

DROPOUT PREVENTION

The Governing Board recognizes that regular school attendance is critical to student learning and achievement. The Board desires to provide a learning environment that engages students, helps them become self-motivated, encourages regular attendance, and enables them to meet district standards and to graduate.

(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 shall develop strategies to identify and serve students at all grade levels who are at risk of dropping out of school. Students may be identified on the basis of indicators such as frequent absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness; below-grade-level achievement; or personal, social, health, or economic concerns that may make a student more likely to drop out of school.

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(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 Experience Education)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

The school district 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)

Outreach Consultants

The Superintendent or designee may ensure that eligible schools have outreach consultants to help meet the needs of at-risk students.

Priority shall be given to placing outreach consultants in schools that have at least 50 percent of students eligible for the federal free and reduced price lunch program and that are eligible for Title I funds pursuant to 20 USC 6301-6322. (Education Code 41506)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

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Outreach consultants shall: (Education Code 52890)

1. If hired after January 1, 2004, possess a Dropout Prevention Specialist Certificate from a California State University or enroll in a Dropout Prevention Specialist Certificate program within 90 days of the date of hire

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

2. Demonstrate knowledge of local alternative educational programs and employ those programs to respond to the differential needs and unique learning styles of students
3. Demonstrate knowledge of local community agencies and community programs to recruit those agencies and programs to assist in the physical or psychological remediation of students
4. Utilize local school programs, options, and opportunities to assist students in locating, securing, or retaining employment
5. Utilize techniques that enhance interpersonal communication, self-understanding, self-disclosure, and depth-level sharing
6. Employ appropriate methods to create circumstances necessary so that change is permitted and encouraged in individuals, programs, and institutions
7. Be responsible for supervising, instructing, conducting negotiations with, and advising students and adults

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing board
41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant
48400-48403 Compulsory continuation education
48430-48438 Continuation education
48660-48667 Community day schools
51745-51749.3 Independent study
52300-52334 Regional Occupational Centers
52890 Qualifications and duties of outreach consultants
54690-54697 Partnership academies
64000-64001 Single plan for student achievement

REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS

52014 Inclusion of activities in plan
52015 Components of plan
52900-52904 Alternative education and work centers for school dropouts
54660-54669 Elementary and Secondary School Dropout Prevention Act
54720-54735 School-based pupil motivation and maintenance program
58550-58562 Educational clinics

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-6322 Title I programs

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Dropout Prevention Network: <http://www.edualliance.org/cdpn>
National Dropout Prevention Center: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org>