR LOST INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that instructional materials are an expensive resource and that each student is entitled to sufficient instructional materials in accordance with law. Instructional materials provided for use by students remain the property of the district. Students are responsible for returning borrowed materials in good condition, with no more wear and tear than usually results from normal use.

*(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*  
*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*

When materials are lost or so damaged that they are no longer usable, the student shall be immediately issued a replacement material. However, students or parents/guardians shall be responsible for reparation equal to the current replacement cost of the materials. When materials are damaged but still usable, the Superintendent or designee shall determine an appropriate charge.

If it can be demonstrated to the Superintendent or designee's satisfaction that the student has taken all reasonable precautions to safeguard instructional materials issued to him/her, the Superintendent or designee may excuse the student or parent/guardian from payment of reparation.

If reparation is not excused and not paid by the student or parent/guardian, the district may withhold the student's grades, diploma and transcripts in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)*  
*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*  
*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

48904 Willful misconduct; limit of liability of parent or guardian

48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts of students causing property damage or injury

60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials

60411 Purchase and use; property of district

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

305 Student responsible for care of property

*Management Resources:*WEB SITES

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

**TOXIC ART SUPPLIES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to protect the health and safety of students in the selection of materials used for instruction in arts and crafts activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the purchase, use and proper disposal of arts and crafts materials which ensure that the health and safety of students is protected from harmful exposure to toxic substances in accordance with Education Code 32064 and established health standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that arts and crafts material purchased for use by students in grades K-6 will not contain toxic substances or cause chronic illness as determined by the State Department of Health Services.

Students in grades 7-12 are considered able to read and understand product labels and to take adequate precautions to use products which are prohibited for use in grades K-6. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that arts and crafts materials purchased for use in grades 7-12 meet the requirements of Education Code 32065. The products must be properly labeled to identify toxic ingredients, warn of potential adverse health effects and describe procedures for safe use and storage.

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*  
*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

32060 Legislative findings and declarations  
32061 Art or craft material; definition  
32062 Human carcinogen; definition  
32063 Toxic substance causing chronic illness; definition  
32064 Restrictions on purchases of arts and crafts materials  
32065 Warning labels  
32066 List of toxic art supplies; preparation and distribution

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

108500-108515 Labeling of arts and crafts materials

PENAL CODE

594.1 Aerosol containers of paint

*Management Resources:*CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES:

0712.94 Toxic Art Supplies List of Approved Products CIL :94/95-01

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that student assessments are an important instructional and accountability tool. To obtain the most accurate evaluation of student performance, the district shall use a variety of measures, including district, state, and/or national assessments.

*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

Any student use of technology to complete assessments shall be as specified in Board Policy 5131.9 – Academic Honesty and Board Policy 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology.

Assessment data shall be used to help determine individual students' progress, mastery of academic standards, appropriate placement in district programs, and/or eligibility for graduation. In addition, summary data on student assessment results shall be used by the district to identify and review student achievement goals in the district's local control and accountability plan, evaluate district educational programs in order to identify needed improvements, and, as appropriate, evaluate staff performance.

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

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)*

*(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)*

*(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)*

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

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*

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

In selecting or developing any district assessment, the Superintendent or designee shall examine evidence of its reliability, its validity for the intended purpose and for various student populations, and the extent to which it aligns with the material that is being taught.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that assessments are administered in accordance with law and test publisher's directions, and that test administration procedures are fair and equitable for all students.

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

*(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)*

As appropriate, assessment results shall be disaggregated by student subgroup, classroom, grade level, and/or school site to allow for critical analysis of student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as needed to assist administrators and teachers in interpreting and using assessment data to improve student performance and the instructional program.



**STUDENT ASSESSMENT (continued)***(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)**(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

When districtwide and school-level results of student assessments are published by the state, the Superintendent or designee may provide supplementary information to assist parents/guardians and the community in understanding test results.

*(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)***Interim and Formative Assessments**

State interim and formative assessments may be used in combination with other sources of information to gain timely feedback about student progress in an effort to continually adjust instruction to improve learning, and for communicating with students' parents/guardians and identifying professional development goals. Results from interim and formative assessments shall not be used for any high-stakes purpose, including, but not limited to, teacher or other school staff evaluation, accountability, student grade promotion or retention, graduation, course or class placement, identification for gifted or talented education, reclassification of English learners, or identification as an individual with exceptional needs. (Education Code 60642.6, 60642.7)

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)**(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)**(cf. 6152 - Class Assignment)**(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)**(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)**(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers who administer interim and formative assessments have access to all functions and information designed for teacher use related to such assessments and student performance on the assessments. (Education Code 60642.6)

**Individual Record of Accomplishment**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student, by the end of grade 12, has an individual record of accomplishment that includes the following: (Education Code 60607)

1. The results of the state achievement tests required and administered as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or any predecessor assessments, pursuant to Education Code 60640-60649
2. The results of any end-of-course examinations taken
3. The results of any vocational education certification examinations taken

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT** (continued)

No individual record of accomplishment shall be released to any person, other than the student's parent/guardian or a teacher, counselor, or administrator directly involved with the student, without the written consent of the student's parent/guardian, or the student if the student is an adult or emancipated minor. The student or the student's parent/guardian may authorize the release of the record of accomplishment to a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, or admission. Furthermore, the results of an individual student on the CAASPP may be released to a postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of credit, placement, or admission. (Education Code 60607)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

313 *Assessment of English language development*

10600-10610 *California Education Information System*

44660-44665 *Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees (Stull Act)*

49558 *Free and reduced-price meals; use of individual applications and records*

51041 *Evaluation of educational program*

51450-51455 *Golden State Seal Merit Diploma*

52052 *Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

60600-60649 *Assessment of academic achievement, especially:*

60640-60649 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*

60800 *Physical fitness testing*

60810-60812 *Assessment of English language development*

60900 *California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-864 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

9622 *National Assessment of Educational Progress*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Testing and Accountability: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

# Board Policy

## Instruction

BP 6162.51(a)

### STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that state achievement test results provide an indication of student progress in achieving state academic standards and may be used to promote high-quality teaching and learning. The Superintendent or designee shall administer mandatory student assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) as required by law and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)*  
*(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)*  
*(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)*

The Board strongly encourages all students at the applicable grade levels to participate in the state assessments in order to maximize the usefulness of the data and enable the district to meet participation levels required for state and federal accountability systems. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about the importance of these assessments and shall develop strategies to encourage student participation. Students shall be exempted from participation only in accordance with law and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*  
*(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)*

The Board shall annually examine state assessment results by school, grade level, and student subgroup as one measure of the district's progress in attaining its student achievement goals and shall revise the local control and accountability plan and other district or school plans as necessary to improve student achievement for underperforming student groups.

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

49076 Student records; access  
51041 Evaluation of educational program  
52052 Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups  
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan  
56345 Individualized education program, contents  
60600-60630 Assessment of academic achievement  
60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress  
60660-60663 Electronic learning assessment resources  
60810 Assessment of language development  
99300-99301 Early Assessment Program

**STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (continued)**

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-864 State assessments

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1412 Participation of students with disabilities in state assessments

6311 Adequate yearly progress

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

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California Department of Education, Testing and Accountability: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta>

California Learning Resources Network: <http://clrn.org>

California State University, Early Assessment Program: <http://www.calstate.edu/eap>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>

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

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# **Administrative Regulation**

## **Instruction**

AR 6162.51(a)

### **STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

The Superintendent or designee shall administer the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) to all district students at applicable grade levels, except those students exempted by law.

The students of any charter school that receives its state funding allocation through the district shall be tested in coordination with the testing of district students. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the testing of students in any alternative education program or program conducted off campus, including, but not limited to, non-classroom based programs, continuation schools, independent study, community day schools, county community schools, juvenile court schools, or nonpublic, nonsectarian schools. No test shall be administered in a home or hospital except by a test administrator or test examiner. (5 CCR 851)

On or before July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall identify any district school(s) with students who are unable to access the computer-based assessment of a CAASPP test and shall report the number of such students to the test contractor. If available, a paper and pencil version of the assessment may be administered to such students. (5 CCR 853, 857)

On or before July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall designate a district coordinator who shall oversee all matters related to the testing program and serve as the district representative and liaison with the test contractor and the California Department of Education (CDE). The Superintendent or designee shall also designate a coordinator for each test site. The duties of the district and site test coordinators shall include those specified in 5 CCR 857-858. (5 CCR 857-858)

The Superintendent or designee also shall appoint trained test administrator(s) to administer the CAASPP achievement tests and test examiner(s) to administer the California Alternate Assessments. A test examiner shall be a certificated or licensed employee or contractor of the district or county office of education. (5 CCR 850)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall assign a specially trained district employee to serve as a test proctor to assist the test examiner; a specially trained district employee, or other person supervised by a district employee, to serve as a translator to translate the test directions into a student's primary language; and a district employee to serve

**STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (continued)**

as a scribe to transcribe a student's responses to the format required by the test. A student's parent/guardian or sibling shall not be eligible to be that student's translator or scribe. (5 CCR 850)

All test administrators, test examiners, proctors, translators, scribes, district and site test coordinators, and other persons having access to any of the CAASPP achievement tests and corresponding test materials, assessment technology platform, or tests administered pursuant to Education Code 60640 shall acknowledge the limited purpose of their access to the achievement tests by signing a test security affidavit. In addition, all district and site test coordinators shall sign a test security agreement before receiving any CAASPP achievement tests and corresponding test materials. The test security affidavit and test security agreement shall be those set forth in 5 CCR 859. (5 CCR 850, 859)

**Tests Included in the State Assessment System**

The district shall administer the following CAASPP assessments: (Education Code 60640; 5 CCR 851.5)

1. The Smarter Balanced summative assessments for English language arts and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11, except that:
  - a. Recently arrived English learners, defined pursuant to Education Code 60603 as 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. A recently arrived English learner may be administered the test upon request by the student's parent/guardian.
  - b. Students with disabilities who are unable to participate in the English language arts and mathematics assessments, even with the resources described in the section "Testing Variations" below, shall be provided an alternate test when designated in their individualized education program (IEP), as provided in item #3 below.
2. The California Science Test (CAST) at grades 5, 8, and once in grades 10-12

However, students with disabilities who are unable to participate in the CAST, even with the resources described in the "Testing Variations" section below, shall be provided an alternate test when designated in their IEP, as provided in item #3 below.

**STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (continued)**

3. The California Alternate Assessments (CAA) in English language arts, mathematics, and science for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the tests specified in items #1-2 above, even with appropriate accommodations or other testing resources, and who have an IEP that designates the use of alternate tests at the applicable grade levels

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may administer the California Spanish Assessment (CSA) to English learners. Administration of this test shall not replace the administration of the above tests, administered in English, to English learners. (Education Code 60640)

The CSA also may be used to assess students in a dual language immersion program who are not limited English proficient or who are redesignated fluent English proficient, subject to approval by CDE of an agreement between the district and the state testing contractor. (Education Code 60640)

Throughout the school year, schools may use Smarter Balanced interim assessments and formative assessment tools at any grade level to provide timely feedback regarding students' progress toward mastery of the skills measured by the summative assessments in English language arts and mathematics and to assist teachers in continually adjusting instruction to improve learning. The Superintendent or designee may determine the timing and frequency of the administration of such assessments.

**Exemptions**

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their child's participation in the CAASPP and of the provisions of Education Code 60615 related to exemptions from testing. (5 CCR 852)

Parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for the school year, and such a request shall be granted by the Superintendent or designee. However, district employees shall not solicit or encourage any exemption request on behalf of any student or group of students. (Education Code 60615; 5 CCR 852)

If a parent/guardian submits an exemption request after testing has begun, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored and the results reported to the parent/guardian and included in the student's records. (5 CCR 852)

**STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (continued)****Testing Period**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish testing days for district students within the following available testing windows: (5 CCR 855)

1. Unless otherwise specified in state regulations, assessments shall be administered between the date on which at least 66 percent of the school's or track's annual instructional days have been completed, but no earlier than the second Tuesday in January, and the last day of instruction for the regular annual calendar of the school or track, but no later than July 15 or, if July 15 is not a weekday, then the next weekday following July 15.
2. The CAA for science shall be administered annually beginning on a date in September as determined by CDE through the last day of instruction for the regular annual calendar of the school or track, but no later than July 15 or, if July 15 is not a weekday, then the next weekday following July 15.
3. The CSA shall be administered to English learners within the testing window specified in item #1.

Within the above testing windows, the Superintendent or designee may designate one testing period for each school or track or, if a school has multiple tracks, a selected testing period for each track. The district shall not exceed six selected testing periods within the available testing window. The testing period shall be no fewer than 25 consecutive instructional days and may be extended up to an additional 10 consecutive instructional days if still within the available testing window set forth in items #1-2 above. (5 CCR 855)

Students who are absent during testing shall be provided an opportunity to take the tests within the testing window.

**Testing Variations**

All CAASPP tests shall be administered in accordance with the manuals or other instructions provided by the test contractor or CDE except that, as appropriate, the following testing variations may be used: (5 CCR 850, 853-854.4)

1. Universal tools specified in 5 CCR 854.1-854.4 may be used with any student.
2. Designated supports specified in 5 CCR 854.1-854.4 may be used with a student for whom the need has been indicated by an educator or team of educators, with



**STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (continued)**

- parent/guardian and student input as appropriate, or for whom the need is specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan.
3. Accommodations specified in 5 CCR 854.1-854.4 may be used with a student with disabilities when included in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan as resources that are regularly used in the classroom for the student's instruction and/or assessment(s). Such accommodations shall be either utilized in the assessment environment or consist of changes in procedures or materials that increase equitable access during the assessment.
  4. An unlisted resource that has not been specifically identified as an approved universal tool, designated support, or accommodation may be used with a student who has an IEP or Section 504 plan provided that the resource is one that is regularly used in the classroom for instruction and/or assessment and CDE has approved its use. At least 10 business days prior to the student's first day of CAASPP testing, the district or school site test coordinator may electronically submit a request to CDE for approval to use that unlisted resource during that year. If CDE determines that the unlisted resource changes the construct being measured, the unlisted resource may nevertheless be used with the student in order to generate an individual score report even though the student shall not be counted in the participation rate for accountability measures. (5 CCR 854.9)

In the administration of the CAA to a student with significant cognitive disabilities, the student may have all instructional supports that may be used in daily instruction or assessment, including language and physical supports, with the exception of any inappropriate test practices listed in test administration manuals. (5 CCR 850, 854.5)

**Report of Test Results**

For any state assessments that produce valid individual student results, the Superintendent or designee shall forward or transmit the student's test results to the student's parents/guardians within 20 working days from receipt of the results from the test contractor or, if the district receives the results from the contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year, then within the first 20 working days of the next school year. The report shall include a clear explanation of the purpose of the test, the student's score, and its intended use by the district. An individual student's scores shall also be reported to the school and teacher(s) and shall be included in the student record. (Education Code 60641; 5 CCR 863)

**STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (continued)**

With parent/guardian consent, the Superintendent or designee may release a student's test results to a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, determination of readiness for college-level coursework, or admission. (Education Code 60641)

The Superintendent or designee shall present districtwide, school-level, and grade-level results to the Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board shall not receive individual students' scores or the relative position of any individual student. (Education Code 49076, 60641)

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 850-864	<i>California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress</i>
Ed. Code 49076	<i>Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order</i>
Ed. Code 51041	<i>Evaluation of the educational program</i>
Ed. Code 52052	<i>Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups</i>
Ed. Code 52060-52077	<i>Local control and accountability plan</i>
Ed. Code 56345	<i>Elements of individualized education plan</i>
Ed. Code 60600-60630	<i>Assessment of academic achievement</i>
Ed. Code 60640-60649	<i>California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress</i>
Ed. Code 60660-60663	<i>Electronic learning assessment resources</i>
Ed. Code 99300-99301	<i>Early Assessment Program</i>

<u>Federal</u>	<u>Description</u>
20 USC 1412	<i>State eligibility</i>
20 USC 6311	<i>State plan</i>
34 CFR 200.1	<i>Standards and assessment</i>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

**TEST INTEGRITY/TEST PREPARATION**

The Board of Trustees desires to protect the integrity of student assessments in order to obtain accurate and reliable student achievement data and to ensure accountability to the community and state. Staff and students shall maintain a high level of integrity in the completion and handling of student assessments.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)*

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)*

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*

In administering standardized tests, staff shall not engage in any acts that could result in the invalidation of test results, such as:

1. Providing inappropriate test preparation
2. Modifying test administration procedures, except as allowed by law
3. Providing inappropriate assistance to students during test administration
4. Changing or filling in answers on student answer sheets
5. Providing inaccurate data on student header sheets
6. Discouraging or excluding certain students from taking the test
7. Engaging in any other practice to artificially raise student scores without actually improving underlying student achievement

**Appropriate Test Preparation**

The Superintendent or designee, principals, and teachers shall not implement any program for the sole purpose of test preparation of students for the statewide assessment system or a particular test used in the statewide assessment system. (Education Code 60611)

The primary preparation for assessments shall be high-quality instruction in the content specified in state and district academic standards. In addition, staff may prepare students for assessments by teaching general test-taking strategies and familiarizing them with item types or the computer-based testing environment used in state assessments.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

## **TEST INTEGRITY/TEST PREPARATION (continued)**

### **Investigation and Consequences of Testing Irregularities**

Reports of cheating on assessments shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately investigate with due diligence any reports of inappropriate test preparation or other testing irregularities.

Students found to have cheated on assessments shall be subject to disciplinary procedures in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

A staff member found to have committed testing irregularities shall be subject to discipline in accordance with law, applicable collective bargaining agreements, Board policy, and administrative regulations.

*(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)*

*(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

If the Superintendent or designee is made aware of a testing irregularity on state assessments, he/she shall report the irregularity to the California Department of Education.

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

60611 Inappropriate test preparation

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

60850-60859 California High School Exit Examination

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

54957 Complaints against employees, closed session

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-864 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

1200-1225 California High School Exit Examination, especially:

1220 Cheating on the high school exit examination

*Management Resources: (See next page)*

**TEST INTEGRITY/TEST PREPARATION (continued)**

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**USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that district staff and students may use a variety of copyrighted materials in the educational program and other district operations. When such materials have not been purchased by the district for the intended use, the Board expects staff and students to respect the protections afforded by federal law to the copyright owners of those materials and respect any limitations by the copyright holder to the license of such materials.

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)*  
*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)*  
*(cf. 4132/4232/4332 - Publication or Creation of Materials)*  
*(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)*  
*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

Any literary, musical, dramatic, choreographic, pictorial, graphic, sculptural, audiovisual or motion picture, sound, architectural, or other original work shall be assumed to be a copyrighted work, regardless of whether the work appears in print, audio, video, electronic, or other fixed and tangible form.

Before reproducing a copyrighted material for instructional or other district purposes, a staff member shall determine if the material is in the public domain or if the intended use of the material meets the criteria for fair use or another exception pursuant to 17 USC 107-122. If the material is not in the public domain or no recognized exception applies, the staff member shall seek permission of the copyright holder before using the material.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform staff that inclusion of an attribution citing the author and source of a copyrighted material does not absolve the staff member from the responsibility to either obtain permission or satisfy criteria for fair use or another exception.

If a staff member is uncertain as to whether the intended use of the material meets the criteria for fair use or another exception, he/she shall take the safest course and seek permission from the copyright holder to use the material or, if it is impracticable to obtain permission, shall contact the Superintendent or designee for clarification and assistance.

Students shall not copy or distribute copyrighted works to others. Staff members shall take reasonable precautions to prevent copying or the use of unauthorized copies on school equipment.

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*  
*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*  
*(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)*

## USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff and students receive information and training about copyright laws and the penalties for violating such laws.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

35182 Computer software

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 17

101-122 Subject matter and scope of copyright, especially:

102 Definitions

106 Copyright protection

107 Fair use of copyrighted works

110 Limitations on exclusive rights: Exemption of certain performances and displays

504 Penalties for copyright infringement

#### COURT DECISIONS

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Circular 22: How to Investigate the Copyright Status of a Work, rev. 2013

Circular 23: The Copyright Card Catalog and the Online Files of the Copyright Office, rev. 2012

#### WEB SITES

Copyright Society of the USA: <http://www.csusa.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

University of California, Copyright Education:

<http://copyright.universityofcalifornia.edu/usingcopyrightedworks.html>

U.S. Copyright Office: <http://www.copyright.gov>

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**USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS**

Prior to reproducing, distributing, displaying, posting, performing, or otherwise using a copyrighted material for an instructional purpose or in the course of other district business, district staff shall determine whether it is necessary to request permission of the copyright holder. Unless the staff member is reasonably certain that the material is in the public domain or the intended use meets the criteria for an exception specified in 17 USC 107-122 and this administrative regulation, he/she shall either obtain permission from the copyright holder or avoid use of the material. In addition, permission of the copyright holder shall be requested whenever district staff intend to publicly disseminate a copyrighted work, such as by posting on the district or school web site or using another method of communications accessible to the public.

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)*  
*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)*  
*(cf. 4132/4232/4332 - Publication or Creation of Materials)*  
*(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)*  
*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

Any reproduction or other use of a copyrighted work shall include the copyright notice.

District staff shall not reproduce and distribute copyrighted works of any type in any of the following circumstances:

1. When the copyrighted work is a "consumable" work such as a workbook, standardized test, answer sheet, or similar material
2. To substitute for the purchase of the work
3. To create, replace, or substitute for anthologies or collective works

**Request for Permission to Use Copyrighted Material**

As necessary, district staff desiring to use a copyrighted material shall identify and contact the copyright holder to request permission to use the material. The request shall include the following information:

1. Title, author(s), editor(s) or publisher, producer(s) or distributor
2. Edition, copyright, and/or production year



## **USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS (continued)**

3. Exact amount of material to be used, such as the number of lines, pages, or chapters or percentage of the work
4. Nature of the use, such as the course in which it will be used, the grade level of the students, the number of students, and the frequency of use
5. How the material will be reproduced and distributed

If the copyright holder requires a fee to grant permission, district staff shall seek approval from the Superintendent or designee prior to incurring the cost.

### **Criteria for Fair Use**

In considering whether a copyrighted work may be used without the copyright holder's permission on the grounds that the intended use is "fair use" pursuant to 17 USC 107, including reproduction in copies, phonorecords, or any other reproductive form for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, district staff shall consider all of the following factors: (17 USC 107)

1. The purpose and character of the use, including whether the use is of a commercial nature or for nonprofit educational purposes
2. The nature of the copyrighted work
3. The amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole
4. The effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work

Any determination of fair use shall weigh together all the factors specified in items #1-4 above in addition to any applicable guidelines presented in this administrative regulation for specific types of copyrighted works.

### **Guidelines for Copying Text**

Staff may reproduce text from a copyrighted work from a printed resource, the Internet, or other source, without permission from the copyright holder, under the following conditions:

1. A single copy of a chapter of a book, article from a periodical or newspaper, short story, short essay, short poem, chart, graph, diagram, drawing, cartoon, or picture

## **USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS (continued)**

- may be made by or for a teacher for his/her scholarly research or use in teaching or preparation to teach a class.
2. Multiple copies, not to exceed one copy per student in a course, may be made by or for a teacher for classroom use or discussion, provided that:
    - a. The amount to be copied does not exceed:
      - (1) 250 words for a complete poem or excerpt from a poem
      - (2) 2,500 words for a complete article, story, or essay
      - (2) 1,000 words or 10 percent of the whole (with a minimum of 500 words), whichever is less, for an excerpt from a larger prose work
      - (4) One illustration (e.g., chart, graph, diagram, cartoon, or picture) per book or periodical issue
    - b. The copying is for only one course in the school.
    - c. With the exception of newspapers and other news periodicals, not more than one work is copied from the same author per term, not more than three works are copied from the same collective work or periodical volume per term, and there are no more than nine instances of multiple copying per course per term.
    - d. A delay to request permission from the copyright holder would preclude the most effective instructional use of the material.

### **Guidelines for Reproducing Sheet and Recorded Music**

District staff may reproduce sheet music and recorded music without permission from the copyright holder under the following conditions:

1. Emergency copies may be made when purchased copies needed for an imminent performance are not available, provided that replacement copies shall be purchased in due course.
2. Single or multiple copies of excerpts of works may be made for academic purposes other than performances, provided that the excerpt does not constitute an entire performable unit (e.g., a section, movement, or aria), no more than 10 percent of the total work is used, and the number of copies made does not exceed one per student.

**USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS (continued)**

3. Printed copies that have been purchased may be edited or simplified provided that the character of the work is not distorted and lyrics are not added or altered.
4. A single copy of a recorded performance by students may be made for evaluation or rehearsal purposes.
5. A single copy of recordings of copyrighted music owned by the district or individual teacher may be made for the purpose of constructing exercises or examinations.

**Guidelines for Performing or Displaying Copyrighted Works**

In the course of face-to-face instruction in a classroom or similar place devoted to instruction, teachers or students may recite, render, play, dance, act, or show a copyrighted work either directly or by means of any device or process or, in the case of a motion picture or other audiovisual work, show its images in any sequence or to make the sounds accompanying it audible, provided that: (17 USC 101, 110)

1. The performance or display is given by means of a lawfully obtained copy of the work.
2. The performance or display is made by, at the direction of, or under the actual supervision of a teacher as an integral part of a class session.
3. The performance or display is directly related and of material assistance to the teaching content of the transmission.
4. The transmission is limited to students enrolled in the course or to Governing Board members or employees as part of their official duties or employment.
5. If the work is to be digitally transmitted, the district has applied technological protections that reasonably prevent retention of the work in accessible form for longer than the class session and the unauthorized further dissemination of the work.

Any use of a motion picture or other audiovisual work outside the curriculum, such as for entertainment, a school or class reward, or a fundraiser, shall require permission from the copyright holder or a special viewing license.

## **USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS (continued)**

### **Guidelines for Recording Broadcast Programming**

Teachers may make recordings of television programs for use in a classroom for educational purposes under the following conditions:

1. Only programs provided to the public free of charge may be recorded and shown. Any use of programming from paid television services shall require permission of the copyright holder.
2. The recording may be shown only during the first 10 consecutive school days after it is made. It may be used once by an individual teacher in the course of relevant teaching activities and may be repeated once only when instructional reinforcement is necessary.
3. A limited number of copies may be reproduced from each recording to meet the legitimate needs of the teacher. Each copy shall be subject to all the provisions governing the original recording.
4. The recording may be retained for 45 calendar days after it is made and then shall be erased or destroyed. However, after the first 10 consecutive school days, the recording may only be used for purposes of determining whether or not to include the broadcast program in the teaching curriculum. If the teacher decides to keep the program for use in the curriculum, he/she shall request permission from the copyright owner.
5. Off-air recordings need not be used in their entirety, but the content of recorded programs may not be altered.

### **Guidelines for Copying Computer Programs or Software**

District staff shall observe all licensing agreements between vendors and the district, including monitoring the number of users permitted by an agreement. Unless the applicable licensing agreement authorizes multiple users of a single computer program or software, the district shall not make multiple copies.

Copies of district-owned software may be made under either of the following conditions: (17 USC 117)

1. The copy is needed as an essential step in using the computer program with a particular machine.

**USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS** (continued)

2. The copy is used for archival or "backup" purposes only. This copy may be held only as a file copy and must be destroyed in the event that continued possession of the program ceases to be rightful, unless the copyright owner authorizes its sale, lease, or transfer as part of the sale, lease, or transfer of the original program.

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**USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN INSTRUCTION**

**Internet Policy Statement**

**Mission**

Biggs Unified School District (BUSD) provides electronic information resources to students and staff. It is our mission to improve learning and teaching through interpersonal communication, student access to information, research, teacher training, collaboration and dissemination of successful educational practices, methods, and materials.

(The Internet is an electronic information and communications "highway" connecting millions of computers all over the world and millions of individual people.)

**Rights and Responsibilities**

Biggs Unified School District is connected to the Internet in cooperation with the Butte County Office of Education. This connection will provide access to local, national and international sources of information and collaboration vital to intellectual inquiry in a democracy. In return for this access, every user has the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of every other user in our community and on the Internet. In short, users and accounts holders are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner, in accordance with Biggs Unified School District's Internet Code of Conduct (see procedures), the missions and purposes of the other networks they use on the Internet, and the laws of the states and the United States. Use of computer resources is a privilege, not a right.

The Superintendent is directed to develop, implement, monitor, evaluate and modify, on an as needed basis, Administrative Procedures to implement this policy.

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### **Internet Policy Procedure**

#### **Internet Code of Conduct**

The Internet Code of Conduct applies to all users of the BUSD network. It reads:

"I will act, in all situations, with honesty, integrity and respect for the rights of others and to help others to behave in a similar fashion. I will make a conscious effort to be of service to others and to the community. I agree to follow the access, usage, and content rules as put forth in the **Biggs Unified School District Internet Policy Statement and Policy Procedure.**"

#### **BUSD Student Network Responsibility Contract**

The advent of internetwork accessibility provides students with a full spectrum of information. The Student Network Responsibility Contract is an attempt to provide user guidelines and a code of conduct for students to follow. Ultimately, parent(s) and guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. By signing the **BUSD Student Network Responsibility Contract** (Attachment A), the requester and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to abide by the restrictions outlined in the **Student Network Responsibility Contract**. The student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) should discuss these responsibilities.

The BUSD Internet system is provided to support BUSD's educational responsibilities and mission. The specific conditions and services being offered may change from time to time. BUSD makes no warranties with respect to Internet service or content. Further, the requester and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) should be aware that BUSD does not have control of the information on the Internet, nor can it provide barriers to account holders accessing the full range of information available. Other sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. Similarly, while BUSD supports the privacy of electronic mail, account users must assume that total privacy cannot be guaranteed.

BUSD believes that the benefits to educators and students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access.

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**Consequences of Violations**

Consequences of violations include, but are not limited to, the suspension or revocation of Internet access, suspension or revocation of network privileges, suspension or revocation of computer access, and/or school suspension. Disciplinary action will be determined by the site principal, and should be commensurate with the nature of the violation or abuse.

**Related References:**

BUSD Policy 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials



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**Student Network Responsibility Contract  
(Terms and Conditions)**

**Please read the following carefully before signing this document. This is a legally binding contract and must be signed before network access is given.**

Biggs Unified School District's computer network provides access to the Internet. The Internet is an electronic information and communications "highway" connecting millions of computers all over the world and millions of individual people. Students, teachers, support staff, parents and community members with accounts have access to any or all of the following: 1) electronic mail (email) communication with people all over the world; 2) information and news from a wide variety of sources and research institutions; 3) public domain and shareware software of all types; 4) discussion groups on a wide variety of topics; 5) access to many university libraries, the Library of Congress, and more!

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of some materials that may not be considered to be of educational value within the context of the school setting. Biggs Unified School District (BUSD) staff has taken precautions to restrict access to some inappropriate materials. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials. The administration and Board of Education of the BUSD firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility of users procuring material that is not consistent with the educational goals within each school.

Attached are guidelines provided to establish the responsibilities you are about to acquire. If any user violates any of these provisions, his or her account or access privileges may be terminated, appropriate disciplinary action taken, and all future access could be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

I. **ACCEPTABLE USE:** The purpose of BUSD's provision of access to the Internet is to support research and education in and among schools and academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of Biggs Unified School District. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any materials in violation of any U.S. or state organization is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or materials protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities

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by for-profit institutions is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

II. PRIVILEGES: The use of BUSD network services is a PRIVILEGE, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. The site and/or system administrator(s) will deem what is inappropriate use, take appropriate action and determine the consequence. Also, the site and/or system administrator(s) may close an account or deny access at any time as required. The site administration and/or staff of BUSD may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

III. ETIQUETTE (NETWORK ETIQUETTE): The use of an account/access requires that you abide by accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- . BE POLITE. Do not send abusive messages to ANYONE.
- . USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE. In all messages, do not swear or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Anything pertaining to illegal activities is strictly forbidden. (Note that email is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to appropriate authorities.)
- . PRIVACY. Do not reveal the personal address or phone numbers of yourself or any other person. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed private property. Do not forward/distribute an email message without permission from the author.
- . CONNECTIVITY. Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.

IV. SERVICES: BUSD will not be responsible for any damages you may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by our own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via BUSD network services is at your own risk. BUSD denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through network services. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

V. SECURITY. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem within the BUSD network, you must notify a system administrator either in person or via the network. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account, forge messages or post anonymous messages. Attempts to login to the system as any other user may result in cancellation of user privileges. Attempts to login to BUSD networks as a system administrator or any other form of unauthorized access may result in immediate cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to BUSD network services. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

VI. VANDALISM: Vandalism may result in cancellation of privileges and/or criminal prosecution. This includes, but is not limited to, contamination, deletion or reconfiguration of data or degradation of system performance in any way. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

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VII. UPDATES: BUSD may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue providing services. You must notify the system administrator of any changes in your account information. All Terms and Conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Biggs Unified School District. These Terms and Conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California, United States of America.

**"I understand and will abide by the above Terms and Conditions for use of BUSD network services. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action pursued."**

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent or Guardian Network Responsibility Contract

**(If user is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement.)**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Terms and Conditions for use of BUSD network services. I understand that these privileges are designed for educational purposes. BUSD has taken viable precautions to eliminate inappropriate material, however, I also recognize it is impossible for BUSD to restrict access to all inappropriate material and I will not hold them responsible for material acquired or problems related to the use of the material acquired on the network.

I hereby give my permission for my child to utilize BUSD network services and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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