

# **FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Instruction**

### **OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL/CLASS/PROGRAM**

**AR 6182**

Before assigning a student to an opportunity school, class or program, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the intended assignment. Insofar as practicable, the notice shall be in the parent/guardian's primary language and shall request the parent/guardian to respond within 10 days. If the parent/guardian does not respond, the Superintendent or designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact him/her by telephone to directly communicate the information contained in the written notice. (Education Code 48637.1)

Students shall be assigned to an opportunity school, class or program only upon the recommendation of a school committee which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following members: (Education Code 48637.2)

1. A District representative who is familiar with the student's progress
2. A representative of the opportunity school, class or program
3. The student's parent/guardian, at the parent/guardian's option

The parent/guardian may designate a representative such as a counselor, social worker or other community member to attend the committee meeting. (Education Code 48637.2)

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Students placed in the Opportunity School will be recommended from one or more of the following categories:

1. Students who are in danger of becoming, or are, habitually truant or irregular in attendance.
2. Students who are in danger of becoming, or are, disorderly or insubordinate during their attendance.
3. After alternatives at the referring school have been considered and/or attempted, i.e.:
  - a. A class or schedule change
  - b. Intra-District transfer
  - c. Referral to a social agency to develop a plan to resolve a problem
  - d. Q work Experience Program
  - e. Home Teaching Program, if health is a factor
  - f. Special Education Testing and/or placement
  - g. A SARB Referral

At least twice each school year, a review shall be conducted to examine the progress of each student assigned to an opportunity school, class or program and to determine whether the student would benefit by returning to regular school or classes. A representative of the opportunity school, class or program who is familiar with the student's progress shall participate in the review, as shall the student's parent/guardian if he/she so desires. Upon positive review, students will return to the traditional program at the beginning of a semester or trimester. (Education Code 48637.3)

**Appeal Process**

In the event the parent/guardian wishes to appeal the decision to the Director of Alternative Education, or designee, they shall do so in writing. The Director of Alternative Education, or designee, must review the request and respond with the decision, in writing, within (5) school days. Should the request be a denial, the response shall include a date, time, and place for a meeting. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the decision of the Director of Alternative Education shall be final.

If a student is a habitual truant, irregular in attendance, or insubordinate or disorderly while assigned to an opportunity school, class or program, the Superintendent or designee may refer the student to a school attendance review board in the county. (Education Code 48638)