

Board Policy Dropout Prevention

BP 5147 Students

Cautionary Notice: AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) repealed Education Code 42605, which provided temporary flexibility for specified "Tier 3" categorical programs, and instead redirects the funding for those categorical programs into the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) (Education Code [42238.01-42251](#)). The supplemental and concentration grant portions of the LCFF may be used for any schoolwide or districtwide educational purpose in accordance with state regulations to be adopted by January 31, 2014, with a goal of increasing or improving services for English learners, foster youth, and students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Certain requirements related to Tier 3 categorical program(s) in the following policy or regulation are no longer applicable.

The Board of Trustees recognizes expects all students to remain in school until graduation in order to acquire critical knowledge and skills and be prepared for postsecondary education and/or employment. . The Superintendent or designee shall identify factors that impede student success in school and shall implement integrated, systemic support and strategies that address dropout prevention and promote timely intervention and recovery.

(cf. [5113](#) - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. [6011](#) - Academic Standards)
(cf. [6146.1](#) - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. [6162.52](#) - High School Exit Examination)

The Superintendent or designee, in collaboration with community agencies and organizations as appropriate, shall develop districtwide and schoolwide strategies that support regular school attendance for all students. Dropout prevention strategies shall include efforts to provide a safe and positive learning environment that engages and motivates students, encourages students' connectedness to the schools, offers meaningful educational opportunities, and promotes student health and well-being.

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to provide targeted support to individual students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Students may be identified based on indicators such as chronic absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness; below-grade-level academic achievement as evidenced by student assessment results and/or teacher evaluations; and personal, social, health, or economic circumstances that may affect student performance and behavior in school.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. [5146](#) - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. [5149](#) - At-Risk Students)
(cf. [6164.2](#) - Guidance/Counseling Services)
(cf. [6164.5](#) - Student Success Teams)
(cf. [6178](#) - Career Technical Education)
(cf. [6178.1](#) - Work-Based Learning)
(cf. [6179](#) - Supplemental Instruction)

The school site council at each school shall develop a comprehensive school plan for student retention in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. The plan shall be designed to help reduce student absenteeism and dropout rates and to improve student achievement.

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

Strategies to support students at risk of dropping out of school may include, but are not limited to:

1. Meetings and/or home visits with the student and parent/guardian to identify and address barriers to the student's success and inform them of the state's compulsory education law

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

2. Individualized instruction that responds to the needs and unique learning styles of students

3. Supplemental instruction during or outside the school day that is designed to help students overcome academic deficiencies

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

4. Enrollment in alternative or specialized educational programs

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)
(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

5. Assistance locating employment or work-based learning opportunities which link classroom learning with real-world experiences

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

6. Academic guidance and personal counseling services

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

7. Referral to a student success team, school attendance review board, or other team that addresses persistent attendance problems

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

8. Referral to school and/or community support services, such as a student assistance program, health services, social services, a substance abuse program, and other resources

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

9. Continued monitoring of student attendance

10. Employment of qualified outreach consultants to perform duties related to dropout identification, prevention, intervention, and recovery as assigned

The strategies may be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan and linked to district goals for student engagement, school climate, and student achievement.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive School Safety Plan)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees are trained to support at-risk students and are prepared to implement intervention strategies or to make appropriate referrals to support services.

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

When a student leaves school prior to the end of a school year, or when a student successfully completed the prior school year but did not begin attending the next grade or school that he/she was expected to attend or had pre-registered to attend, the Superintendent or designee shall make efforts to determine whether the student has dropped out or has transferred to another educational setting. The Superintendent or designee may contact the student's parents/guardians to verify school enrollment and, if necessary, shall implement intervention and recovery efforts.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on measures of student engagement, including school attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school and high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates. The Board shall monitor district progress in increasing student retention in school and may require revisions in district plans and strategies as needed.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

Authority of governing board

Compulsory education

-48273 Truancy

-48403 Compulsory continuation education

-48438 Continuation education

-48666 Community day schools

-49604 Educational counseling
-51269 Gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum
-51749.3 Independent study
-52077 Local control and accountability plan
-52334 Regional occupational centers and programs
Qualifications and duties of outreach consultants
-54697 Partnership academies
-60901 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System
-64001 Single plan for student achievement
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
-18986.46 Interagency children's services programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
-6322 Title I programs

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

California High School Graduation and Dropout Rates, Fact Sheet, May 2013

WEB SITES

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

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

California Dropout Research Project: <http://www.cdrp.ucsb.edu>

California Student Assistance Program Resource Center: <http://www.casapresources.org>

National Dropout Prevention Center: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org>

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

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