

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a comprehensive, research-based curriculum in a supportive, positive, and engaging manner that motivates every student to succeed. The district's educational program shall provide students with rigorous opportunities to attain the academic, social and emotional skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school, postsecondary education and/or employment, and develop to their full potential.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Strategies for improving the educational program shall take into consideration the needs of individual students and subpopulations of students, including, but not limited to, social, emotional, and behavioral needs. Students who are failing or at risk of failing to meet academic standards shall be provided with alternative programs and/or supplemental assistance designed to raise achievement.

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

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

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

The district's goal of student success may be achieved through regional coordination, collaboration, and alignment between the school, parent/guardians, and the community, including district support for innovative programs and practices that promote student engagement, growth, understanding, achievement, and career exploration.

To support the district's educational program, the Board shall:

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1. Establish standards of student achievement for core subjects at each grade level that are aligned with the district's vision for student learning, the specific needs and strengths of the students, the expectations of parents/guardians and the community, and available resources

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

2. Establish graduation requirements

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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

3. Ensure that a process is in place, involving teachers, administrators, students, and parents/guardians, for the development and review of the district's curriculum

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

5. Adopt textbooks and other instructional materials

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6161 - Equipment, Books and Materials)

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

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

6. Support the professional staff's implementation of the curriculum by providing consistent policy direction, allocating resources based on educational program priorities, ensuring that collective bargaining agreements do not constrain the district's ability to achieve curricular goals, recognizing staff accomplishments, and including reasonable annual goals related to student learning in the Superintendent evaluation process

(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)

7. Provide a continuing program of professional development to keep instructional staff, administrators, and Board members updated about current issues and research pertaining to curriculum, instructional strategies, and student assessment

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 9240 - Board Development)

8. Review and evaluate the educational program on the basis of state and federal accountability measures, disaggregated student achievement data, and other indicators and ensure that evaluation results are used to improve programs, curriculum, and/or instructional practices as necessary to enhance student achievement

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6161.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Review research related to curriculum issues
2. Select and/or develop curricula for recommendation to the Board in accordance with the district's curriculum development and review process
3. Ensure the articulation of the curriculum between grade levels and with postsecondary education and the workplace

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

4. Determine the general methods of instruction to be used

5. Assign instructors and schedule classes for all curricular offerings

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)

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

(cf. 3310 - Expenditures and Purchases)

7. Evaluate and report to the Board on student achievement as demonstrated through testing and other types of appraisal, and recommend necessary changes in curriculum, programs, and instruction as indicated by student performance data

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Comparability in Instruction

The district shall provide comparable educational opportunities for all students. Instruction in the core curriculum shall be in no way diminished when students receive supplementary services funded by special governmental programs. Services funded by any categorical program shall supplement, not supplant, the district-provided core curriculum and any services which may be provided by other categorical programs.

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

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51000-51007 Legislative intent, educational program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3940 Maintenance of effort

4424 Comparability of services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6321 Fiscal requirements/comparability of services

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Curriculum, 1996

WEB SITES

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

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

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The Board of Trustees shall adopt high standards for student achievement which challenge all students to reach their full potential and specify what students are expected to know and to be able to do at each grade level and in each area of study. These standards shall reflect the knowledge and skills needed for students to be adequately prepared for postsecondary education, employment, and responsible citizenship.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with recommended standards using a process that involves teachers, school site and district administrators, students, parents/guardians, representatives from business/industry and postsecondary institutions, and/or community members. He/she shall ensure the proper articulation of standards between grade levels and the alignment of the standards with the district's vision and goals, graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and other desired student outcomes. He/she also shall ensure that the standards are easily understandable and measurable.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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

District content standards for English language arts, English language development, mathematics, science, health education, history-social science, physical education, visual and performing arts, world languages, career technical education, and preschool education shall meet or exceed statewide model content standards adopted by the State Board of Education or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as applicable.

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

District curriculum, instruction, student assessments, and evaluations of the instructional program shall be aligned with district content standards. In accordance with Education Code 44662, standards of expected student achievement also shall be used in evaluating teacher performance.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS (continued)

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall annually communicate the applicable standards to students and their parents/guardians to inform them of the expectations for student learning at their grade level.

Staff shall continually assess students' progress toward meeting the standards, report each student's progress to the student and his/her parents/guardians, and offer remedial assistance in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district standards are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. At a minimum, district standards shall be reviewed whenever applicable statewide standards are revised and in response to changing student needs.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ACADEMIC STANDARDS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44662 Evaluation of certificated employees

51003 Statewide academic standards

60605-60605.9 Adoption of statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State academic standards and accountability for Title I, Part A

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Common Core Standards, Fact Sheet, August 2010

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 1, 2008

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

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

Physical Education Model Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, January 2005

Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools, Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve, January 2001

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

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

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

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

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

WEB SITES

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

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

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

Council of Chief State School Officers: <http://www.ccsso.org>

National Governors Association Center for Best Practices: <http://www.nga.org/center>

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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians and family members to jointly develop and implement this policy, and the programs established by this policy, and to propose revisions to this policy, as needed. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall meaningfully involve parents/guardians and family members in district and school activities at all grade levels; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home. (Education Code 11500-11504, 51101; 20 USC 6318)

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

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so, in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5020 – Parents Rights and Responsibilities.

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

The district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and strategies for parent/guardian involvement and family engagement, including district efforts to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and to promote parent/guardian participation in programs for English learners, foster youth, students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and students with disabilities. (Education Code [42238.02](#), [52060](#))

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

The Board shall establish and convene a parent advisory committee (PAC), and, as applicable, an English learner parent advisory committee (ELPAC) to review and comment on the LCAP, in accordance with Board Policy 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan, including the use of federal funds and how funds will be allocated for parent/guardian involvement activities as well as activities related to increasing student achievement.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians, family members, and school staff on the adequacy of parent/guardian involvement opportunities and on barriers that may inhibit participation.

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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)**Title I Schools**

The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members in establishing district expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family engagement in schools supported by Title I funding, developing strategies that describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC [6318](#), and implementing and evaluating such programs, activities, and procedures. The Superintendent or designee shall implement these obligations in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct outreach to all parents/guardians and family members. (Education Code [11503](#); 20 USC [6318](#))

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

When the district's Title I, Part A allocation exceeds the amount specified in 20 USC [6318](#), the Board shall reserve at least one percent of the funding to implement parent/guardian and family engagement activities and distribute at least 90 percent of those reserved funds to eligible schools, with priority given to high-need schools as defined in 20 USC [6631](#). The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent/guardian and family engagement activities. (20 USC [6318](#))

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

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

1. Support for schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for district and school staff regarding parent/guardian and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents/guardians and family members
2. Support for programs that reach parents/guardians and family members at home, in the community, and at school
3. Dissemination of information on best practices focused on parent/guardian and family engagement, especially best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents/guardians and family members
4. Collaboration, or the provision of subgrants to schools to enable collaboration, with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent/guardian and family engagement
5. Any other activities and strategies that the district determines are appropriate and consistent with this policy

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To coordinate and enhance family engagement programs, the Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians and organizations of the existence of Title IV. (20 USC [6318](#))

The district's Board policy and administrative regulation containing parent/guardian and family engagement strategies shall be incorporated into the district's LCAP in accordance with 20 USC [6312](#). (20 USC [6318](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds develops a school-level parent/guardian and family engagement policy in accordance with 20 USC [6318](#).

District and school-level parent/guardian and family engagement policies and administrative regulations shall be distributed to parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs and shall be available to the local community. Parents/guardians shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC [6318](#))

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

As required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall annually attend a regular meeting of the PAC or ELPAC, if applicable, to receive input and feedback on topics that support student achievement and programs that reach parents/guardians and family members at home, in the community, and at school. (20 USC 6318)

Non-Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code [11502](#). (Education Code [11504](#))

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[11500-11505](#) *Programs to encourage parent involvement*

[48985](#) *Notices in languages other than English*

[51101](#) *Parent rights and responsibilities*

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

[54444.1-54444.2](#) *Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children*

[56190-56194](#) *Community advisory committee, special education*

[64001](#) *School plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs*

LABOR CODE

[230.8](#) *Time off to visit child's school*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[18275](#) *Child care and development programs, parent involvement and education*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[6311](#) *State plan*

[6312](#) *Local educational agency plan*

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

6314 Schoolwide programs

6318 Parent and family engagement

6631 Teacher and school leader incentive program, purposes and definitions

7241-7246 Family engagement in education programs

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services

35.160 Communications

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy

Family Engagement Framework: A Tool for California School Districts, 2014

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, Non-Regulatory Guidance, April 23, 2004

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Family, School, Community

Partnerships: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf>

California Parent Center: <http://parent.sdsu.edu>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: <http://www.ncpie.org>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org>

Parent Information and Resource Centers: <http://www.pirc-info.net>

Parents as Teachers National Center: <http://www.parentsasteachers.org>

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

PARENT INVOLVEMENT**District Strategies for Title I Schools**

To ensure that parents/guardians and family members of students participating in Title I programs are provided with opportunities to be involved in their children's education, the district shall:

1. Involve parents/guardians and family members in the joint development of a district plan that meets the requirements of 20 USC [6312](#) and in the development of school support and improvement plans pursuant to 20 USC [6311](#) (20 USC [6318](#))

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

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

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Invite input on the plan from other district committees and school site councils
- b. Communicate with parents/guardians through the district newsletter, website, or other methods regarding the plan and the opportunity to provide input
- c. Provide copies of working drafts of the plan to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- d. Ensure that there is an opportunity at a public Governing Board meeting for public comment on the plan prior to the Board's approval of the plan or revisions to the plan
- e. Ensure that school-level policies on parent/guardian and family engagement address the role of school site councils and other parents/guardians as appropriate in the development and review of school plans

2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent/guardian and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents/guardians and family members in education (20 USC [6318](#))

The Superintendent or designee may:

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- a. Assign district personnel to serve as a liaison to the schools regarding Title I parent/guardian and family engagement issues
- b. Identify funding and other resources, including community resources and services, that may be used to strengthen district and school parent/guardian and family engagement programs
- c. Provide training for the principal or designee of each participating school regarding Title I requirements for parent/guardian and family engagement, leadership strategies, and communication skills to assist in facilitating the planning and implementation of related activities
- d. With the assistance of parents/guardians, provide information and training to teachers and other staff regarding effective parent/guardian involvement practices and legal requirements
- e. Provide information to schools about the indicators and assessment tools that will be used to monitor progress

3. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate Title I parent/guardian and family engagement strategies with parent/guardian and family engagement strategies of other relevant federal, state, and local programs and ensure consistency with federal, state, and local laws (20 USC [6318](#))

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Identify overlapping or similar program requirements

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. [5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education](#))

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

(cf. [6175 - Migrant Education Program](#))

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

- b. Involve district and school site representatives from other programs to assist in identifying specific population needs
- c. Schedule joint meetings with representatives from related programs and share data and information across programs
- d. Develop a cohesive, coordinated plan focused on student needs and shared goals

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4. Conduct, with meaningful involvement of parents/guardians and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent/guardian and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served by Title I, including identification of: (20 USC [6318](#))
 - a. Barriers to greater participation in parent/guardian and family engagement activities, with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
 - b. The needs of parents/guardians and family members, so they can better assist with their children's learning and engage with school personnel and teachers
 - c. Strategies to support successful school and family interactions

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

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Use a variety of methods, such as focus groups, surveys, and workshops, to evaluate the satisfaction of parents/guardians and staff with the quality and frequency of district communications
- b. Gather and monitor data regarding the number of parents/guardians and family members participating in district activities and the types of activities in which they are engaged
- c. Recommend to the Board measures to evaluate the impact of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts on student achievement

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this review and assessment through regular school communications mechanisms and shall provide a copy of the assessment to parents/guardians upon their request. (Education Code [11503](#))

5. Use the findings of the evaluation conducted pursuant to item #4 above to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent/guardian and family involvement and, if necessary, to revise the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC [6318](#))

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Analyze data from the evaluation to identify parent/guardian and family engagement activities that have been successful and those activities that have had lower participation or less meaningful involvement by parents/guardians

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- b. Analyze parent/guardian and family participation to determine the level of participation by traditionally underrepresented groups
- c. With the involvement of parents/guardians, recommend and draft proposed policy revisions to submit to the Board for consideration

6. Involve parents/guardians in the activities of schools served by Title I, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents/guardians or family members served by the district to adequately represent the needs of the population served by the district for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC [6318](#))

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include information about school activities in district communications to parents/guardians and family members
- b. To the extent practicable, assist schools with translation services or other accommodations needed to encourage participation of parents/guardians and family members
- c. Establish processes to encourage parent/guardian input regarding their expectations and concerns for their children

Additionally, the district shall promote the effective involvement of parents/guardians and support a partnership among the school, parents/guardians, and the community to improve student achievement by implementing the actions specified in item #7 of the section "School-Level Policies for Title I Schools" below. (20 USC [6318](#))

School-Level Policies for Title I Schools

At each school receiving Title I funds, a written policy on parent/guardian and family engagement shall be developed jointly with the parents/guardians and family members of participating students. The school policy shall describe the means by which the school will: (20 USC [6318](#))

- 1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend, in order to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents/guardians to be involved
- 2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, for which related transportation, child care, and/or home visits may be provided as such services relate to parent/guardian involvement

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3. Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy and, if applicable, the joint development of the plan for schoolwide programs pursuant to 20 USC [6314](#)

The school may use an existing process for involving parents/guardians in the joint planning and design of the school's programs provided that the process includes adequate representation of parents/guardians of participating students.

4. Provide the parents/guardians of participating students all of the following:
 - a. Timely information about Title I programs
 - b. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the state academic standards

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

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

- c. If requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education. The district shall respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicable possible.
5. If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating students, submit any parent/guardian comments when the school makes the plan available to the district
6. Jointly develop with the parents/guardians of participating students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents/guardians will build a partnership to help students achieve state standards

This compact shall address:

- a. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating students to achieve the state's challenging academic achievement standards
- b. Ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, volunteering in the classroom, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and the positive use of extracurricular time

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- c. The importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum:
 - (1) Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the student's achievement
 - (2) Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress
 - (3) Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom, and observation of classroom activities
 - (4) Regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand
- 7. Promote the effective involvement of parents/guardians and support a partnership among the school, parents/guardians, and the community to improve student achievement through the following actions:
 - a. Assist parents/guardians, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state academic standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

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

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

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

- b. Provide parents/guardians with materials and training, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement
 - c. With the assistance of parents/guardians, educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools

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

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

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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

- d. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent/guardian involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents/guardians in fully participating in their children's education
- e. Ensure that information related to school and parent/guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- f. Provide other such reasonable support for parent/guardian involvement activities as parents/guardians may request

In addition, the school plan may include strategies to:

- a. Involve parents/guardians in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training
- b. Provide necessary literacy training, using Title I funds if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training
- c. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent/guardian involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions
- d. Train parents/guardians to enhance the involvement of other parents/guardians
- e. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or, when parents/guardians are unable to attend such conferences, conduct in-home conferences between parents/guardians and teachers or other educators who work directly with participating students, in order to maximize parent/guardian involvement and participation
- f. Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent/guardian involvement
- g. Establish a parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent/guardian involvement in Title I programs
- h. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent/guardian involvement activities

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

- i. Make referrals to community agencies and organizations that offer literacy training, parent/guardian education programs, and/or other services that help to improve the conditions of parents/guardians and families

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

- j. Provide a master calendar of district/school activities and meetings
- k. Provide information about opportunities for parent/guardian and family engagement through the district newsletter, web site, or other written or electronic means
- l. Engage parent-teacher organizations to actively seek out and involve parents/guardians through regular communication updates and information sessions

(cf. [1230 - School-Connected Organizations](#))

- m. To the extent practicable, provide translation services at school sites and at meetings involving parents/guardians and family members as needed
- n. Provide training and information to members of district and school site councils and advisory committees to help them fulfill their functions
- o. Provide ongoing workshops to assist school site staff, parents/guardians, and family members in planning and implementing improvement strategies, and seek their input in developing the workshops
- p. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of staff development activities related to parent/guardian and family engagement
- q. Include expectations for parent/guardian outreach and involvement in staff job descriptions and evaluations

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

(cf. [4215 - Evaluation/Supervision](#))

(cf. [4315 - Evaluation/Supervision](#))

- 8. To the extent practicable, provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents/guardians and family members (including parents/guardians and family members with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians and family members with disabilities, and parents/guardians and family members of migrant children), including providing information and school reports required under 20 USC [6311](#)(h) in a format and language such parents/guardians can understand

If the school has a parent involvement policy that applies to all parents/guardians, it may amend that policy to meet the above requirements. (20 USC [6318](#))

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

Each school receiving Title I funds shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of its parent/guardian and family engagement policy. Such evaluation may be conducted during the process of reviewing the school plan for student achievement in accordance with Education Code [64001](#).

The school's policy shall be periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents/guardians and the school. (20 USC [6318](#))

District Strategies for Non-Title I Schools

For each school that does not receive federal Title I funds, the Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum:

1. Engage parents/guardians and family members positively in their children's education by providing assistance and training on topics such as state academic standards and assessments to increase their knowledge and skills to use at home to support their children's academic efforts at school and their children's development as responsible members of society (Education Code [11502](#), [11504](#))

The district may utilize department leaders and district instructional coaches to provide parent/guardian training on topics that include, English language development, state academic standards and assessment, and specific strategies to support the student in the home.

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide or make referrals to literacy training and/or parent education programs designed to improve the skills of parents/guardians and enhance their ability to support their children's education
- b. Provide information, in parent handbooks and through other appropriate means, regarding academic expectations and resources to assist with the subject matter
- c. Provide parents/guardians with information about students' class assignments and homework assignments

2. Inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning, by providing them with techniques and strategies that they may use to improve their children's academic success and to assist their children in learning at home (Education Code [11502](#), [11504](#))

The Superintendent or designee may:

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

- a. Provide parents/guardians with information regarding ways to create an effective study environment for their children at home and to encourage good study habits
- b. Encourage parents/guardians to monitor their children's school attendance, homework completion, and television viewing
- c. Encourage parents/guardians to volunteer in their child's classroom and to participate in school advisory committees

3. Build consistent and effective two-way communication between the home and school so that parents/guardians and family members may know when and how to assist their children in support of classroom learning activities (Education Code [11502](#), [11504](#))

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Ensure that teachers provide frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress and hold parent-teacher conferences at least once per year with parents/guardians of elementary school students
- b. Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to observe classroom activities and to volunteer in their child's classroom
- c. Provide information about parent/guardian and family engagement opportunities through district, school, and/or class newsletters, the district's web site, and other written or electronic communications
- d. To the extent practicable, provide notices and information to parents/guardians in a format and language they can understand
- e. Develop mechanisms to encourage parent/guardian input on district and school issues
- f. Identify barriers to parent/guardian and family participation in school activities, including parents/guardians and family members who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
- g. Encourage greater parent/guardian participation by adjusting meeting schedules to accommodate parent/guardian needs and, to the extent practicable, by providing translation or interpreter services, transportation, and/or child care

4. Train teachers, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff to communicate effectively with parents/guardians as equal partners (Education Code [11502](#), [11504](#))

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide staff development to assist staff in strengthening two-way communications with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians who have limited English proficiency or limited literacy
- b. Invite input from parents/guardians regarding the content of staff development activities pertaining to home-school communications
- c. Utilize professional development sessions to train teachers, administrators, and staff on ways to effectively engage parents/guardians, with each school site sharing best practices that others may learn from

5. Integrate and coordinate parent/guardian and family engagement activities within the LCAP with other activities

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include parent/guardian and family engagement strategies in school reform or school improvement initiatives
- b. Involve parents/guardians and family members in school planning processes

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

SCHOOL CALENDAR

For each district school, the Board of Trustees shall adopt a school calendar that meets the requirements of law as well as the needs of the community, students, and the work year as negotiated with the district's employee organization(s). As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the proposed calendar is aligned with assessment and accountability schedules in order to support the district's goals for student achievement.

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

Each school calendar shall show the beginning and ending school dates, legal and local holidays, staff development days, orientation days, minimum days, vacation periods, and other pertinent dates.

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

The district shall offer a minimum of 175 days of instruction per school year, until it equals or exceeds the local control funding formula target established for it pursuant to Education Code 42238.02, at which time it shall offer 180 days or more of instruction per school year. (Education Code 41420, 46208)

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

Staff development days shall not be counted as instructional days.

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

Notification of the schedule of minimum days and student-free staff development days shall be sent to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year. If any minimum days or student-free staff development days are added to the schedule, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the affected students as soon as possible and at least one month before the scheduled minimum day. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

If a school will be used as a polling place on an election day, the Board shall determine whether to continue school in session, designate the day for staff training and development, or close the school to students and nonclassified staff. (Elections Code 12283)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (continued)

(cf. 1400 - *Relations Between Governmental Agencies and the Schools*)
(cf. 5113 - *Absences and Excuses*)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37200-37202 *School calendar*

37220-37223 *Holidays*

37600-37672 *Continuous school programs: year-round schools, especially:*

37618 *School calendar*

37700-37712 *Four-day week*

41420 *Apportionment withholding, schools not maintained for 175 days*

41422 *Schools not maintained for 175 days*

42238.02 *Local control funding formula*

46200-46208 *Incentives for longer instructional day and year*

46300 *Method of computing ADA*

48980 *Notice at beginning of term*

ELECTIONS CODE

12283 *School closures, election days*

COURT DECISIONS

Butt v. State of California, (1992) 4 Cal 4th 668

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS

Davis Joint Unified School District, (1984) PERB Decision No. 474

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

California Public Employment Relations Board: <http://www.perb.ca.gov>

Secretary of State's Office: <http://www.sos.ca.gov>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Instruction

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SCHOOL DAY

The Board of Trustees shall fix the length of the school day in accordance with law. (Education Code 46100)

At each school, the length of the school day shall be the same for all students, except as otherwise permitted by law. For any student with a disability, the length of the school day shall be as specified in the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan.

Unless there is a field trip or other educational program, the daily schedule for grades K-6 shall include at least one or more periods of recess of at least 30 minutes on regular instructional days and 15 minutes on early release days. During this time, students shall be provided supervised opportunities, outdoors when weather and air quality permit unless space is not sufficient in which case recess may be held indoors, to engage in unstructured physical activity, play, organized games, and/or social engagement with peers, and may be provided a snack. (Education Code 49056)

Educational Program means the entire school-sponsored offering for students, including in-class and out-of-class activities. (Education Code 49056)

In establishing the daily instructional schedule for each secondary school, the Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to course requirements and curricular demands, availability of school facilities and equipment, and applicable legal requirements.

The Board encourages flexibility in scheduling so as to provide longer time blocks or class periods when appropriate and desirable to support student learning, provide more intensive study of core academic subjects or extended exploration of complex topics, and reduce transition time between classes.

Prior to implementing a block or alternative schedule that will allow secondary students to attend school for fewer school days than the total number of school days for which the school is in session, the Board shall consult in good faith, in an effort to reach agreement with the certificated and classified employees of the school, parents/guardians of the students who would be affected by the change, and the community at large. Such consultation shall include at least one public hearing for which the Board shall give adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code 46162)

SCHOOL DAY (continued)

State Description

Ed. Code 37202 *Equal time in all schools*
Ed. Code 37670 *Year-round schools*
Ed. Code 46010 *Total days of attendance*
Ed. Code 46100 *Length of school day*
Ed. Code 46110-46119 *Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools*
Ed. Code 46140-46147 *Attendance in junior high and high schools*
Ed. Code 46160-46162 *Alternative schedule - junior high and high school*
Ed. Code 46170 *Continuation schools, minimum day*
Ed. Code 46180 *Opportunity schools, minimum day*
Ed. Code 46190-46192 *Adult education classes, day of attendance*
Ed. Code 46200-46206 *Minimum instructional time*
Ed. Code 48200 *Minimum school day*
Ed. Code 48663 *Community day school, minimum school day*
Ed. Code 48800-48802 *Concurrent enrollment in community college*
Ed. Code 51222 *Physical education, instructional minutes*
Ed. Code 51760-51769.5 *Work experience education*
Ed. Code 52325 *Regional occupational center, minimum day*
Ed. Code 8970-8974 *Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten*

Management Resources Description

NASPE Position Statement *Recess for Elementary School Students, 2006*
State Board of Education Policy Statement *99-03 Physical Education (PE) Requirements for Block Schedules, July 2006*
U.S. Department of Education Publication *Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995*
Website *National Association for Sport and Physical Education*
Website *State Board of Education*
Website *WestEd*
Website *U.S. Department of Education*
Website *California Department of Education*
WestEd Publication *Full-Day Kindergarten: Expanding Learning Opportunities, Policy Brief, April 2005*

Administrative Regulation

Instruction

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SCHOOL DAY

Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten

Kindergarten and transitional kindergarten (TK) classes in district schools may be maintained for different lengths of time, either at the same or different school sites. (Education Code 37202)

The average school day for kindergarten and TK students shall be at least three hours, including recesses but excluding noon intermissions. If fewer than 40 students are enrolled in kindergarten classes, the district may request approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain two kindergarten classes of 150 minutes each. (Education Code 46114, 46115, 46117, 46119)

In any school day, kindergarten and/or TK students shall not be kept in school for longer than four hours, excluding recesses, except where the school is operating an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 or an expanded learning opportunity program pursuant to Education Code 46120. (Education Code 46111, 46115, 46120)

In any district school operating an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974, the kindergarten school day may exceed four hours, excluding recess, if both of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 8973)

1. The Board of Trustees has declared that the extended-day kindergarten program does not exceed the length of the primary school day.
2. The extended-day kindergarten program includes ample opportunity for both active and quiet activities within an integrated, experiential, and developmentally appropriate educational program.

Under an extended day kindergarten program, recess may be counted as instructional minutes for purposes of determining the maximum school day if it occurs under teacher supervision.

In any multitrack year-round school operating pursuant to Education Code 37670, the kindergarten school day may be up to 265 minutes, excluding recesses. (Education Code 46111)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the California Department of Education as to whether the district's kindergarten and TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both. (Education Code 48003)

SCHOOL DAY (continued)**Grades 1-8**

Except as otherwise provided by law, the school day for elementary and middle school students shall be:

1. At least 230 minutes for students in grades 1-3, unless the Board has prescribed a shorter school day because of lack of school facilities requiring double sessions, in which case the minimum school day shall be 200 minutes (Education Code 46112)
2. At least 240 minutes for students in grades 4-8 (Education Code 46113, 46142)

In determining the number of minutes for purposes of compliance with the minimum school day for students in grades 1-8, both noon intermissions and recesses shall be excluded. (Education Code 46115)

The school day for a middle school shall begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. (Education Code 46148)

Grades 9-12

The school day for a high school shall begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m. (Education Code 46148)

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

However, the school day may be less than 240 minutes when authorized by law. Programs that have a minimum school day of 180 minutes include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Continuation high school or classes (Education Code 46141, 46170)
2. Opportunity school or classes (Education Code 46141, 46180)
3. Regional occupational center (Education Code 46141, 52325)
4. Work experience education program approved pursuant to Education Code 51760-51769.5 (Education Code 46141, 46144)

A student in grade 12 who is enrolled in work experience education and is in the last semester or quarter before graduation may, upon written request by the student's parent/guardian or the student, if 18 years of age or over, be permitted to attend

SCHOOL DAY (continued)

school for less than 180 minutes per school day if all requirements for graduation would be completed, except physical education courses, in less than 180 minutes each day. (Education Code 46147)

5. Concurrent enrollment in a community college pursuant to Education Code 48800-48802 or, for students in grades 11-12, part-time enrollment in classes of the California State University or University of California, provided academic credit will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses (Education Code 46146)
6. An early college high school or middle college high school, provided the students are enrolled in community college or college classes in accordance with item #5 above (Education Code 46141, 46146.5)
7. Special day or Saturday vocational training program conducted under a federally approved plan for career technical education (Education Code 46141, 46144)

For an evening high school operated pursuant to Education Code 51720-51724, the number of days, specific days of the week, and number of hours during which the program shall be in session may be determined by the Board. (Education Code 46141, 51721)

Students in grade 12 shall be enrolled in at least five courses each semester or the equivalent number of courses each quarter. This requirement shall not apply to students enrolled in regional occupational centers or programs, courses at accredited postsecondary institutions, independent study, special education programs in which the student's individualized education program establishes a different number of courses, continuation education classes, work experience education programs, or any other course of study authorized by the Board that is equivalent to the approved high school course of study. (Education Code 46145)

Alternative Block Schedule for Secondary Schools

In order to establish a block or other alternative schedule or to accommodate career technical education and regional occupational center/program courses, the district may authorize students to attend fewer than the total number of days in which school is in session provided that students attend classes for at least 1,200 minutes during any five school day period or 2,400 minutes during any 10 school day period. (Education Code 46160)

An early college high school or middle college high school may be scheduled so that students attend classes for at least 900 minutes during any five-school day period or 1,800 minutes during any 10-school day period. (Education Code 46160)

SCHOOL DAY (continued)**State Description**

Ed. Code 37202 Equal time in all schools
Ed. Code 37670 Year-round schools
Ed. Code 46010 Total days of attendance
Ed. Code 46100 Length of school day
Ed. Code 46110-46119 Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools
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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of having students observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural, historical, or present day significance, and acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals in society. On days designated by the Board, and as required by law, staff shall provide students with appropriate commemorative exercises and educational experiences so that they may acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, responsible citizenship in a democratic society.

(cf. [6111 - School Calendar](#))

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

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

(cf. [6142.3 - Civic Education](#))

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

District schools shall be closed on the holidays specified in Education Code [37220](#) and on any other day designated as a holiday by the Board. The Board may, by adoption of a resolution, revise the date upon which schools close in observance of any holiday except Veterans Day, which shall be celebrated on its actual date. (Education Code [37220](#))

In addition, the Board may, through the adoption of a resolution, authorize the display of symbolic flags or banners in support of specific awareness months.

(cf. [6144 - Controversial Issues](#))

Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**

[37220-37222.20 Holidays and commemorative events](#)

[44015.1 Week of the School Administrator](#)

[45203 Paid holidays, classified employees](#)

[45460 Classified School Employee Week](#)

[52720-52730 Patriotic exercises and instruction](#)

GOVERNMENT CODE

[430-439 Display of flags](#)

[3540-3549.3 Meeting and negotiating](#)

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 4

6 *Time and occasion for display of flag*

7 *Position and manner of display of flag*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36

[106 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#)

[106 Note Educational program on the U.S. Constitution](#)

COURT DECISIONS

Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District, 597 F.3d 1007, 1012 (9th Cir. 2010)

West Virginia State Board of Education et al v. Barnette et al (1943) 319 U.S. 624

Management Resources:**WEB SITES**

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

California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES**Holidays**

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

New Year's Day - January 1

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Third Monday in January or the Monday or Friday of the week in which January 15 occurs

Lincoln Day - The Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12 occurs

Washington Day - Third Monday in February

Memorial Day - Last Monday in May

Juneteenth National Independence Day – June 19

Independence Day - July 4

Labor Day - First Monday in September

Veterans Day - November 11

Thanksgiving Day - The Thursday in November designated by the President

Christmas Day - December 25

(cf. [6141.2](#) - *Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs*)

In addition, schools shall be closed on: (Education Code 37220)

1. Any day appointed by the Governor as a holiday or as a special or limited holiday on which the Governor provides that schools shall close
2. Any day appointed by the President as a holiday, including by executive order or by signing into law legislation that creates a nationwide federal holiday
3. Any other day designated as a holiday by the Governing Board and/or negotiated with employee organizations

Holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. Holidays which fall on a Saturday shall be observed the preceding Friday. If any of the above holidays occurs under federal law on a date different from that indicated above, the Governing Board may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above.

(Education Code [37220](#))

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES (continued)**Commemorative Exercises**

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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - The Friday before the day schools are closed for this holiday

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday - The school day before the day schools are closed for this holiday

Susan B. Anthony Day - February 15

George Washington's Birthday - The Friday preceding the third Monday in February

Black American Day - March 5

Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day - March 7

Workplace Readiness Week – The week that includes April 28

Classified Employee Week - Third week in May

U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day - On or near September 17

Commemorative exercises shall be integrated into the regular educational program as required by law.

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

(cf. [6142.3](#) - *Civic Education*)

Patriotic Exercises

Each school shall conduct patriotic exercises daily, which may include the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and/or instruction that promotes understanding of the concepts of "pledge," "allegiance," "republic," and "indivisible" and understanding of the importance of the pledge as an expression of patriotism, love of country, and pride in the United States. (Education Code [52720](#), [52730](#))

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

At secondary schools, such exercises shall be conducted during the homeroom period.

A student may choose not to participate in the flag salute or Pledge of Allegiance for personal reasons.

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES (continued)**Display of Flag**

The flag of the United States and the flag of California shall be displayed during business hours at the entrance or on the grounds of every district school and on or near the district office. At all times, the national flag shall be placed in the position of first honor. (Government Code [431](#), [436](#); 4 USC [6](#))

When displayed on a building or on a flagstaff in the open, the national flag shall be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed during inclement weather unless an all-weather flag is used. (4 USC [6](#))

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

1. For 30 days from the death of the President or a former President
2. For 10 days from the death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3. From the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a secretary of an executive or military department, former Vice President, or the Governor of a state
4. On the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress
5. On Memorial Day, until noon only
6. On Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15), unless it falls on Armed Forces Day
7. Upon a proclamation from the Governor in the event of the death of a present or former official of the state government or a member of the Armed Forces from the state who has died while serving on active duty, or the death or a first responder working in the state who dies while serving in the line of duty
8. On other occasions by order of the President and in accordance with presidential instructions or orders

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

In order to allow students to take full advantage of learning opportunities while in the classroom, school staff shall ensure that interruptions are kept to a minimum. Strategies to reduce classroom interruptions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Keep announcements made through intercom or public address systems to a minimum, limit announcements to specific times during the day, and only use the intercom or public address systems for announcements that apply to all students or groups of students. Announcements that apply to individual students or staff members should be distributed in writing.
2. Inform school visitors that, whenever possible, they should make appointments in advance, in accordance with district policy.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

3. Notify parents/guardians that they should go to the school office rather than the classroom when they are dropping off their child late, picking him/her up early, or bringing by any forgotten items from home.
4. Notify school staff that they should refrain from conducting personal business during instructional time.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

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

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32211 Restricting access to school grounds based on threatened disruption or interference

32212 Classroom interruptions

44810-44811 Disruptions; misdemeanor

48901.5 Authority to regulate use of electronic devices

51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Instructional Time Task Force Report, 2007

RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION

The Board of Trustees desires to improve learning and behavioral outcomes for all students by providing a high-quality, data-driven educational program that meets the learning and behavioral needs of each student and reduces disparities in achievement among subgroups of students. Students who are not making academic progress pursuant to district measures of performance and/or are struggling behaviorally shall receive intensive instruction and intervention supports designed to meet individual learning needs, with progress monitored.

The Superintendent or designee shall convene a team that may include, as appropriate, staff with knowledge of curriculum and instruction, student services, special education, and instructional and behavioral support, certificated personnel, other district staff, and parents/guardians to assist in designing the district's Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtI²) system, based on an examination of indicators of district and schoolwide student achievement and social-emotional well-being.

The district's RtI² system shall include instructional strategies and interventions with demonstrated effectiveness and be aligned with the district curriculum and assessments. The Superintendent or designee may conduct ongoing screening to determine student needs, analyze data, identify interventions for students not making adequate academic progress, monitor the effectiveness of the interventions, and adjust interventions according to efficacy.

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

Additionally, the districts RtI² system shall provide for:

1. High-quality classroom instruction
2. High expectations
3. Assessments and data collection
4. Problem-solving systems approach
5. Research-based interventions

RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION (continued)

6. Positive behavioral support
7. Fidelity of program implementation
8. Staff development and collaboration, which may include training in the use of assessments, data analysis, research-based instructional practices and strategies and emphasize a collaborative approach of professional learning communities among teachers within and across grade spans
9. Parent/guardian and family involvement, including collaboration and engagement

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are involved at all stages of the instructional, intervention, and progress monitoring process. Parents/guardians shall be kept informed of the services that have and will be provided, the strategies being used to increase the student's rate of learning, the supports provided to improve behavioral difficulties, and the performance data that has and will be collected.

10. Consideration of further evaluation utilizing RtI² data

The RtI² system may be utilized as one component when considering the referral of a student for evaluation for special education or other services.

State References:

<i>Ed. Code 1416</i>	<i>Monitoring, technical assistance, and enforcement</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56329</i>	<i>Assessment, written notice to parent</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56333-56338</i>	<i>Eligibility for specific learning disabilities</i>
<i>Ed. Code 56500-56509</i>	<i>Procedural safeguards</i>

Federal References:

<i>20 USC 1400-1482</i>	<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i>
<i>34 CFR 300.307</i>	<i>Specific learning disabilities</i>
<i>34 CFR 300.309</i>	<i>Determining the existence of specific learning disabilities</i>
<i>34 CFR 300.311</i>	<i>Specific documentation for eligibility determination</i>

Management Resources

California Department of Education Correspondence Response to Instruction and Intervention, 2008 Website

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Policy

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a research-based, sequential curriculum which promotes high levels of student achievement and emphasizes the development of basic skills, problem solving, and decision making. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board shall adopt a written district curriculum which describes, for each subject area and grade level, the content objectives which are to be taught in all district schools.

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

The district's curriculum shall be aligned with the district's vision and goals for student learning, Board policies, academic content standards, state curriculum frameworks, state and district assessments, graduation requirements, school and district improvement plans, and, when necessary, related legal requirements.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for curriculum development, selection, and/or adaptation which utilizes the professional expertise of teachers, principals, and district administrators representing various grade levels, disciplines, special programs, and categories of students as appropriate. The process also may provide opportunities for input from students, parents/guardians, representatives of local businesses and postsecondary institutions, and other community members.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (continued)

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

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

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

When presenting a recommended curriculum for adoption, the Superintendent or designee shall provide research, data, or other evidence demonstrating the proven effectiveness of the proposed curriculum. He/she also shall present information about the resources that would be necessary to successfully implement the curriculum and describe any modifications or supplementary services that would be needed to make the curriculum accessible to all students.

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

The Board shall establish a review cycle for regularly evaluating the district's curriculum in order to ensure continued alignment with state and district goals for student achievement. At a minimum, these reviews shall be conducted whenever the State Board of Education adopts new or revised content standards or the curriculum framework for a particular subject or when new law requires a change or addition to the curriculum.

In addition, the Board may require a review of the curriculum in one or more subject areas as needed in response to student assessment results; feedback from teachers, administrators, or parent/guardians; new research on program effectiveness; or changing student needs.

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

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51050-51057 Enforcement of courses of study

51200-51263 Required courses of study

51500-51540 Prohibited instruction

51720-51879.9 Authorized classes and courses of instruction

60000-60424 Instructional materials

GOVERNMENT CODE

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Association of California School Administrators: <http://www.acsa.org>

California Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: <http://www.cascd.org>

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

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION**Curriculum Review Committee**

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

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

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

Curriculum Development/Selection Process

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

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

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

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

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

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (continued)

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

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

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

(cf. 0520.4 - Quality Education Investment Schools)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

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

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

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

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

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

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

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

RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that students' education would be incomplete without an understanding of the role of religion in society. As appropriate for a particular course, teachers may objectively discuss the influences of various religions, using religious works and symbols to illustrate their relationship with culture, literature or the arts. The Board expects that such instruction will identify principles common to all religions and foster respect for the diversity of religions and customs in the world and be consistent with the adopted instructional materials and state standards, as applicable.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

In order to respect each student's individual right to freedom of religious practice, religious indoctrination is forbidden in public schools. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that instruction about religion does not promote or denigrate the beliefs or customs of any particular religion or sect, nor that a preference be shown for one religious viewpoint over another. Teachers and other district staff shall be highly sensitive to their obligation not to interfere with the religious development of any student in whatever tradition the student embraces, and treat all religions and religious conviction, including nonbelief, with fairness and respect.

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

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Staff shall not endorse, encourage or solicit religious or anti-religious expression or activities among students during class time.

Staff shall not coerce students in prayer or other religious activities as part of their official duties. However, Staff are not prohibited, when acting in their private capacity, from encouraging students' participation in personal prayer or other religious activity. Additionally, staff shall not prohibit or discourage any student from praying or otherwise expressing the student's religious belief so long as this does not disrupt the classroom or other district-sponsored activity.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremony and Activities)

Students may express their beliefs about religion in their homework, artwork and other class work if the expression is germane to the assignment. Such work shall be judged by ordinary academic standards, relevance, and other legitimate pedagogical objectives.

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

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

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

RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS (continued)

While teaching about religious holidays is a permissible part of the educational program, celebrating religious holidays is not allowed in the district. District-sponsored programs shall not be, nor have the effect of being, religiously oriented or a religious celebration. School and classroom decorations may express seasonal themes that are not religious in nature. The use of religious symbols that are part of a religious holiday is permitted as a teaching aid or resource provided that such symbols are displayed as an example of cultural and religious heritage of the holiday and temporary in nature.

Classroom methods in instruction about religion shall not include religious role-playing activities or simulated religious devotional acts.

Music, art, literature or drama programs having religious themes are permitted as part of the curriculum for district-sponsored activities and programs if presented in an objective manner and as a traditional part of the cultural and religious heritage.

District schools shall not prohibit religious activities if the same or similar non-religious activities are permitted.

When required by law, the district shall notify parents/guardians that they may, via written request, opt their students out of instruction on the basis of their religious beliefs as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. Students whose parents/guardians opt them out of such instruction may be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value. Additionally, a student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction on the grounds that the student was opted out of such instruction.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

38130-38138 Civic Center Act

46014 Absences for religious purposes

51511 Religious matters properly included in courses of study

51938 Right of parent/guardian to excuse from sexual health instruction

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

4071-4074 Equal Access Act

6061 School prayer

7904 School prayer

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RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS (continued)

Management Resources:

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the following for the recognition of religious beliefs and customs in district schools:

1. The approach to religion is academic and not devotional
2. The goal is for student awareness of religion in historical and contemporary societies
3. The students may not be pressed to accept any one religion
4. The school may include the study of religion as part of the history-social-science curriculum, but the practice of religions may not be sponsored
5. The students may be exposed to and educated about a diversity of religious views and beliefs, but a particular view or belief may not be imposed, nor may any one religion be promoted or denigrated

Staff shall make every effort to schedule one-time events, such as examinations, district-sponsored trips, special laboratories, picture-taking days, and class parties, to minimize conflicts with major religious holidays of all faiths such that no one faith is disproportionately impacted.

Programs and Exhibits

When district programs and exhibits are in any way related to instruction about religion or religious holidays, the following guidelines shall be observed:

1. The principal or designee shall ensure that district-sponsored programs are presented in an objective manner, consistent with the accompanying Board policy.
2. The principal or designee shall be kept informed of the program's development.
3. Program or exhibit planners shall take into consideration the diverse religious faiths represented in the community, student body and staff.

Opt Outs

When a parent/guardian submits a written request to opt the parent's/guardian's student out of instruction based on religious belief, customs, or practices, the request shall include the following:

1. The specific instructional content of which the student should be opted out
2. The specific religious belief(s), custom(s), and/or practice(s) with which the specific instructional content substantially interferes

Instruction

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3. How the specific instructional content substantially interferes with the specific religious belief(s), custom(s), and/or practices(s), including any grade level or individual student characteristics relevant to the opt-out request

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee may work with district legal counsel to evaluate each opt-out request and determine whether it shall be granted.

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

INTERNATIONAL ACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

To encourage district students to challenge themselves academically, develop intercultural understanding and respect, and be more competitive when applying for admission to postsecondary institutions, the district shall offer opportunities for students to participate in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. The Superintendent or designee shall provide a challenging, cross-disciplinary curriculum that provides the knowledge, concepts, skills, attitudes, and action that district students need to equip them for successful lives. The district's IB program shall provide structured, purposeful inquiry that engages students in their own learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district students of all ability levels are offered the opportunity to participate in the program if it is available at their school. At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian(s) of students in grades 7-12 of any dual enrollment or IB courses offered by the district. (Education Code 48980.6)

In order to construct a rigorous and challenging curriculum, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers and administrators are engaged in the planning process for the IB program. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate implementation of the IB program with any other advanced learning opportunities offered by the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development and support to teachers of IB courses. Such professional development may include, but is not limited to, mentoring for prospective teachers of IB courses, opportunities for teachers to obtain information on the curriculum of specific courses through online workshops, webinars, blended learning and e-learning resources, and opportunities for district staff to share course syllabi and teaching practices.

IB Diploma Program or IB Career-related Program

The district's IB Diploma Program shall offer a comprehensive curriculum made up of six subject groups that broadens students' educational experience and challenges students to apply their knowledge and skills. To earn the IB diploma, students shall meet the criteria outlined by IBO, including the following:

1. Completing a specific, intensive, balanced liberal arts course of study
2. Passing examinations in six curricular areas, including language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, sciences, mathematics, and the arts
3. Demonstrating an understanding of the theory of knowledge through an exhibition and extended essay on an externally assessed, independent research project
4. Demonstrating the concepts of creativity, activity, and service through a project that challenges students to show initiative, demonstrate perseverance, and develop skills such as collaboration, problem solving, and decision making

The district shall offer a two-year, rigorous IB Career-related Program to high school students pursuing vocational or career and technical education (CTE). Students participating in the IB Career-related Program shall take a minimum of two IB courses and meet other diploma-level

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requirements, including performing community service and completing a final project related to their vocational or CTE field.

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee may adjust the number of courses taken and hours of community service performed by students depending on the IB program in which they are participating.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop support systems to encourage students to participate in IB courses and take IB course examinations. Support systems may include, but are not limited to, resource centers, programs to recognize student accomplishments, and parent/guardian involvement through an IB parent/guardian organization group. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may explore partnerships with colleges and universities to encourage students to pursue postsecondary education.

To the extent feasible, the district shall reduce the cost of IB examination fees for eligible low-income students. The Superintendent or designee shall notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of the availability of funds for this purpose and shall provide information on how students may apply for funding.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually apply to the California Department of Education for federal funds to support the reimbursement of fees for low-income students. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may recommend the use of district funds, when available and appropriate, to provide additional support for the fee assistance program.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Governing Board regarding the number of students participating in the IB program and, as applicable, the percentage of participating students who pass the IB examination in each curricular area. Such reports shall include the participation and outcomes of numerically significant student subgroups as defined in Education Code 52052.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

The Board desires to provide AP courses at the high school. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend subject areas for AP courses at each school based on student interest and the availability of qualified certificated staff, instructional materials, and other resources. The Superintendent or designee shall also explore alternative methods of delivering AP courses, such as online courses or distance learning.

The Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with feeder schools to ensure that students are offered the opportunity to take coursework that will prepare them for AP courses.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

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

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall make efforts to encourage students to participate in AP courses and to take end-of-course AP exams by creating support systems for AP students, such as resource centers and programs to recognize student accomplishments. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may explore partnerships with colleges and universities to help encourage students to pursue postsecondary education.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

To increase the capacity of district schools to offer AP courses, the Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development and support to teachers of such courses. This professional development may include, but is not limited to, opportunities for teachers to obtain information on the curriculum of specific courses, instructional methods, and data-driven

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (continued)

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

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

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Board desires that every district AP course receive authorization to use the AP designation by the College Board. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the process for submitting courses for approval as part of the College Board AP course audit.

Examination Fee

To the extent feasible, the district shall reduce the cost of AP examination fees for eligible low-income students. At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the availability of funds for this purpose and shall provide information on how income-eligible students may apply for funding.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52240-52243 *Advanced Placement program*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3840 *Advanced Placement as program option for gifted and talented students*

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International Baccalaureate: <http://www.ibo.org>

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

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SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a well-planned, integrated sequence of medically accurate and inclusive instruction on comprehensive sexual health and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention.

The district shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their student's education on these subjects and to impart values to their children regarding human sexuality.

As specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, the district shall strive to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect them from risks presented by sexually transmitted infections, unintended pregnancy, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and human trafficking; to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors; to understand sexuality as a normal part of human development; and to develop healthy attitudes and behaviors concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family. (Education Code 51930-51939)

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

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

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

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

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

Each student in grades 7-12 shall receive comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in junior high or middle school and at least once in high school unless the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) opt the student out of such instruction as specified in "Parent/Guardian Notification and Opt-Out" in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code [51934](#))

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

General Criteria for Instruction and Materials

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education and the associated materials: (Education Code 51930, 51933)

1. Are age appropriate
2. Are medically accurate and objective
3. Are aligned with and support the following purposes:
 - a. To provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and from unintended pregnancy

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- b. To provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family
- c. To promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development
- d. To ensure students receive integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention education and provide educators with clear tools and guidance to accomplish that end
- e. To provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors

4. Are appropriate for use with English learners, students with disabilities, and students of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds

5. Are available on an equal basis to a student who is an English learner, consistent with the existing curriculum and alternative options for an English learner as otherwise provided in the Education Code

6. Are accessible to students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, the provision of a modified curriculum, materials, and instruction in alternative formats and auxiliary aids

7. Do not reflect or promote bias against any person in protected categories of discrimination pursuant to Education Code 220

8. Affirmatively recognize that people have different sexual orientations and, when discussing or providing examples of relationships and couples, shall be inclusive of same-sex relationships

9. Teach students about gender, gender expression, and gender identity, and explore the harm of negative gender stereotypes

10. Encourage students to communicate with their parents/guardians and other trusted adults about human sexuality and provide the knowledge and skills necessary to do so

11. Teach the value of and prepare students to have and maintain committed relationships such as marriage

12. Provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to form healthy relationships that are based on mutual respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion, harassment, and intimidation

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13. Provide students with the knowledge and skills for making and implementing healthy decisions about sexuality, including communication and refusal skills to assist students in overcoming peer pressure and using effective decision-making skills to avoid high-risk activities
14. Do not teach or promote religious doctrine

Additionally, the district's comprehensive sexual health education program shall include information on the affirmative consent standard. Affirmative consent is defined as affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. Teachers delivering such instruction shall consult information related to sexual harassment and violence in the state health curriculum framework. (Education Code 51225.36, 67386)

The Superintendent or designee shall identify appropriate methods for informing parents/guardians about subjects related to the district's comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education. The Superintendent or designee shall use such identified methods to inform parents/guardians of students in grades 6-12 about human trafficking prevention resources, as required pursuant to Education Code 49381.

Parent/Guardian Notification and Opt-Out

At the beginning of each school year or at the time of a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be notified, in the manner specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, that they may request in writing to opt their students out of participating in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education. Students so excused shall be given an alternative educational activity. Additionally, a student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian opts the student out of such instruction. (Education Code 51240, 51938, 51939)

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**[220](#) Prohibition of discrimination**[33544](#) Inclusion of sexual harassment and violence in health curriculum framework**[48980](#) Notice at beginning of term**[49381](#) Human trafficking prevention resources**[51202](#) Instruction in personal and public health and safety**[51210.8](#) Health education curriculum**[51225.36](#) Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation**[51240](#) Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs**[51513](#) Test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing questions about beliefs or practices**[51930-51939](#) California Healthy Youth Act**[51950](#) Abuse, sexual abuse, and human trafficking prevention education**[67386](#) Student safety; affirmative consent standard**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**[1255.7](#) Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby**PENAL CODE**[243.4](#) Sexual battery*

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261.5 *Unlawful sexual intercourse*
271.5 *Parents voluntarily surrendering custody of a baby*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232h *Protection of student rights*
7906 *Sex education requirements and prohibited use of funds*

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California LGBTQ Youth Report, January 2019

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California Department of Education, Sex Education and HIV/AIDS/STD

Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/se>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

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

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: <http://www.cpedv.org>

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

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

Human Rights Campaign: <http://www.hrc.org/hrc-story/hrc-foundation>

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION**Definitions**

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

HIV prevention education means instruction on the nature of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), methods of transmission, strategies to reduce the risk of HIV infection, and social and public health issues related to HIV and AIDS. (Education Code [51931](#))

(cf. [6142.8](#) - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. [6143](#) - Courses of Study)

Age appropriate refers to topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents, based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group. (Education Code [51931](#))

Medically accurate means verified or supported by research conducted in compliance with scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, where appropriate, and recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field, such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. (Education Code [51931](#))

Components of Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Education

In addition to complying with the criteria listed in "General Criteria for Instruction and Materials" in the accompanying Board policy, the district's comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education for students in grades 7-12 shall include all of the following: (Education Code [51934](#))

1. Information on the nature of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and their effects on the human body
2. Information on the manner in which HIV and other sexually transmitted infections are and are not transmitted, including information on the relative risk of infection according to specific behaviors, including sexual behaviors and injection drug use
3. Information that abstinence from sexual activity and injection drug use is the only certain way to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy

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The instruction shall provide information about the value of delaying sexual activity while also providing medically accurate information on other methods of preventing HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy.

4. Information about the effectiveness and safety of all federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved methods that prevent or reduce the risk of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, including use of antiretroviral medication, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
5. Information about the effectiveness and safety of reducing the risk of HIV transmission as a result of injection drug use by decreasing needle use and needle sharing
6. Information about the treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, including how antiretroviral therapy can dramatically prolong the lives of many people living with HIV and reduce the likelihood of transmitting HIV to others
7. Discussion about social views on HIV and AIDS, including addressing unfounded stereotypes and myths regarding HIV and AIDS and people living with HIV

This instruction shall emphasize that successfully treated HIV-positive individuals have a normal life expectancy, all people are at some risk of contracting HIV, and testing is the only way to know if one is HIV-positive.

8. Information about local resources, how to access local resources, and students' legal rights to access local resources for sexual and reproductive health care such as testing and medical care for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy prevention and care, as well as local resources for assistance with sexual assault and intimate partner violence
9. Information about the effectiveness and safety of FDA-approved contraceptive methods in preventing pregnancy, including, but not limited to, emergency contraception.

Instruction on pregnancy shall include an objective discussion of all legally available pregnancy outcomes, including, but not limited to:

- a. Parenting, adoption, and abortion
- b. Information on the law on surrendering physical custody of a minor child 72 hours of age or younger, pursuant to Health and Safety Code [1255.7](#) and Penal Code [271.5](#)

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- c. The importance of prenatal care
- 10. Information about sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and human trafficking, including:
 - a. Information on the prevalence and nature of human trafficking, strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely seek assistance if there is a suspicion of trafficking
 - b. Information on how social media and mobile device applications are used for human trafficking
- 11. Information about adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, including the early warning signs of each, and the resources available to students related to adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline and local domestic violence hotlines that provide confidential support services for students that have experienced domestic violence or stalking

The district's comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education shall include instruction regarding the potential risks and consequences of creating and sharing suggestive or sexually explicit materials through cell phones, social networking web sites, computer networks, or other digital media. (Education Code [51934](#))

Professional Development

The district's comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education shall be provided by instructors trained in the appropriate courses who are knowledgeable of the most recent medically accurate research on human sexuality, healthy relationships, pregnancy, and HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. (Education Code [51931](#), [51934](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperatively plan and conduct in-service training for all district personnel who provide HIV prevention education, through regional planning, joint powers agreements, or contract services. (Education Code [51935](#))

In developing and providing in-service training, the Superintendent or designee shall cooperate and collaborate with the teachers who provide HIV prevention education and with the California Department of Education (CDE). (Education Code [51935](#))

The district shall periodically conduct in-service training to enable district personnel to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of HIV. In-service training shall be voluntary for personnel who have demonstrated expertise or received in-service training from the CDE or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (Education Code [51935](#))

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The Superintendent or designee may expand HIV in-service training to cover the topic of comprehensive sexual health education in order for district personnel teaching comprehensive sexual health education to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of sexual health. (Education Code [51935](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically provide continuing education that enables district personnel to learn about new developments in the understanding of abuse, including sexual abuse, and human trafficking and current prevention efforts and methods. Such education may include early identification of abuse, including sexual abuse, and human trafficking of students and minors. (Education Code [51950](#))

Use of Consultants or Guest Speakers

The Superintendent or designee may contract with outside consultants or guest speakers, including those who have developed multilingual curricula or curricula accessible to persons with disabilities, to deliver comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education or to provide training for district personnel. All outside consultants and guest speakers shall have expertise in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education and knowledge of the most recent medically accurate research on the relevant topic(s) covered in the instruction. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any instruction provided by an outside speaker or consultant complies with Board policy, administrative regulation, and Education Code [51930-51939](#). (Education Code [51933](#), [51934](#), [51936](#))

Parent/Guardian Notification and Opt-Out

At the beginning of each school year or at the time of a student's enrollment, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians about comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education, as well as research on student health behaviors and risks, planned for the coming year. The notice shall advise parents/guardians: (Education Code [48980](#), [51938](#))

1. That written and audiovisual educational materials to be used in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education are available for inspection
2. That parents/guardians have a right to opt their students out of comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, or research on student health behaviors and risks, provided they submit their request in writing to the district
3. That parents/guardians have a right to request a copy of Education Code [51930-51939](#)
4. Whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants and, if the district chooses to use outside consultants or guest speakers for this purpose, the following information:
 - a. The date of the instruction

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- b. The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker
- c. Information stating the right of the parent/guardian to request a copy of Education Code [51933](#), [51934](#), and [51938](#)

If the arrangements for instruction by outside consultants or guest speakers are made after the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians by mail or another commonly used method of notification no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is given.

Except as required by law, the requirements of Education Code [51930-51939](#) pertaining to instructional content, teacher training, and parental/guardian notification and opt-out shall not apply to the following: (Education Code [51932](#))

- 1. A description or illustration of human reproductive organs that may appear in a textbook, adopted pursuant to law, if the textbook does not include other elements of comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education as defined in Education Code [51931](#)
- 2. Instruction, materials, presentations, or programming that discusses gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, relationships, or family and does not discuss human reproductive organs and their functions

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

WORLD/FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

In order to prepare students for global citizenship and to broaden their intercultural understanding and career opportunities, the Governing Board shall provide students with opportunities to develop linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy in one or more world languages in addition to English.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend world languages to be taught in the district's educational program based on student interest, community needs, and available resources. He/she shall also consider providing English learners the opportunity to study their heritage language, when such a course is available, in order to continue developing skills in that language. American Sign Language courses shall be open to all students regardless of hearing status.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

The district shall offer a sequential curriculum aligned with the state content standards, state curriculum framework, and, as applicable, California university admission requirements for languages other than English.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Instruction in world languages shall be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 7 and shall be designed to develop students' skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the language. (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Students shall obtain credit toward high school graduation requirements for completion of a one-year course in a world language or American Sign Language during grades 9-12.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

The district may establish a dual-language immersion program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding. (Education Code 305-306)

The Board shall ensure that students have access to high-quality instructional materials in world languages. In accordance with Board policy, teachers shall be encouraged to identify and use supplemental resources, such as literature, technology, newspapers and other media, dictionaries, and volunteers from the community to enhance the world language instructional program.

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(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

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

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6163.1- Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to ensure that teachers of world languages have the knowledge and skills they need to implement an effective instructional program that helps students attain academic standards.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide periodic reports to the Board regarding the effectiveness of the district's world language program which may include, but not be limited to, a description of the district's curriculum and the extent to which it is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework, student achievement of district standards for world language instruction, and student participation rates in each language course. Program evaluation shall be used to identify needed improvements and may be considered in determining the world languages to be taught in the district.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

300-310 Education for English learners

42238.02 Local control funding formula; class size requirements

44253.1-44253.11 Qualifications of teachers of English learners

44256-44257 Credential requirements, including teachers of foreign language

48980 Parental notifications

51212 Legislative intent to encourage foreign language instruction in grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51243-51245 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school

60119 Public hearings, instructional materials

60605.3 Content standards for world language instruction

60605.5 Revision of state standards for world language instruction

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WEB SITES

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California Association for Bilingual Education: <http://www.gocabe.org>

California Department of Education, Foreign Language: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl>

California Foreign Language Project: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP>

California Language Teachers' Association: <http://www.clta.net>

Center for Applied Linguistics: <http://www.cal.org>

University of California, a-g Course Approval: <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide>

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WORLD/FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION**Content of Instruction**

The district's instructional program for world languages shall be designed to help students gain knowledge about new language systems and use that knowledge to communicate. Students shall receive instruction which is aligned with state academic standards appropriate to their age and stage of linguistic and cultural proficiency in the following categories:

1. Content: Students shall be presented with a wide variety of content that is age and stage appropriate and increases in complexity.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

2. Communication: Students shall be taught to effectively convey and receive messages by engaging in or interpreting written, spoken, and/or signed languages.
3. Cultures: Students shall receive instruction that allows them to make connections and comparisons between language and culture.

(cf. 6142.94 - History/Social Science Instruction)

4. Structures: The curriculum shall address components of grammar, syntax, and language patterns appropriate to the language being taught.
5. Settings: To help students comprehend meaning and use language that is culturally appropriate, students shall develop knowledge of the context or setting in which language is used, such as common daily settings, interpersonal settings, and informal and formal settings.

Dual-Language Immersion Programs

The district's dual-language immersion programs may be based on either or both of the following models:

1. A 50:50 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language for 50 percent of the time and in English for 50 percent of the time, throughout the duration of the program
2. A 90:10 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language for 90 percent of the time and in English for 10 percent of the time during the first year of the program, decreasing the percentage of time in the non-English language in each subsequent year until there is a 50:50 balance of languages

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

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Native English speakers shall generally be admitted into the program only during the first grade level at which the program is offered, and English learners during the first or second grade level at which the program is offered. Bilingual students may enter the program at any time. On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may admit a student later in the program if he/she determines that the student is adequately prepared for and will benefit from the program.

In enrolling students for the program, the district shall strive to maintain a ratio of half native English speakers and half English learners, and such ratio shall not fall below one-third for either language group except under exceptional circumstances.

Any dual-language immersion program offered in grades K-3 shall comply with class size requirements specified in Education Code 42238.02. (Education Code 310)

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)

At the beginning of each school year or upon a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be provided information on the district's dual-language immersion program and other language acquisition programs available to students enrolled in the district, including, but not limited to, a description of each program. (Education Code 310)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Whenever one or more English learners are enrolled in a dual-language immersion classroom, the class shall be taught by a teacher who possesses the appropriate authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Learners)

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CIVIC EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees recognizes that involvement in civic and political institutions is essential to a democratic government and desires to provide a comprehensive civic education program to help students acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, engaged, and responsible citizenship.

The Board shall approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, academic standards and curriculum in civics and government that are aligned with state academic standards and curriculum frameworks.

(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine specific courses within the K-12 curriculum in which civic education and government may be explicitly and systematically taught. He/she shall also encourage the integration of civic education into other subjects as appropriate.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

The district's civic education program shall provide students with an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in American democracy and the workings of federal, state, and local governments. As appropriate, instruction should include an examination of fundamental American documents, including, but not limited to, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and other significant writings and speeches. Instruction should also promote a student's understanding of shared democratic principles and values, such as personal responsibility, justice, equality, respect for others, civic-mindedness, and patriotism, and enable students to make their own commitment to these civic values.

Service learning, extracurricular and cocurricular activities, class and school elections, simulations of government, student-led debates, voter education, and observation of local government processes may be used to reinforce classroom instruction by linking civic knowledge to practical experience and encouraging civic involvement.

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

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 9150 - Student Board Members)

Whenever civic education includes topics that may be controversial due to political beliefs or other influences, instruction shall be presented in a balanced manner that does not promote

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any particular viewpoint. Students shall not be discriminated against for expressing their ideas and opinions and shall be encouraged to respect different points of view.

*(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)
(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)*

Constitution/Citizenship Day

Each year on or near September 17, in commemoration of Constitution and Citizenship Day, the district shall hold an educational program for students in grades K-12 pertaining to the United States Constitution which shall include exercises and instruction in the purpose, meaning, and importance of the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights. (Education Code 37221; 36 USC 106 Note)

(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)

Student Voter Registration

To encourage students to participate in the elections process when they are of voting age, the Superintendent or designee shall provide high school students with voter registration information, including information regarding the state's online voter registration system.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify an employee at each high school whom the California Secretary of State may contact to facilitate the distribution of voter registration forms to eligible students. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the business address, phone number, and email address of each contact person to the Secretary of State. (Elections Code 2148)

The designated employee shall determine the most effective means of distributing voter registration forms provided by the Secretary of State, which may include, but are not limited to, distributing the forms at the start of the school year with orientation materials, placing voter registration forms at central locations, including voter registration forms with graduation materials, and/or providing links and the web site address of the Secretary of State's online voter registration system on the district's web site and in email notices sent to students.

The principal or designee may appoint one or more students enrolled at each high school to serve as voter outreach coordinators at that school. The voter outreach coordinator(s) may coordinate voter registration activities at the school to encourage eligible persons to register to vote. With the approval of the principal or designee, the voter outreach coordinator(s) may also coordinate election-related activities on campus, including voter registration drives, mock elections, debates, and other election-related student outreach activities. (Education Code 49041)

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)*

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During the last two full weeks in April and September, in areas on each high school campus that are reasonably accessible to all students as designated by the principal or designee, the county elections official shall be allowed to register students and school personnel to vote. (Education Code 49040)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

54 Student service on boards and commissions

233.5 Teaching of principles

33540 Standards for government and civics instruction

37221 Commemorative exercises including anniversary of U.S. Constitution

48205 Absence from school for jury duty or precinct board service

49040-49041 Student voter registration

51210 Courses of study, grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51470-51474 State Seal of Civic Engagement

ELECTIONS CODE

2146 Student voter registration

2148 Student voter registration, contact person

12302 Precinct boards, appointment of students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6711-6716 Education for Democracy Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36

101-144 Patriotic observances

Management Resources: See next page

CIVIC EDUCATION (continued)

Management Resources:

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Civics Assessment

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Bill of Rights Institute: <http://www.billofrightsinstiute.org>

California Association of Student Leaders: <http://www.casl1.org>

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

California Secretary of State Online Voter Registration: <http://registertovote.ca.gov>

Center for California Studies: <http://www.csus.edu/calst>

Center for Civic Education: <http://www.civiced.org>

Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement: <http://www.civicyouth.org>

Constitutional Rights Foundation: <http://www.crf-usa.org>

National Assessment of Educational Progress, Civics Assessment:

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/civics>

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees recognizes that schools play a crucial role in educating students about the relationship between humans and the natural world and in preparing them to have the skills, knowledge, and principles needed to solve environmental problems. The Board believes that all students should understand ecological systems and the impact of human action on such systems, including, but not limited to, climate change. The district's environmental education program shall promote environmental literacy and shall prepare students to be stewards of natural resources and live an environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

The district's local control and accountability plan may include local goals and priorities for environmental literacy.

The district's environmental education program may be taught across the district curriculum in science, history-social science, English language arts, health, and, to the extent practicable, mathematics. Such instruction shall be aligned with state-adopted standards and curriculum frameworks and may include, but not be limited to, the interactions and interdependence of human societies and natural systems, people's dependence and influence on natural systems, the ways that natural systems change and how people can benefit and influence that change, the fact that there are no boundaries to prevent matter from flowing between systems, and the fact that decisions affecting resources and natural systems are complex and involve many factors.

The district's program may also provide for active student participation in onsite resource conservation and management programs and the promotion of service learning partnerships. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with other local educational agencies and/or community-based organizations to enhance the curriculum and learning experiences provided to students.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that environment-based learning experiences are made available on an equitable basis and that the environmental literacy curriculum reflects the linguistic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of California.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development for teachers in the development and effective implementation of curriculum and activities inside and outside of the classroom that promote environmental literacy.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
<i>Ed. Code 33541</i>	<i>Science requirements</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51210</i>	<i>Areas of study</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51220</i>	<i>Areas of study, grades 7 to 12</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51795-51797</i>	<i>School instructional gardens</i>
<i>Ed. Code 60041</i>	<i>Ecological systems and their protection</i>
<i>Ed. Code 8700-8707</i>	<i>Environmental education</i>
<i>Ed. Code 8720-8723</i>	<i>Conservation education service</i>
<i>Ed. Code 8760-8773</i>	<i>Outdoor science, conservation, and forestry</i>
<i>Pub. Res. Code 71300-71305</i>	<i>Statewide environmental education</i>

Management Resources

Website *AASA The School Superintendents Association*

Instruction

BP 6142.7(a)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY

The Board of Trustees recognizes the positive benefits of physical activity on student health, well-being, and academic achievement. The district shall provide all students the opportunity to be physically active on a regular basis through high-quality physical education instruction and may provide additional opportunities for physical activity throughout the school day. The district's physical education and activity programs shall support the district's coordinated student wellness program and encourage students' lifelong fitness.

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

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

Physical education classes shall be conducted in the coeducational, inclusive manner prescribed by law. The district shall provide instruction in physical education that provides equal access and equal opportunities for participation for all students in grades 1-12 regardless of gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, and mental or physical disability. (Education Code [220](#), [221.5](#), [33352](#); 5 CCR [4900](#), [4930](#), [4931](#), [4940](#), [4960](#); 34 CFR [106.33](#), [106.34](#), [300.108](#))

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

The district's physical education program shall provide a developmentally appropriate sequence of instruction aligned with the state's model content standards and curriculum framework.

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

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

The district's physical education program shall engage students in age-appropriate moderate to vigorous physical activity, as defined in the accompanying administrative regulation, including aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and bone-strengthening activities. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to monitor the amount of moderate to vigorous physical activity that takes place in the physical education instructional program.

For grades 9-12, the overall course of study shall include the effects of physical activity upon dynamic health, the mechanics of body movement, aquatics, gymnastics and tumbling, individual and dual sports, rhythms and dance, team sports, and combatives. (Education Code [33352](#); 5 CCR [10060](#))

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

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

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

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The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to supplement physical education instruction with additional opportunities for students to be physically active before, during, and after the school day.

(cf. [1330.1](#) - Joint Use Agreements)
(cf. [5142.2](#) - Safe Routes to School Program)
(cf. [5148](#) - Child Care and Development Program)
(cf. [5148.2](#) - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. [6145](#) - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

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

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

During air pollution episodes, extreme weather, or other inclement conditions, physical education staff shall make appropriate adjustments to the program or shall seek alternative indoor space to enable students to participate in active physical education.

(cf. [3514](#) - Environmental Safety)
(cf. [5141.7](#) - Sun Safety)
(cf. [5141.23](#) - Asthma Management)
(cf. [6145.2](#) - Athletic Competition)

Staffing

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

(cf. [1240](#) - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. [4112.2](#) - Certification)
(cf. [4112.21](#) - Interns)
(cf. [4113](#) - Assignment)
(cf. [4222](#) - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

The district shall provide physical education teachers with continuing professional development, including classroom management and instructional strategies designed to keep students engaged and active and to enhance the quality of physical education instruction and assessment.

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)
(cf. [5121](#) - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

Physical Fitness Testing

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The Superintendent or designee shall annually administer the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education (FITNESSGRAM) to students in grades 5, 7, and 9. (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1041](#))

Temporary Exemptions

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

1. The student is ill or injured and a modified program to meet the student's needs cannot be provided.
2. The student is enrolled for one-half time or less.

Two-Year Exemptions

With the student's consent, the Superintendent or designee may exempt a student from physical education courses for any two years during grades 10-12 provided that the student has satisfactorily met at least five of the six standards of the FITNESSGRAM in grade 9. (Education Code [51241](#))

Upon request by students and/or their parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee may administer the FITNESSGRAM to students in grades 10-12 who need to pass the test in order to qualify for a two-year exemption from physical education courses.

Students in grades 10-12 who have been granted a two-year exemption shall be offered a variety of elective physical education courses of not less than 400 minutes each 10 school days. (Education Code [33352](#), [51222](#))

Such students shall not be permitted to attend fewer total hours of courses and classes than they would have attended if enrolled in a physical education course. (Education Code [51241](#))

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

Permanent Exemptions

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

1. The student is age 16 years or older and has been enrolled in grade 10 for one or more academic years. However, such a student shall not be permitted to attend fewer total hours of courses and classes than the student would have attended if enrolled in a physical education course.
2. The student is enrolled as a postgraduate student.

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3. The student is enrolled in a juvenile home, ranch, camp, or forestry camp school with scheduled recreation and exercise.

Students who have been granted a permanent exemption shall be offered a variety of elective physical education courses of not less than 400 minutes each 10 school days. (Education Code [33352](#))

Other Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student an exemption from physical education under the following special circumstances:

1. When the student is in any of grades 10-12 and is excused for up to 24 clock hours in order to participate in automobile driver training. However, any such student shall attend a minimum of 7,000 minutes of physical education instruction during the school year. (Education Code [51222](#))
2. When the student is in any of grades 10-12, attends a regional occupational center or program, and, because of the travel time involved, would experience hardship to attend physical education courses. Any such student shall have a minimum school day of 180 minutes. (Education Code [52316](#))

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

3. When the student is in high school and is engaged in a regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours. (Education Code [51242](#))

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

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board each school's FITNESSGRAM results for each applicable grade level. The Superintendent or designee shall also report to the Board regarding the number of instructional minutes offered in physical education for each grade level, the number of two-year and permanent exemptions granted pursuant to Education Code [51241](#), and any other data agreed upon by the Board and the Superintendent or designee to evaluate program quality and the effectiveness of the district's program in meeting goals for physical activity and student well-being.

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

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

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Legal Reference:

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[221.5](#) Sex equity in education

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[33350-33354](#) CDE responsibilities re: physical education

[35256](#) School accountability report card

[44250-44277](#) Credential types

[49066](#) Grades; physical education class

[51210](#) Course of study, grades 1-6

[51220](#) Course of study, grades 7-12

[51222](#) Physical education

[51223](#) Physical education, elementary schools

[51241](#) Temporary, two-year or permanent exemption from physical education

[51242](#) Exemption from physical education for athletic program participants

[52316](#) Excuse from attending physical education classes; regional occupational center/program

[60800](#) Physical performance test

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[1040-1044](#) Physical performance test

[1047-1048](#) Testing variations and accommodations

[3051.5](#) Adapted physical education for individuals with exceptional needs

[4600-4670](#) Uniform complaint procedures

[4900-4965](#) Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance

[10060](#) Criteria for high school physical education programs

[80020](#) Additional assignment authorizations for specific credentials

[80037](#) Designated subjects teaching credential; special teaching authorization in physical education

[80046.1](#) Added authorization to teach adapted physical education

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY**Definitions**

Physical education is a sequential educational program that teaches students to understand and participate in regular physical activity that assists in developing and maintaining physical fitness throughout their lifetime, understand and improve their motor skills, enjoy using their skills and knowledge to establish a healthy lifestyle, and understand how their bodies work.

Physical activity is bodily movement that is produced by the contraction of skeletal muscle and that substantially increases energy expenditure, including exercise, sport, dance, and other movement forms.

Moderate physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, walking briskly, dancing, swimming, or bicycling on level terrain. A person should feel some exertion but should be able to carry on a conversation comfortably during the activity.

Vigorous physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, jogging, participating in high-impact aerobic dancing, swimming continuous laps, or bicycling uphill. Vigorous physical activity may be intense enough to result in a significant increase in heart and respiration rate.

Instructional Time

Instruction in physical education shall be provided for at least the following minimum period of time: (Education Code [51210](#), [51222](#), [51223](#))

1. For students in grades 1-6, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recess and the lunch period
2. For students in grades 7-8 attending an elementary school, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recess and the lunch period
3. For students in grades 7-8 attending a middle school or junior high school, 400 minutes each 10 school days
4. For students in grades 9-12, 400 minutes each 10 school days

If the instructional minute requirement cannot be met during any 10-day period due to inclement weather, a school assembly, field trip, student assessment, or other circumstance, the school shall make up those minutes on another day in order to satisfy the instructional minute requirement.

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The Superintendent or designee shall determine a method to document compliance with the required number of instructional minutes. Such documentation may include, but not be limited to, a master schedule, bell schedule, weekly schedule for each teacher providing physical education instruction, district calendar, teacher roster, or log for staff or students to record the number of physical education minutes completed.

Any complaint alleging noncompliance with the instructional minute requirement 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 CDE finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians. (Education Code [51210](#), [51222](#), [51223](#); 5 CCR [4600-4670](#))

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

Monitoring Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity

To monitor the amount of time students are engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity, the Superintendent or designee may:

1. Develop methods to estimate the amount of time students spend in moderate to vigorous physical activity and the amount of time students are inactive during physical education classes
2. Provide physical education teachers with staff development, self-monitoring tools, stopwatches, and/or heart rate monitors to assist them in planning and assessing the level of activity in their classes

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

Physical Fitness Testing

During the annual assessment window between the months of February through May, students in grades 5, 7, and 9 shall be administered the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education (FITNESSGRAM). (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1041](#))

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

The Superintendent or designee may provide a make-up date for students who are unable to take the test based on absence or temporary physical restriction or limitations, such as students recovering from illness or injury. (5 CCR [1043](#))

On or before November 1 of each school year, the Superintendent may designate an employee to serve as the district's physical fitness test coordinator and so notify the test contractor. The test coordinator shall serve as the liaison between the district and CDE for all

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matters related to the physical fitness test. The duties shall be those specified in 5 CCR [1043.4](#), including, but not limited to: (5 CCR [1043.4](#))

1. Responding to correspondence and inquiries from the contractor in a timely manner and as provided in the contractor's instructions
2. Determining district and school site test and test material needs
3. Overseeing the administration of the physical fitness test to students
4. Overseeing the collection and return of all test data to the contractor
5. Ensuring that all test data are received from school test sites in sufficient time to satisfy the reporting requirements
6. Ensuring that all test data are sent to the test contractor by June 30 of each year

Students shall be provided with their individual results after completing the FITNESSGRAM. The test results may be provided in writing or orally as the student completes the testing, and shall be included in the student's cumulative record. (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1043.10](#), [1044](#))

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

Each student's test results shall also be provided to the student's parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall report the aggregate results of the FITNESSGRAM in the annual school accountability report card required by Education Code [33126](#) and [35256](#). (Education Code [60800](#))

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

Testing Variations

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

1. Extra time within a testing day
2. Test directions that are simplified or clarified

All students may have the following test variations if they are regularly used in the classroom: (5 CCR [1047](#))

1. Audio amplification equipment

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2. Separate testing for individual students provided that the student(s) are directly supervised by the test examiner
3. Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present directions for test administration

Students with a physical disability and students who are physically unable to take all of the test shall undergo as much of the test as their physical condition will permit. (Education Code [60800](#); 5 CCR [1047](#))

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

1. Administration of the test at the most beneficial time of day to the student after consultation with the test contractor
2. Administration of the test by a test examiner to the student at home or in the hospital
3. Any other accommodation specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan for the physical fitness test

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

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

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

1. Separate testing with other English learners, provided that the student(s) are directly supervised by the test examiner
2. Test directions translated into their primary language, and the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the test directions in their primary language

Additional Opportunities for Physical Activity

The Superintendent or designee shall implement strategies for increasing opportunities for physical activity outside the physical education program, which may include, but not be limited to:

1. Training recess, lunch, and before- and after-school supervisors on methods to engage students in moderate to vigorous physical activity

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

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

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

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2. Encouraging teachers to incorporate physical activity into the classroom
3. Establishing extracurricular activities that promote physical activity, such as school clubs, intramural athletic programs, dance performances, community service, special events, and competitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Exploring opportunities for joint use of facilities or grounds in order to provide adequate space for students and community members to engage in recreational activities

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

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

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

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

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees believes that health education should foster the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that students need in order to lead healthy lives and avoid high-risk behaviors, and that creating a safe, supportive, inclusive, and nonjudgmental environment is crucial in promoting healthy development for all students. The district's health education program shall be part of a coordinated approach to student health which recognizes that mental health and social connection are critical to overall health, well-being, and academic success, supports the physical, mental, and social well-being of students, reflects the importance of digital and media literacy, and is linked to district and community services and resources.

Goals for the district's health education program shall be designed to promote student wellness and shall include, but not be limited to, goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other district-based activities that promote student well-being.

Any health education course offered to middle or high school students shall include instruction in mental health that meets the requirements of Education Code 51925-51926, and as specified in Administrative Regulation 6143 – Course of Study.

The district shall provide a planned, sequential, research-based, and developmentally appropriate health education curriculum for students in grades K-12 that is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework and integrated with other content areas of the district's curriculum. The Superintendent or designee shall determine the grade levels and subject areas in which health-related topics will be addressed, in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall involve school administrators, teachers, school nurses, health professionals representing various fields of health care, parents/guardians, community-based organizations, and other community members in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the district's health education program. Health and safety professionals may be invited to provide related instruction in the classroom, school assemblies, and other instructional settings.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as needed to ensure that health education teachers are knowledgeable about academic content standards, the state curriculum framework, and effective instructional methodologies.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide periodic reports to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the district's health education program, which may include, but not be limited to, a description of the district's program and the extent to which it is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework, the amount of time allotted for health instruction at each grade level, student achievement of district standards for health education, and the manner in which the district's health education program supports the physical, mental, and social well-being of students.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION (continued)**Parent/Guardian Notification and Opt-Out**

Parents/guardians shall be notified that they may request in writing to opt their students out of participating in instruction and assessments, including anonymous and confidential tests, questionnaires, and surveys, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. Students so excused shall be given an alternative educational activity. Additionally, a student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian opts the student out of such instruction. (Education Code 5124, 51900.6, 51938, 51939)

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 11800-11801	<i>District health education plan</i>
Ed. Code 35183.5	<i>Sun protection</i>
Ed. Code 49413	<i>First aid training</i>
Ed. Code 49430-49434	<i>Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001</i>
Ed. Code 49490-49494	<i>School breakfast and lunch programs</i>
Ed. Code 49500-49505	<i>School meals</i>
Ed. Code 51202	<i>Instruction in personal and public health and safety</i>
Ed. Code 51203	<i>Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs</i>
Ed. Code 51210	<i>Course of study for grades 1-6</i>
Ed. Code 51210.8	<i>Health education curriculum</i>
Ed. Code 51220.5	<i>Parenting skills; areas of instruction</i>
Ed. Code 51260-51269	<i>Drug education</i>
Ed. Code 51513	<i>Personal beliefs</i>
Ed. Code 51880-51881.5	<i>Health education, legislative findings and intent</i>
Ed. Code 51890-51891	<i>Comprehensive health education programs</i>
Ed. Code 51913	<i>District health education plan</i>
Ed. Code 51920	<i>Inservice training, health education</i>
Ed. Code 51930-51939	<i>California Healthy Youth Act</i>
Ed. Code 8850.5	<i>Family relationships and parenting education</i>
<u>Federal</u>	<u>Description</u>
42 USC 1751-1769j	<i>National School Lunch Program</i>
42 USC 1758b	<i>Local wellness policy</i>
42 USC 1771-1793	<i>Child Nutrition Act</i>

<u>Management Resources</u>	<u>Description</u>
American Association For Health Ed Publication	<i>National Health Education Standards: Achieving Excellence, 2007</i>
California Department of Education Publication	<i>Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade 12, 2008</i>
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<i>Website</i>	<i>American School Health Association</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>California Association of School Health Educators</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>California Department of Education, Health Education</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>California Subject Matter Project, Physical Education-Health Project</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>National Center for Health Education</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>National Hearing Conservation Association</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>California Healthy Kids Resource Center</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>California Department of Public Health</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i>
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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION**Content of Instruction**

The district's health education program shall include instruction at the appropriate grade levels in the following content areas:

1. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
2. Human growth, development, and sexual health
3. Injury prevention and safety

Instruction related to injury prevention and safety may include, but is not limited to, first aid, protective equipment such as helmets, violence prevention, topics related to bullying and harassment, emergency procedures, and Internet safety

4. Mental, emotional, and social health

Health education courses offered to middle and/or high school students shall include mental health instruction that meets the requirements of Education Code 51925-51927, as specified in Administrative Regulation 6143 – Course of Study.

5. Nutrition and physical activity
6. Personal and community health

Instruction in personal and community health may include, but is not limited to, oral health, personal hygiene, sun safety, vision and hearing protection, transmission of germs and communicable diseases, symptoms of common health problems and chronic diseases, and the effect of behavior on the environment

Within each of the above content areas, instruction shall be designed to assist students in developing:

1. An understanding of essential concepts related to enhancing health
2. The ability to analyze internal and external influences that affect health
3. The ability to access and analyze health information, products, and services
4. The ability to use interpersonal communication skills, decision-making skills, and goal-setting skills to enhance health
5. The ability to practice behaviors that reduce risk and promote health
6. The ability to promote and support personal, family, and community health

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High School Health Education

Whenever the Board requires a course in health education for graduation from high school, the district's high school health education course(s) shall include instruction in:

1. Sexual harassment and violence, including, but not limited to, the affirmative consent standard as defined in Education Code 67386.
When delivering such instruction, teachers shall consult information related to sexual harassment and violence in the Health Education Framework for California Public Schools. (Education Code 51225.36)
2. Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which is based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of compression-only CPR and includes instruction relative to the psychomotor skills necessary to perform compression-only CPR. (Education Code 51225.6)
3. Starting with the 2026-27 school year, the dangers associated with fentanyl use (Education Code 51225.38)

Parent/Guardian Notification and Opt-Out

At the beginning of each school year or at the time of a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be notified that they may request in writing to opt their students out of participating in the following:

1. Anonymous, voluntary, and confidential tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about students' attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex (Education Code 51938, 51939)
2. Any instruction in health that conflicts with the student's religious training and beliefs, including personal moral convictions (Education Code 51240)
3. Any instruction in sexual abuse and/or sexual assault awareness and prevention (Education Code 51900.6)
4. Any instruction in comprehensive sexual health and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention (Education Code 51938, 51939)
5. Any other instruction as permitted by law

Additionally, the district shall not administer any exam, survey, or questionnaire that contains questions about the student's or the student's family's personal beliefs or practices

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in sex, family life, morality, or religion unless the student's parent/guardian has given written permission. (Education Code 51513)

Involvelement of Health Professionals

Health care professionals, health care service plans, health care providers, and other entities participating in a voluntary initiative with the district are prohibited from communicating about a product or service in a way that is intended to encourage persons to purchase or use the product or service. However, the following activities may be allowed: (Education Code 51890)

1. Health care or health education information provided in a brochure or pamphlet that contains the logo or name of a health care service plan or health care organization, if provided in coordination with the voluntary initiative
2. Outreach, application assistance, and enrollment activities relating to federal, state, or county-sponsored health care insurance programs if the activities are conducted in compliance with the statutory, regulatory, and programmatic guidelines applicable to those programs.

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 11800-11801	<i>District health education plan</i>
Ed. Code 35183.5	<i>Sun protection</i>
Ed. Code 49413	<i>First aid training</i>
Ed. Code 49430-49434	<i>Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001</i>
Ed. Code 49490-49494	<i>School breakfast and lunch programs</i>
Ed. Code 49500-49505	<i>School meals</i>
Ed. Code 51202	<i>Instruction in personal and public health and safety</i>
Ed. Code 51203	<i>Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs</i>
Ed. Code 51210	<i>Course of study for grades 1-6</i>
Ed. Code 51210.8	<i>Health education curriculum</i>
Ed. Code 51220.5	<i>Parenting skills; areas of instruction</i>
Ed. Code 51260-51269	<i>Drug education</i>
Ed. Code 51513	<i>Personal beliefs</i>
Ed. Code 51880-51881.5	<i>Health education, legislative findings and intent</i>
Ed. Code 51890-51891	<i>Comprehensive health education programs</i>
Ed. Code 51913	<i>District health education plan</i>
Ed. Code 51920	<i>Inservice training, health education</i>
Ed. Code 51930-51939	<i>California Healthy Youth Act</i>
Ed. Code 8850.5	<i>Family relationships and parenting education</i>
<u>Federal</u>	<u>Description</u>
42 USC 1751-1769j	<i>National School Lunch Program</i>
42 USC 1758b	<i>Local wellness policy</i>
42 USC 1771-1793	<i>Child Nutrition Act</i>

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<u>Management Resources</u>	<u>Description</u>
American Association For Health Ed Publication	<i>National Health Education Standards: Achieving Excellence, 2007</i>
California Department of Education Publication	<i>Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade 12, 2008</i>
California Department of Education Publication	<i>Health Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten through Grade 12, 2003</i>
CSBA Publication	<i>Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007</i>
CSBA Publication	<i>Physical Education and California Schools, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007</i>
CSBA Publication	<i>Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008</i>
CSBA Publication	<i>Sun Safety in Schools, Policy Brief, July 2006</i>
CSBA Publication	<i>Promoting Oral Health for California's Students: New Roles, New Opportunities for Schools, Policy Brief, March 2007</i>
CSBA Publication	<i>Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006</i>
Website	<i>American Association for Health Education</i>
Website	<i>American School Health Association</i>
Website	<i>California Association of School Health Educators</i>
Website	<i>California Department of Education, Health Education</i>
Website	<i>California Subject Matter Project, Physical Education-Health Project</i>
Website	<i>Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice</i>
Website	<i>National Center for Health Education</i>
Website	<i>National Hearing Conservation Association</i>
Website	<i>California Healthy Kids Resource Center</i>
Website	<i>California Department of Public Health</i>
Website	<i>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i>
Website	<i>CSBA</i>

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees recognizes that reading and other language arts constitute the basic foundation for learning in other areas of study. The Board desires to offer a comprehensive, balanced reading/language arts program that ensures all students have the skills necessary to read fluently and for meaning and develops students' appreciation for literature. The program shall integrate reading and oral and written language arts activities in order to build effective communication skills, including listening, speaking, and composition.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt instructional materials that meet or exceed Common Core State Standards in the following strands:

1. Reading: Foundational skills, text complexity and analysis, and the growth of comprehension
2. Writing: Text types, responding to reading, production and distribution of writings, and research
3. Speaking and listening: Oral language development, comprehension, flexible communication, and collaboration
4. Language: Conventions, effective use, knowledge of language, and vocabulary

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's program offers sufficient access to standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials. The program shall provide instructional materials of varying levels of difficulty, including fiction and nonfiction works, so that students are continually reading at an appropriate level. In addition, technology should be available to support all areas of literacy.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

Screening for Risk of Reading Difficulties

The Board shall adopt, at a public meeting, one or more screening instruments to assess students in grades kindergarten-2 for risk of reading difficulties. The screening instrument(s) adopted by the Board shall provide assessments for both English-speaking and non-English speaking students, in languages reflecting the primary languages of students in the district, to the extent assessments in those languages are available.

(Education Code 53008)

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The district shall annually assess each student in grades kindergarten-2 for risk of reading difficulties. In determining when during the school year to screen students, the district shall consider whether students have received sufficient instruction in foundational reading skills to support a valid assessment. The district may provide additional student screenings or diagnostic evaluations, as appropriate. (Education Code 53008)

If a student enrolls for the first time in grades kindergarten-2 after the screening instrument(s) has been administered, the district shall assess the student within 45 calendar days of enrollment, unless either: (Education Code 53008)

1. The student's parent/guardian opts out of the screening in writing
2. The student's parent/guardian provides documentation or the district has documentation that the student has had a similar screening in their prior school for their current grade and the parent/guardian was made aware of the results

Students who do not speak sufficient English to be screened with an English-language instrument shall be screened in their primary language if a screening instrument in their primary language is available. If a screening instrument is not available in at least one language in which a student is proficient, the student shall be screened in accordance with Education Code 53008.

When a student acquires sufficient English language knowledge and fluency to be able to be assessed using the district's screening instrument, or if a screening instrument in their primary language becomes available, the district shall assess that student using the appropriate screening instrument. (Education Code 53008)

A student may be exempted from the screening for risk of reading difficulties if the parent/guardian provides prior written consent and the student meets any of the following criteria: (Education Code 53008)

1. Has a current identification or diagnosis of a reading difficulty, reading disorder, or other disability
2. Is eligible for special education and related services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
3. Is in the process of being assessed for eligibility for special education and related services pursuant to IDEA or a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the student is being evaluated with diagnostic assessments that make screening for risk of reading difficulties redundant

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The district shall, no later than 15 calendar days before administration of the screening instrument(s), provide parents/guardians of students eligible for screening for risk of reading difficulties with information about the screening, including the date(s) of the screening and instructions for how parents/guardians can opt out of their child's screening. (Education Code 53008)

Staffing and Professional Development

Teachers are expected to use a variety of instructional strategies to accommodate the needs of beginning readers and the varying abilities of more advanced readers. The program shall provide ongoing diagnosis of students' skills and, as needed, may provide supplementary instruction during the school day and/or outside the regular school session to assist students who are experiencing difficulty learning to read.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall make available professional development opportunities that are designed to provide instructional staff with knowledge about how students develop language skills, the ability to analyze students' literacy levels, and mastery of a variety of instructional strategies and materials.

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

Employees administering screening instruments for risk of reading difficulties shall be appropriately trained to administer the instrument. (Education Code 53008)

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with data from state and district reading assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)*

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant
41530-41532 Professional Development Block Grant
44735 Teaching as a Priority Block Grant
44755-44757.5 Teacher Reading Instruction Development Program, K-3
51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6
51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12
60119 Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials
60200.4 Fundamental skills
60207 Curriculum frameworks
60350-60352 Core reading program instructional materials
60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas
60605.8 Common Core standards
99220-99221 California Reading Professional Development Institutes
99230-99242 Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program (AB 466 trainings)
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
9535 Purchase of nonadopted core reading program instructional materials
11980-11985 Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program (AB 466 trainings)
11991-11991.2 Reading First achievement index
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6381-6381k Even Start Family Literacy Program
6383 Improving literacy through school libraries

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Governing to the Core, Governance Briefs
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
California Common Core State Standards: English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, March 2013
Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, August 2010
English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
Recommended Literature: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education, Reading/Language Arts: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl>

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MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees desires to offer a rigorous mathematics program that progressively develops the knowledge and skills students will need to succeed in college and career. The district's mathematics program shall be designed to teach mathematical concepts in the context of real-world situations and to help students gain a strong conceptual understanding, a high degree of procedural skill and fluency, and ability to apply mathematics to solve problems.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

The district's mathematics program shall also incorporate recognized principles, concepts, and research-based strategies to meet the needs of all students and provide equal access to learning through lessons that are relevant to students. Instructional resources adopted for use in district schools shall provide guidance to support a diverse student population, including students who are English learners, at-promise, advanced learners, and students with learning disabilities.

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt academic standards for mathematics that meet or exceed the Common Core State Standards. The Superintendent or designee shall develop or select curricula that are aligned with these standards and the state curriculum framework.

The district's mathematics program shall address the following standards for mathematical practices which are the basis for mathematics instruction and learning:

1. Overarching habits of mind of a productive mathematical thinker: Making sense of problems and persevering in solving them; attending to precision
2. Reasoning and explaining: Reasoning abstractly and quantitatively; constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others
3. Modeling and using tools: Modeling with mathematics; using appropriate tools strategically
4. Seeing structure and generalizing: Looking for and making use of structure; looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning

In addition, the district's mathematics program shall be aligned with grade-level standards for mathematics content.

For grades K-8, mathematics content shall address, at appropriate grade levels, counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, number and operations in base ten, fractions, measurement and data, geometry, ratios and proportional relationships, functions, expression and equations, the number system, and statistics and probability. Students shall learn the concepts and skills that prepare them for the rigor of higher mathematics.

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For higher mathematics, the district shall offer alternative pathways of courses through which students shall be taught concepts that address number and quantity, algebra, functions, modeling, geometry, and statistics and probability. Any pathway offered by the district shall be designed in a manner that provides maximum opportunities for students to access advanced mathematics courses during high school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and are not required to repeat a course that they have successfully completed in an earlier grade level. Placement decisions shall be based on consistent protocols and multiple academic measures.

(cf. 6152.1 – Placement in Mathematics Courses)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that certificated staff have opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to increase their knowledge and skills in effective mathematics teaching practices.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to sufficient instructional materials, including manipulatives and technology, to support a balanced, standards-aligned mathematics program.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with data from state and district mathematics assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference:

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51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

51224.5 Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

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*60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas
60605.8 Common Core standards*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Governing to the Core, Governance Briefs

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

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

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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

WEB SITES

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

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

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

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SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees believes that science education should focus on giving students an understanding of the biological and physical aspects of science, including the place of humans in ecological systems, the causes and effects of climate change and the methods to mitigate and adapt to climate change, key scientific concepts, and methods of scientific inquiry and investigation through experiments and other activities that foster critical thinking. Students should become familiar with the natural world and the interrelationship of science, mathematics, technology, and engineering. As part of science instruction, students should learn how to apply scientific knowledge and reasoning.

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

Philosophical and religious theories that are based, at least in part, on faith and are not subject to scientific test and refutation shall not be discussed during science instruction.

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

The Board shall adopt academic standards for science that meet or exceed the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA-NGSS) and describe the knowledge and skills students are expected to possess at each grade level, with an instructional focus on understanding the process of science, the fundamental ideas within each discipline of science, and underlying themes that are common to all sciences. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that curricula used in district schools are aligned with these standards and the state curriculum framework.

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

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

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide certificated staff with opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to enhance their knowledge of district-adopted academic standards, instructional strategies for teaching science, and changes in scientific theories.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement appropriate safety measures for

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science laboratory classes in accordance with Administrative Regulation 5142 – Safety, including, but not limited to, staff and student safety training, use of eye safety devices, hearing protection, first aid procedures, regular equipment maintenance, safe use of heat sources, safe use and disposal of hazardous chemicals, proper ventilation, prevention of exposure to bloodborne pathogens from sharp instruments, fire prevention and control, an emergency response plan, and evacuation procedures. Parents/guardians shall be informed of the types of science laboratory activities that will be conducted and encouraged to sign consent forms for their child's participation.

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

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

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

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the science curriculum at each grade level. At a minimum, each report shall address the extent to which the program is aligned with the CA-NGSS, any applicable student assessment results, and feedback from students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding the program.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Legal Reference:

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8774 *Residential outdoor science program*

32030-32034 *Eye safety*

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

33475-33475.5 *Model curriculum on stem cell science*

49340-49341 *Hazardous substances education*

51210 *Areas of study, grades 1 through 6*

51210.3 *Elementary science coach*

51220 *Areas of study, grades 7 through 12*

51225.3 *High school graduation*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

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

CODE OF REGULATION, TITLE 5

14030 *Science laboratories, design specifications*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

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

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

Next Generation Science Standards Systems Implementation Plan for California, 2014

California Next Generation Science Standards, 2013

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2012

WEB SITES

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

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

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

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

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

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HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees believes that the study of history and other social sciences is essential to prepare students to engage in responsible citizenship, comprehend complex global interrelationships, and understand the vital connections among the past, present, and future, as well as establish a foundation for the appreciation of different ethnicities, the wise use of natural resources, and the responsible management of personal finance. The district's history-social science education program shall include, at appropriate grade levels, instruction in American and world history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

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

The Board shall adopt academic standards for history-social science which meet or exceed state content standards and describe the knowledge and skills students are expected to possess at each grade level.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and submit to the Board for approval a comprehensive, sequential curriculum aligned with the district standards and consistent with the state's curriculum framework for history-social science. The curriculum shall be designed to develop students' core knowledge in history and social science and their skills in chronological and spatial thinking, research, and historical interpretation. History-social science instruction shall also include an explicit focus on developing students' literacy in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and other language skills.

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

The Board shall adopt standards-aligned instructional materials for history-social science in accordance with applicable law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. In addition, teachers are encouraged to supplement the curriculum, in accordance with Board Policy 6161.11 – Supplementary Instructional Materials, by using biographies, original documents, diaries, letters, legends, speeches, other narrative artifacts, and literature from and about the period being studied.

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

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Personal testimony from persons who can provide first-hand accounts of significant historical events is encouraged and may be provided through oral histories, videos, or other multimedia formats. If oral history is used for instruction related to the role of Americans in World War II or the Vietnam War, such testimony shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate in the war, provide views and comments concerning reasons for participating in the war, and provide commentary on the aftermath of the war in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. (Education Code 51221.3, 51221.4)

District high schools shall annually observe, during the week that includes April 28, "Workplace Readiness Week" by providing information to students on their rights as workers, including topics specified in Education Code 49110.5. For students in grades 11 and 12, the "Workplace Readiness Week" observances shall be integrated into the regular school program, consistent with the history-social science framework. (Education Code 49110.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a standards-based professional development program designed to increase teachers' knowledge of adopted instructional materials and instructional strategies for teaching history-social science.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the history-social science curriculum at each grade level, including, but not limited to, the extent to which the program is aligned with state standards, any applicable student assessment results, and feedback from students, parent/guardians, and staff regarding the program.

Legal Reference:

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33540 History-social science curriculum framework

51008-51009 Instruction on farm labor movement

51204 Course of study designed for student's needs

51204.5 History of California; contributions of men, women, and ethnic groups

51210 Course of study, grades 1-6

51220 Course of study, grades 7-12

51220.2 Instruction in legal system; teen or peer court programs

51221 Social science course of study, inclusion of instruction in use of natural resources

51221.3-51221.4 Instruction on World War II and Vietnam War; use of oral histories

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51226.3 Instruction on civil rights, genocide, slavery, Holocaust, and deportation to Mexico

51226.7 Ethnic studies

60040-60051 Criteria for instructional materials

60119 Public hearing on the sufficiency of instructional materials

60200-60206 Instructional materials, grades K-8

60400-60411 Instructional materials, grades 9-12

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

99200-99206 Subject matter projects

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Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2016

Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History-Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, 2013

California English Language Development Standards, 2012

Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide, 2000

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES PUBLICATIONS

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

WEB SITES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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