

CSBA Sample Board Policy

Students

BP 5148.2(a)

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Note: The following **optional** policy is for use by districts providing before-school and/or after-school programs and should be revised to reflect the program(s) offered by the district. For eligible programs in grades K-9, the district may apply for funding from the state's After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) (Education Code 8482-8484.65) and/or the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center Program (21st CCLC) (Education Code 8484.7-8484.9; 20 USC 7171-7176). The federal 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens Program (ASSETs) (Education Code 8420-8428; 20 USC 7171-7176) provides funding for eligible programs in grades 9-12.

Education Code 46120, as added by AB 130 (Ch. 44, Statutes of 2021), establishes the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program and allocates funding to districts under a formula based on a district's percentage of unduplicated students and average daily attendance. For the 2021-22 school year, districts receiving funds are required to offer access to ELO programs to all unduplicated students in grades TK-6 and to provide access to such programs to at least 50 percent of enrolled unduplicated students. Commencing in the 2022-23 school year, districts receiving funds are required to offer access to all students in grades TK-6 inclusive, and to ensure that access is provided to any student whose parent/guardian requests placement in an ELO program. Pursuant to Education Code 46120, on school days, ELO programs must include in-person before or after school programs and, on non-school days, intersession programs of specified lengths of time as described below and in the accompanying administrative regulation. Student participation in an ELO program is optional.

See the accompanying administrative regulation for major requirements of each program.

The following policy is applicable to all **four** programs, unless otherwise noted, and may be adapted by districts that offer other programs through district funding or alternative sources. If the district does not offer both a before-school and after-school program, it may modify the following policy as appropriate.

The Governing Board desires to provide before-school and/or after-school enrichment programs that support the regular education program in a supervised environment. In order to increase academic achievement of participating students, the content of such programs shall be coordinated with the district's vision and goals for student learning, local control and accountability plan, curriculum, and academic standards.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0470 - COVID-19 Mitigation Plan)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

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Note: The following paragraph reflects a requirement for collaborative planning for both ASES (Education Code 8482.5) and ASSETs (Education Code 8422). 21st CCLC programs must be developed in collaboration with the school(s) the students attend, but collaboration with other entities is at the discretion of the district. Districts offering only 21st CCLC programs may revise the following paragraph to reflect district practice.

The district's program shall be planned through a collaborative process that includes parents/guardians, students, and representatives of participating schools, governmental agencies including city and county parks and recreation departments, local law enforcement, community organizations, and, if appropriate, the private sector. (Education Code 8422, 8482.5, **46120**)

Note: **The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 46120, as added by AB 130, districts are required to prioritize ELO programs at school sites in the lowest income communities, as determined by prior year percentages of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, while maximizing the number of schools and neighborhoods with expanded learning opportunities programs across their attendance area. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 8482.5, in awarding funding for ASES programs, the state gives priority to schools with at least 50 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Pursuant to 20 USC 7174, funding for the 21st CCLC and ASSETs programs is restricted to schools receiving federal Title I funding. In addition, 20 USC 7174 and Education Code 8422 and 8484.8 give competitive priority for these federal programs to applications jointly submitted by school districts and community organizations for programs that (1) are located in schools that are implementing comprehensive or targeted support and improvement activities pursuant to 20 USC 6311 or other schools determined by the district to be in need of intervention and support to improve student academic achievement and other outcomes; (2) serve students at risk for academic failure, dropping out of school, involvement in criminal or delinquent activities, or lacking strong positive role models; (3) provide activities not otherwise accessible to participating students or expand accessibility to high-quality services that may be available in the community; (4) continue or expand existing grants; and (5) for 21st CCLC programs, provide year-round expanded learning programming. For a further description of competitive priority for funding, see the California Department of Education's (CDE) "21st CCLC and ASSETs FAQs" and "Request for Applications for Programs Proposing to Serve High School Students."**

To the extent feasible, the district shall give priority to establishing before-school and/or after-school programs in low-performing schools and/or programs that serve low-income and other at-risk students.

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

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

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Any After School Education and Safety Program (ASES), 21st Century Community Learning Center Program (21st CCLC), 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens Program (ASSETs), or other program to be established pursuant to Education Code 8421, 8482.3 or 8484.75 shall be approved by the Board and the principal of each participating school.

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Note: The following **optional** paragraph is applicable to all programs. Pursuant to Education Code 8483.4 (applicable to both ASES and 21st CCLC), the program administrator is required to establish qualifications for each staff position that, at a minimum, ensure that all staff members who directly supervise students meet the minimum qualifications for an instructional aide pursuant to district policies; see the accompanying administrative regulation. A district offering an ASSETs program must establish its expectations for staff qualifications.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all staff who directly supervise students in the district's before-school and/or after-school program possess appropriate knowledge and experience. As needed, staff and volunteers shall receive ongoing training related to their job responsibilities.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Each program shall include academic and enrichment elements in accordance with law and administrative regulation. In addition, each program may include support services that reinforce the educational component and promote student health and well-being.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Note: Education Code 8482.6 (applicable to ASES, 21st CCLC, and ELO programs) and Education Code 8422 (applicable to ASSETs programs), **authorize** the district **to** charge fees to participating families **with certain exceptions as described below.**

Option 1 below is for use by districts that choose not to charge family fees. Option 2 is for use by districts that will charge a permissible family fee to cover unfunded costs of the program.

OPTION 1: No fee shall be charged for participation in the program.

OPTION 2: A family fee may be charged to participating families based on the actual cost of services.

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts selecting Option 2 that offer an ASSETs program, and may be modified to reflect program(s) offered by the district. Pursuant to Education Code 8422, ASSETs programs that charge fees to participating families are required to waive or reduce the fees for families with students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

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However, for the ASSETs program, a family fee shall be waived or reduced for families with students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. (Education Code 8422)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts selecting Option 2 that offer an ASES, 21st CCLC program, **and/or ELO program**, and may be modified to reflect program(s) offered by the district. Pursuant to Education Code 8482.6, **as amended by AB 130**, family fees may **not** be charged for these programs **for a student who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals or** if the district knows the participating student is a homeless youth or in foster care. **In addition, a program that charges such fees is required to schedule fees on a sliding scale that considers family income and ability to pay.**

For ASES, 21st CCLC, and/or Expanded Learning Opportunities programs, no fee shall be charged for a student who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, or a student who the district knows is a homeless youth or in foster care. In addition, family fees shall be calculated on a sliding scale that considers family income and ability to pay. (Education Code 8482.6, 46120)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Note: The remainder of this policy is for use by districts that selected either Option 1 or 2 above.

The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts with programs serving students ages 11-12 years. **Welfare and Institutions Code 10273, as renumbered by AB 131 (Ch. 116, Statutes of 2021)**, provides that the preferred placement for students ages 11-12 years is in a before-school or after-school program rather than in subsidized child care and development services. When subsidized child care services are also available, students ages 11-12 years will be eligible for subsidized child care services only for the portion of care that is not available in a before-school or after-school program. See AR 5148 - Child Care and Development.

Eligible students **who are 11 or 12 years of age** shall be placed in a before-school or after-school program, if and when available, rather than subsidized child care and development services. During the time that the before-school or after-school program does not operate, such students may be provided the option of enrolling in child care and development services in accordance with the enrollment priorities established in AR 5148 - Child Care and Development. (**Welfare and Institutions Code 10273**)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

To assist in evaluations of program effectiveness, the district may refer to the CDE Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California: Creating and Implementing a Shared Vision of Quality. In addition, CDE's publication A Crosswalk Between the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning and Program Quality Assessment Tools describes available assessment tools that are closely aligned with the program standards. These publications are available on CDE's web site.

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To the extent consistent with state and federal privacy laws, Education Code 8484.1 authorizes the district to share specified student data (i.e., school day attendance data, statewide assessment scores English language development test placement or reclassification scores, California Healthy Kids Survey results in aggregate form, student engagement and behavioral data, and other academic measures, including grades and course completion) with the operator of an after-school program with which the district has a contract that includes a confidentiality agreement. The district should consult with legal counsel if it has any questions regarding the sharing of student data.

In addition, Education Code 8427 and 8484 require the after-school program to submit data on school and program attendance and program quality to the CDE; see the section "Reports" in the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall monitor student participation rates and shall identify multiple measures that shall be used to evaluate program effectiveness. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, student outcome data; program self-assessments; feedback from staff, participating students, and parents/guardians; and observations of program activities.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that offer an ASES, 21st CCLC, **and/or ELO** program, and may be adapted by districts that offer ASSETs or other programs. **Pursuant to** Education Code 8482.3 **and 46120, as added by AB 130**, require districts offering an ASES, 21st CCLC, **and/or ELO** program to review program goals, program content, and outcome measures, selected from among those listed in Education Code 8484, every three years and to retain documentation for five years.

Every three years, the Superintendent or designee shall review the after-school program plan, including, but not limited to, program goals, program content, and outcome measures. Documentation of the program plan shall be maintained for a minimum of five years.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (continued)*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE**8281.5 California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program****8295-8305 Child development program personnel qualifications**

8420-8428 21st Century After-School Program for Teens

8482-8484.65 After School Education and Safety Program

8484.7-8484.9 21st Century Community Learning Centers

17264 New construction; accommodation of before- and after-school programs

35021.3 After-school physical recreation instructors

45125 Criminal record check

45330 Paraprofessionals; instructional aides

45340-45349 Paraprofessionals; instructional aides

46120 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program

49024 Criminal background check; Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate

49430-49434 Nutrition standards

49540-49546 Child Care Food Program

49553 Free or reduced-price meals

69430-69460 Cal Grant program

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE**10207-10490 Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:****10273 Preferred placement for otherwise eligible children ages 11 or 12**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 State plans

6314 Title I schoolwide programs

7171-7176 21st Century Community Learning Centers

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1766-1766a Child and Adult Care Food Program

11434a Education for homeless children and youths

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

226.17 Child care center nutrition standards

*Management Resources:*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**Expanded Learning Opportunities Program FAQs, October 2021****Request for Applications: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Elementary/Middle Schools, September 2020****Request for Applications: 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens, September 2020****21st CCLC and ASSETs FAQs, September 2020****Quality Program Improvement Plan Instructions: Instructions for Completing a Quality Program Improvement Plan for Expanded Learning Programs in California, August 2020****A Crosswalk Between the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning and Program Quality Assessment Tools, 2014****Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California: Creating and Implementing a Shared Vision of Quality, 2014****California After School Physical Activity Guidelines, 2009***Management Resources continued: (see next page)*

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Management Resources continued:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

21st Century Community Learning Centers, Nonregulatory Guidance, February 2003

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, **Expanded Learning:** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex>

California Healthy Kids Survey: <https://chks.wested.org>

California School-Age Consortium: <http://calsac.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

Partnership for Children and Youth: <http://partnerforchildren.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/afterschool.htm>

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

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AR 5148.2(a)

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Note: The district should revise the following administrative regulation to reflect the before and/or after school program(s) it offers and the grade levels at which the programs are offered. In addition to the program requirements described below, before-school and after-school programs may be subject to other district policies such as BP/AR 5148 - Child Care and Development, AR 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management, and BP/AR 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program. The district should consult legal counsel if it has questions regarding the applicability of other laws to the district's programs.

Definitions

***Expanded learning opportunities* means before school, after school, summer, or intersession learning programs that focus on developing the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of students through hands-on, engaging learning experiences. *Expanded learning opportunities* does not mean an extension of instructional time, but rather, opportunities to engage students in enrichment, play, nutrition, and other developmentally appropriate activities. (Education Code 8482.1, 46120)**

***Unduplicated student* means a student enrolled in a district who is either classified as an English learner, eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, or is a foster youth. (Education Code 42238.02, 46120)**

Grades K-9

Note: The following section is for use by districts providing before-school and/or after-school programs funded by the state After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) (Education Code 8482-8484.65), the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center program (21st CCLC) (Education Code 8484.7-8484.9; 20 USC 7171-7176), **or the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) program (Education Code 46120).**

ASES and 21st CCLC programs serve students who are in grades K-9 in an elementary, middle, or junior high school.

The district's After School Education and Safety (ASES) program or 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) program shall serve students in any of grades K-9 as the district may determine based on local needs. (Education Code 8482.3, 8484.7, 8484.75, 8484.8)

The district's 21st CCLC program shall primarily serve students in Title I schoolwide programs. (Education Code 8484.8; 20 USC 7173)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

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Note: Education Code 46120, as added by AB 130 (Ch. 44, Statutes of 2021), establishes the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program and allocates funding to districts under a formula based on a district's percentage of unduplicated students and average daily attendance. For the 2021-22 school year, districts receiving funds are required to offer access to ELO programs to all unduplicated students in grades TK-6 and to provide access to such programs to at least 50 percent of enrolled unduplicated students. For the 2022-23 school year, districts receiving funds are required to offer all students in grades TK-6 access to ELO programs, and ensure that access is provided to any student whose parent/guardian requests placement in a program. Districts are required to prioritize services at school sites in the lowest income communities, as determined by prior year percentages of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, while maximizing the number of schools and neighborhoods with ELO programs across their attendance area.

The following paragraph is for districts that receive ELO funds and should be deleted by districts that do not receive such funds.

The district's Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) program shall serve students in grades TK-6. For the 2021-22 school year, the district shall offer access to ELO programs to all unduplicated students in grades TK-6 and provide access to such programs to at least 50 percent of enrolled unduplicated students. Commencing with the 2022-23 school year, the district shall offer all students in grades TK-6 access to ELO programs, and ensure that access is provided to any student whose parent/guardian requests placement in a program. (Education Code 46120)

Education Code 8281.5, as added by AB 130 and amended by AB 167 (Ch. 252, Statutes of 2021), requires districts receiving grants through the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program to develop a plan for consideration by the Board at a public meeting on or before June 30, 2022 for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten that meet the needs of parents/guardians, including through partnerships with the district's ELO program, ASES Program, California state preschool program, Head Start programs, and other community-based early learning and care programs. See BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the plan to provide access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten addresses the needs of children and their families as specified in BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten. (Education Code 8281.5)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8484.75, programs funded through the 21st CCLC program are generally subject to the same program requirements applicable to ASES programs, with the exception of specified provisions primarily related to allocation of funds. In contrast, ELO programs are explicitly subject to some but not all of the ASES requirements pursuant to Education Code 46120. However, the California Department of Education's (CDE) Expanded Learning Opportunities FAQs emphasizes that districts are expected to uniformly apply the stricter ASES requirements to all programs since ASES, 21st CCLC, and ELO programs should be considered a single, comprehensive program. As such, the following section reflects the expectation that ELO programs will comply with all the requirements for ASES and 21st CCLC programs.

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The following section applies to ASES, 21st CCLC, and ELO programs, except where otherwise noted, and should be revised to reflect the program(s) offered by the district.

The district's ASES, 21st CCLC, and ELO program(s) shall be operated in accordance with the following:

1. Program Elements

- a. The program shall include an educational and literacy element in which tutoring or homework assistance is provided in language arts, mathematics, history and social science, computer training, and/or science. (Education Code 8482.3, **8484.75, 46120**)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

Note: Education Code 8482.3 requires that the program include an educational enrichment component which may include physical fitness. Pursuant to Education Code 8483.55 and 8484.8, the n (CDE has developed voluntary California After School Physical Activity Guidelines which are available on its web site.

- b. The program shall include an educational enrichment element which may include, but is not limited to, fine arts, career technical education, recreation, technology, physical fitness, and prevention activities. (Education Code 8482.3, **8484.75, 46120**)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8482.3, after-school programs may offer snacks or meals that conform to applicable state or federal nutrition standards. Reimbursement for providing snacks is available through the National School Lunch Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for participating districts. Pursuant to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (42 USC 1766-1766a), after-school programs participating in the at-risk after-school care component of the CACFP may be reimbursed for serving full meals. Further information is available on the web sites of the CDE and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

2. Nutrition

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- a. If snacks or meals are made available in the program, they shall conform to nutrition standards specified in Education Code 49430-49434 or 42 USC 1766 as applicable. (Education Code 8482.3, **8484.75, 46120**; 42 USC 1766-1766a; 7 CFR 226.17)
- b. The district's before-school program shall offer a breakfast meal as described in Education Code 49553 for all program participants. (Education Code 8483.1, **8484.75**)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

Note: Education Code 8482.3 provides that a program may be offered at one or multiple school sites. Program applications and U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) nonregulatory guidance, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, state that programs may be located off campus as long as the facility is as available and accessible to students as if it were located at a school.

3. Location of Program

- a. The program may be offered at one or multiple school sites and/or at an easily available and accessible off-campus facility. (Education Code 8482.3, **8484.75**)
- b. When there is a significant barrier to student participation in either the before-school or after-school component of a program at the school of attendance, the Superintendent or designee may, with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, provide services at another school site. Such transfer of services shall occur only if the school to which the program will be transferred agrees to receive students from the transferring school and has an existing grant of the same type as the transferring school, or does not have a 10-percent lower percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals than the transferring school. A significant barrier includes any of the following: (Education Code 8482.8, **8484.75**)
 - (1) Fewer than 20 students participating in the program component
 - (2) Extreme transportation constraints, including, but not limited to, desegregation busing, busing for magnet or open enrollment schools, or student dependence on public transportation
 - (3) A reduction in the program grant of an existing school due to its merging into a new school opened by the district or the splitting of its students with a new school

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In such cases, the district shall arrange for safe, supervised transportation between school sites; ensure communication among staff in the regular school program, staff in the before-school or after-school program, and parents/guardians; and ensure alignment of the educational and literacy elements with the regular school program of participating students. (Education Code 8482.8, **8484.75**)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

4. Staffing

- a. All staff members who directly supervise students shall, at a minimum, meet the qualifications for an instructional aide. (Education Code 8483.4, **8484.75**, 45330, 45344, 45344.5)

(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8483.4, program staff and volunteers are required to meet health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements. Education Code 49024 provides that the requirement to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate prior to beginning a paid or volunteer position is satisfied by clearing a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check.

- b. All program staff and volunteers shall be subject to the health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements in law and Board policy. (Education Code 8483.4, **8484.75**)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

- c. The student-to-staff ratio shall be no more than 20 to 1, **except that programs serving transitional kindergarten or kindergarten students shall maintain a student-to-staff member ratio of no more than 10 to 1** (Education Code 8483.4, **8484.75, 46120**)

5. Hours of Operation

- a. A before-school program shall not operate for less than one and one-half hours per regular school day. (Education Code 8483.1, **8484.75**)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8483, as amended by AB 2622 (Ch. 265, Statutes of 2018), ASES programs that operate at a school site located in an area that has a population density of less than 11 persons per square mile may end operating hours not earlier than 5 p.m. The following paragraph can be revised to reflect district programs.

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- b. An after-school program shall begin immediately upon the conclusion of the regular school day and shall operate a minimum of 15 hours per week and at least until 6 p.m. on every regular school day. (Education Code 8483, **8484.75**)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46120, as added AB 130 and amended by AB 167, ELO programs must provide in-person before or after school expanded learning opportunities that, when added to daily instructional minutes, are no less than nine hours of combined instructional time and expanded learning opportunities per instructional day.

- c. **An ELO program shall provide in-person before or after school expanded learning opportunities that, when added to daily instructional minutes, shall not be less than nine hours of combined instructional time and expanded learning opportunities per instructional day. (Education Code 46120)**

6. Admissions

- a. Every student attending a school operating a program is eligible to participate in the program, subject to program capacity. (Education Code 8482.6, **8484.75**)

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

- b. If the number of students wishing to participate in the program exceeds program capacity, students shall be selected for enrollment based on the following guidelines:
- (1) First priority for enrollment shall be given to students who are identified as homeless youth, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11434a), at the time they apply for enrollment or at any time during the school year, to students who are identified by the program as being in foster care, **and to students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.** (Education Code 8483, 8483.1, **8484.75**)

The district is not required to disenroll a current student in order to secure the enrollment of a student who has priority for enrollment. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1)

The district shall inform the parent/guardian of a homeless or foster youth of the right of the child to receive priority enrollment and how to request priority enrollment. (Education Code 8483, **8484.75**)

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(*cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications*)
 (*cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children*)
 (*cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth*)

Note: Item #(2) below is for use by districts that maintain middle or junior high schools.

- (2) Second priority for enrollment of middle or junior high school students shall be given to students who attend daily. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1, **8484.75**)

Note: Items #(3)-(5) are **optional** and may be revised or expanded to include enrollment priorities established by the district.

- (3) Third priority for enrollment shall be given to students identified as in need of academic remediation or support in accordance with Board policy or administrative regulation.

(*cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction*)

- (4) Any remaining capacity shall be filled by students selected at random.
- (5) A waiting list shall be established to accommodate additional students if space becomes available.

7. Attendance/Early Release

Note: Education Code 8483 and 8483.1 express legislative intent that elementary students attend the full program day of either the before-school or after-school program every day in which they participate. Education Code 8483 and 8483.1 allow districts to implement a flexible attendance schedule for students in middle or junior high school. Education Code 8483.1 specifies that, for before-school programs, students who attend less than one-half of the daily program hours may not be counted for attendance purposes.

Pursuant to Education Code 8483, districts offering an after-school program are **mandated** to establish a policy regarding reasonable early daily release of students from the after-school program. Education Code 8483.1 **mandates** districts offering a before-school program to establish a policy regarding reasonable late daily arrival of students. The following items should be revised to reflect district practice.

- a. Each student admitted into a district program shall be expected to attend the full number of hours that the program is in operation every day that **the student** participates.
- b. When necessary, a student's parent/guardian may request, in writing, that the Superintendent or designee approve the reasonable late daily arrival for the before-school program or the reasonable early daily release from the after-

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school program. The Superintendent or designee shall not approve such a request if the student would be attending less than one-half of the daily program hours.

Note: Item #8 below is for use by districts that offer a program during summer, intersession, or vacation periods. Pursuant to Education Code 8483.76, a school that establishes a before-school or after-school program is eligible to receive a supplemental grant to operate the program in excess of 180 regular school days or during any combination of summer, weekends, intersession, or vacation periods for a maximum of 30 percent of the total grant amount awarded, per school year, to the school.

Pursuant to Education Code 46120, ELO programs are required to offer no less than nine hours of in-person expanded learning opportunities per day for at least 30 non-school days during intersessional periods.

8. Summer/Intersession/Vacation Programs
 - a. **ELO programs shall offer no less than nine hours of in-person expanded learning opportunities per day for at least 30 non-school days, during intersessional periods.**
 - b. A before-school program operating during summer, intersession, and/or vacation days shall be offered for a minimum of two hours per day. An after-school program offered during summer, intersession, and/or vacation days may be operated for either three hours or six hours per day in accordance with Education Code 8483.76. When both before-school and after-school programs are offered for the same students on such days, they shall be operated for a minimum of four and one-half hours per day. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1, 8483.2, 8483.76)
 - c. A program offered during summer, intersession, and/or vacation periods may open eligibility to every student attending a school in the district, with priority for enrollment given to students enrolled in the school that received the grant. (Education Code 8483.76)
 - d. To address the needs of students and school closures, the program may be conducted at an off-site location or an alternate school site. The program shall notify the California Department of Education (CDE) of the change of location and shall include a plan to provide safe transportation pursuant to Education Code 8484.6. (Education Code 8483.76)
 - e. Any program operating for six hours per day shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal to each eligible student during each program day. (Education Code 8483.76)

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Note: Education Code 8483.76 **mandates** that a district operating a six-hour program adopt an attendance and early release policy for the program that is consistent with the district's early release policy for the regular school day; see item #7 above. This policy must be included in the program plan submitted to CDE.

- f. For any program operating six hours per day, district procedures pertaining to student attendance and early release as specified in item #7 above shall apply. (Education Code 8483.76)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

Grades 9-12

Note: The following section is for use by districts providing before-school and/or after-school programs funded through 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program (Education Code 8420-8428; 20 USC 7171-7176).

Pursuant to Education Code 46120, districts may, but are not required to, serve students in grades 7-12 in ELO programs.

The district's 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program shall serve students in any of grades 9-12 as the district may determine based on local needs. (Education Code 8421)

The program shall be operated in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Program Elements
 - a. The program shall include an academic assistance element that is coordinated with the regular academic program and includes, but is not limited to, at least one of the following: (Education Code 8421)
 - (1) Tutoring
 - (2) Career exploration, including activities that help students develop the knowledge and skills that are relevant to their career interests and reinforce academic content
 - (3) Homework assistance
 - (4) College preparation, including information about the Cal Grant program pursuant to Education Code 69430-69460
 - b. The program shall include an enrichment element that may include, but is not limited to: (Education Code 8421)

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- (1) Community service
- (2) Career and technical education
- (3) Job readiness
- (4) Opportunities for mentoring and tutoring younger students
- (5) Service learning
- (6) Arts
- (7) Computer and technology training
- (8) Physical fitness
- (9) Recreation activities

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

Note: Education Code 8423 requires the ASSETs program to include a physical activity element. See CDE's [California After School Physical Activity Guidelines](#), available on its web site.

- c. The program shall include a nutritional snack and/or meal and a physical activity element. (Education Code 8423)
 - d. The program shall provide for access to, and availability of, computers and technology. (Education Code 8423)
 - e. The Superintendent or designee shall assess students' preferences for program activities. (Education Code 8423)
2. Location of Program
- a. The district's program may operate on one or multiple school sites or at another location approved by CDE. (Education Code 8421)
 - b. If applying for a location off school grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that safe transportation is available for students, if necessary, and the program is at least as available and accessible as similar programs conducted on school sites. (Education Code 8421)

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3. Hours of Operation
 - a. The district's program shall operate for a minimum of 15 hours per week. (Education Code 8421)
 - b. The district's program may be operated either after school only or for any combination of after school, before school, weekends, summer, intersession, and vacations. (Education Code 8422)

Volunteers

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that choose to create a registry of volunteer after-school physical recreation instructors or other volunteers pursuant to Education Code 35021.3, and may be used by districts that provide an ASES, 21st CCLC, ASSETs, **ELO**, or any other local program. When the district opts to use a registry created by a county office of education pursuant to Education Code 35021.3 rather than develop its own, the following section may be revised to inform district staff about the county registry and encourage its use.

Pursuant to Education Code 35021.3, after-school instruction in physical recreation provided by a volunteer does not count toward satisfaction of physical education requirements pertaining to the number of instructional minutes or course completion for high school graduation; see BP/AR 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity and BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements.

The Superintendent or designee may establish a registry of volunteer after-school physical recreation instructors and other before-school and after-school program volunteers. (Education Code 35021.3)

Note: Education Code 35021.3 requires volunteers to submit to a criminal background check and authorizes, but does not require, the district to contribute funds to pay for all or part of the background check. Pursuant to Education Code 35021.3, the district may expand the following paragraph to impose additional requirements on volunteers (e.g., certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

To be included in the registry, a volunteer shall submit to a criminal background check pursuant to Education Code 45125. **The volunteer shall** also submit current contact information to the district and shall update that information whenever the information changes. (Education Code 35021.3)

The Superintendent or designee may use a volunteer registered with the district or may select another person to provide physical recreation to students after school hours or to provide other services. (Education Code 35021.3)

Reports

Note: The following section applies to ASES, 21st CCLC, and ASSETs programs.

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Pursuant to Education Code 8426 and 8484, CDE may terminate a grant if, for three consecutive years, the program fails to demonstrate measurable program outcomes or fails to attain 75 percent of its proposed attendance levels. For this purpose, CDE may consider a comparison of participating and nonparticipating students at the same school site or other factors.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit to CDE outcome-based data, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 8427, 8482.3, 8484)

1. For participating students, school day attendance on an annual basis and program attendance on a semi-annual basis

Note: Education Code 8427 requires programs to submit evidence of a program quality improvement process that is based on standards developed by CDE. CDE's program quality standards, Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California: Creating and Implementing a Shared Vision of Quality, are available on its web site.

2. Evidence of a program quality improvement process that is data driven and based on CDE program quality standards

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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Note: The following **optional** policy may be revised to reflect district practice. California law specifies the minimum length of the school day for elementary and secondary schools; see the accompanying administrative regulation. **In its Frequently Asked Questions about independent study, the California Department of Education (CDE) has clarified that the same minimum school day requirements apply to traditional independent study as for students attending in-person instruction.**

The Governing Board shall fix the length of the school day **subject to the provisions of in accordance with** law. (Education Code 46100)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

At each school, the length of the school day shall apply equally to students with disabilities unless otherwise 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.

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that maintain elementary schools and may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 33350, **the California Department of Education CDE** encourages districts to provide daily recess periods for elementary students, featuring time for unstructured but supervised play. The Superintendent of Public Instruction's Task Force on Obesity, Type 2 Diabetes, and Cardiovascular Disease recommends that students in grades K-6 be provided with recess or other physical activity breaks at least once per 120 minutes of instruction. The National Association for Sport and Physical Education recommends daily recess breaks of at least 20 minutes each day.

The **daily** schedule for elementary schools shall include at least one **daily** period of recess of at least 20 minutes **in length in order to provide, during which** students **with unstructured but shall be provided** supervised **opportunities to engage in unstructured** physical activity.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Note: The remainder of this policy applies to districts that maintain secondary schools and may be modified to reflect district practice.

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 applicable legal requirements.

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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 ~~program in which that will allow~~ secondary students **to attend class school** for fewer school days **than the total number of school days for which the school is in session**, the Board shall consult ~~with the certificated and classified employees of the school~~ **in good faith, in a good faith an** effort to reach agreement ~~with the certificated and classified employees of the school, and shall also consult~~ **with** 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 ~~has given~~ **shall give** adequate notice to the employees and to the parents/guardians of affected students. (Education Code 46162)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

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Note: The following **optional** administrative regulation specifies minimum and maximum school days for each grade level as provided by law. The district may revise this regulation to reflect district practice.

Pursuant to Education Code 46114, the minimum school day in grades K-8 may be computed by determining the average number of minutes over 10 consecutive school days (i.e., the number of minutes of attendance in any 10 consecutive school days, divided by 10). Education Code 46142 authorizes the minimum school day in junior high and high schools to be computed by averaging the number of minutes over two consecutive school days. The district will be in compliance if the average is at least the minimum day required by law, even if the number of minutes in any one school day is less than the minimum required school day specified below. However, Education Code 46114 and 46142 provide that no single school day may be less than 60 minutes for kindergarten, 170 minutes for grades 1-3, or 180 minutes for grades 4-12.

Education Code 46201 and 46207 require districts that have reached their local control funding formula (LCFF) funding target, as well as districts that received longer day or longer year funding prior to the implementation of the LCFF, to offer at least the following instructional minutes per school year: 36,000 minutes for kindergarten, 50,400 for grades 1-3, 54,000 for grades 4-8, and 64,800 for grades 9-12. Pursuant to Education Code 46201 and 46207, if this requirement is not met for any grade level, a portion of the district's LCFF allocation will be withheld.

Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten

Note: The following section is for use by districts that maintain kindergarten and transitional kindergarten (TK) classes. Education Code 37202, ~~as amended by AB 99 (Ch. 15, Statutes of 2017)~~, permits districts to maintain kindergarten or TK classes for different lengths of time during the school day, either at the same or different school sites. Districts offering kindergarten or TK classes for different lengths of time are still required to meet the minimum and maximum length of school day described below.

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)

Note: Education Code 46117 establishes a minimum school day of three hours (180 minutes) for kindergarten students. However, pursuant to Education Code 46119, if a district has fewer than 40 kindergarten students, the Governing Board may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain two kindergarten classes of 150 minutes each, including recesses, taught on the same day by the same teacher.

~~Except as otherwise permitted by law, the~~ **The** average school day ~~established~~ for kindergarten and TK students shall be at least three hours, including recesses but excluding noon intermissions, ~~but not longer than four hours, excluding recesses.~~ **If fewer than 40 students are enrolled in kindergarten classes, the district may request approval of the**

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Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain two kindergarten classes of 150 minutes each. (Education Code 46111, 46114, 46115, 46117, 46119)

Note: Education Code 46111 limits the maximum length of the school day for kindergarten to four hours, not counting recesses, except where the school is operating an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 or an expanded learning opportunity program established pursuant to Education Code 46120, as added by AB 130 (Ch. 44, Statutes of 2021).

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)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that have established an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 in order to provide an integrated, experiential, and developmentally appropriate educational program with specified components for students in prekindergarten through grade 3. Education Code 8973 provides that the kindergarten school day in such programs may exceed four hours under the conditions described below, although districts do not receive additional apportionment funds **for the excess time.**

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 Governing Board 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.**

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. Although Education Code 46111 provides that recess shall be excluded from determining the maximum school day, it is the interpretation of the California Department of Education (CDE) that recess time may be counted as instructional minutes, at the district's discretion, if teacher supervision occurs.

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

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that maintain multitrack year-round schools pursuant to Education Code 37670.

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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)

(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that have established an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 in order to provide an integrated, experiential, and developmentally appropriate educational program with specified components for students in prekindergarten through grade 3. Education Code 8973 provides that the kindergarten school day in such programs may exceed four hours under the conditions described below, although districts do not receive additional apportionment funds.

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 Governing Board 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.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48003, districts are required to provide an annual report to CDE regarding the type of kindergarten program offered by the district, including part day, full day, or both, by completing the School Information Form 2017 located on CDE's web site. The form also includes the type(s) of TK program offered.

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)

Grades 1-8

Note: The following section is for use by districts that maintain any of grades 1-8 and should be modified to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

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)

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- 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)

Note: The following optional paragraph is for any district maintaining a middle school, except a rural school district. Pursuant to Education Code 46148, the school day for a middle school is required to begin no earlier than 8:00 am.

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

Grades 9-12

Note: The following section is for use by districts that maintain any of grades 9-12 and may be modified to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

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

Note: In its "Frequently Asked Questions" about independent study, CDE has clarified that the same minimum school day requirements apply to traditional independent study as for students attending in-person instruction.

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)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

Note: The following list should be revised to reflect programs offered by the district.

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)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

- 2. Opportunity school or classes (Education Code 46141, 46180)

- 3. Regional occupational center (Education Code 46141, 52325)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

Does not apply to Rural

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

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

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)

(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

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)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

8. Adult education classes (Education Code 46190)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that operate an evening high school pursuant to Education Code 51720-51724.

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,

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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)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Alternative Block Schedule for Secondary Schools

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that choose to create a block schedule pursuant to Education Code 46160-46162; see the accompanying Board policy. In establishing a block schedule, the district should be aware of state law (Education Code 51222) that requires secondary students to attend physical education courses for at least 400 minutes each 10 school days; see AR 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity. Although the daily alternating block schedule, often referred to as the A/B block schedule, does fulfill the requirement for physical education minutes, other block schedules do not and thus require a waiver from the State Board of Education (SBE). See SBE Waiver Policy #99-03 for waiver criteria.

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)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that maintain an early college high school or middle college high school. Pursuant to Education Code 46160, **as amended by AB 99 (Ch. 15, Statutes of 2017)**, such districts may schedule classes in these schools so that students who satisfy the provisions of Education Code 46146.5 in regard to part-time enrollment at community college, the California State University, or the University of California attend classes for at least 900 minutes during any five-school day period or 1,800 minutes during any 10-school day period.

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)

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COURSES OF STUDY

The Governing Board recognizes that a well-aligned sequence of courses fosters academic growth and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The district's course of study shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful academically, professionally, and personally.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

Note: The following **optional** paragraph should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district. For example, unified school districts need to be concerned about articulation of courses within the district and with postsecondary institutions, whereas elementary districts and high school districts will need to address articulation with each other.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts and postsecondary institutions to ensure articulation of courses with other institutions to which district students may matriculate. The sequence of courses shall be designed to ensure that each course provides adequate preparation for the next course in the sequence, only utilizes prerequisites that are essential to success in a given program or course, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

The district shall not provide any course separately **or require or refuse participation by any student** on the basis of **the student's actual or perceived** sex, sexual orientation, gender, **gender expression, gender identity,** ethnic group identification, **immigration status,** race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, ~~or~~ mental or physical disability, **or any other characteristic listed in Education Code 200 and 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or the student's association with a person or group with one or more of such actual or perceived characteristics** ~~or require or refuse participation by any of its students on any such basis.~~ **(Education Code 200, 220; Government Code 11135; Penal Code 422.55; 5 CCR 4940)**

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Elementary Grades

Note: The following section is for use by districts offering elementary grades and may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 51225.4 **mandates** elementary school districts to certify to the

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Superintendent of Public Instruction that they have adopted a policy to implement a course of instruction that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary courses required for graduation pursuant to Education Code 51225.3.

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary course of study.

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

Secondary Grades

Note: Education Code 51228 requires districts to offer students in grades 7-12 a course of study that fulfills the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California **public** colleges. Education Code 51228 also requires districts to offer such students the opportunity to attain entry-level employment skills. Pursuant to Education Code 51228, districts that adopt a course of study that meets or exceeds the state model curriculum standards in career technical education will be deemed to have satisfied the requirement.

Education Code 66204 prohibits a public school from establishing any policy or practice that directs any student away from choosing programs that prepare a student academically for college, especially for cultural or linguistic reasons.

The following paragraph is for use by districts maintaining any of grades 7-12 and should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

The district shall offer all otherwise qualified students in grades 7-12 a course of study that prepares them, upon graduation from high school, to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry. **The district's course of study may provide for a rigorous academic curriculum that integrates academic and career skills, includes applied learning across all disciplines, and prepares all students for high school graduation and career entry.** (Education Code 51228)

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

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

Note: The remainder of this policy is for use by districts maintaining any of grades 9-12.

In addition, the course of study for students in grades 9-12 shall include instruction in skills and knowledge for adult life, career technical training, and a timely opportunity for all otherwise qualified students to enroll, within four years, in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities prior to graduation. (Education Code 51224, 51228)

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Note: Among the criteria for admission to the University of California (UC) or California State University system is a requirement that high school students satisfactorily complete 15 **yearlong/30 semesters units** of specified courses ("a-g" courses). These include a growing number of career technical education courses that connect knowledge of academic content with practical or work-related applications.

In order to qualify as an "a-g" course, the course must first be submitted to and approved by UC. Education Code 51229 requires that districts annually provide the list of certified courses to students in grades 9-12 and their parents/guardians; see the accompanying administrative regulation and E 5145.6 - Parental Notifications.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses that meet California college admission criteria (referred to as "a-g" course requirements) are submitted to the University of California for review and certification. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an accurate list of all current high school courses that have been so certified, shall ensure that the list is provided annually to all students in grades 9-12 and their parents/guardians, and shall make updated lists readily available. (Education Code 51229, 66204)

*Legal Reference:***EDUCATION CODE****200 Educational equity****220 Prohibition of discrimination****234.1 Categorical program monitoring and prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying****234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status**

33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage

33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies

48980 Parental notifications

49060-49079 Student records

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs

51204 Course of study designed for student's needs

51204.5 Social science instruction; history of California; contributions of various groups

51210-51212 Course of study for grades 1-6

51220-**51230** ~~51229~~ Course of study for grades 7-12

51241 Exemption from physical education

51911-51921 Comprehensive health education

51930-51939 **California Healthy Youth Act Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction**

51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention

60040-60052 Requirements for instructional materials

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

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AR 6143(a)

COURSES OF STUDY

Note: Education Code requirements for courses of study are generally classified into requirements for grades 1-6 and 7-12. Therefore, K-8 districts and high school districts need to collaborate with appropriate area districts to ensure that all required courses are offered sometime during grades 7-12.

The district should select the sections below ("Grades 1-6" and/or "Grades 7-12") that correspond with the grade levels **offered it offers**.

Grades 1-6

Note: Items #1-7 below are areas of study required by law for grades 1-6. The Governing Board may add other studies to this list.

Courses of study for grades 1-6 shall include the following:

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

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of language and literature, and the skills of speaking, reading, listening, spelling, handwriting, and composition (Education Code 51210)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. Mathematics: concepts, operational skills, and problem solving (Education Code 51210)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

3. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, including instruction in: (Education Code 51210)

- a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States

Instruction shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic,

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society. (Education Code 51204.5, 60040)

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

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

- b. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
- c. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments
- d. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
- e. Contemporary issues
- f. The wise use of natural resources

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

- 4. Science: biological and physical aspects, with emphasis on experimental inquiry and the place of humans in ecological systems (Education Code 51210)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

- 5. Visual and performing arts: instruction in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts aimed at developing aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51210)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

Note: Education Code 51202 requires that certain health-related topics be addressed at "the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels" during grades K-12. Districts may revise #6a-e below to indicate topics that will be addressed in grades K-6.

Education Code 51203 requires the Board to adopt regulations specifying the grade(s) and course(s) in which drug and alcohol education will be given. For language fulfilling this mandate, see AR 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs.

- 6. Health: principles and practices of individual, family, and community health, including instruction at the appropriate grade levels and subject areas in: (Education Code 51202, 51210)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

- a. Personal and public safety and accident prevention, including instruction in emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (**CPR**) when appropriate equipment is available

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

- b. Fire prevention
- c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
- d. Venereal disease

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

- e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

Note: The following item is optional pursuant to Education Code 51202.

- f. Violence as a public health issue
7. Physical education; with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind (Education Code 51210)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Note: Item #8 below is optional . Education Code 51210.5 authorizes age-appropriate instruction on violence awareness and prevention within any area of study listed in items #1-7 above. Pursuant to Education Code 51210.5, such instruction may include personal testimony in the form of oral or video histories that illustrate the economic and cultural effects of violence within a city, the state, and the country. See BP 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction.

- 8. Violence awareness and prevention

Note: Optional item #9 below is not required by state law but is a highly recommended component of school-to-career instruction.

- 9. Career awareness exploration

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)**Grades 7-12**

Note: Items #1-11 below are areas of study required by law for grades 7-12. The Board may add other studies to this list.

Courses of study for grades 7-12 shall include the following:

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

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

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, with instruction in: (Education Code 51220)
 - a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States, including instruction in:
 - (1) The early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society (Education Code 51204.5)

Note: Education Code 51221.3 and 51221.4 encourage, but do not require, instruction on the topics described in optional subitems #(2)-(4) below. These items may be modified or deleted to reflect district practice.

For districts that choose to offer such instruction, Education Code 51221.3 and 51221.4 encourage that a component be drawn from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video history. If oral histories are used, they must conform to the requirements of Education Code 51221.3 and 51221.4. See BP 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction.

- (2) World War II, including the role of Americans and Filipino Americans who served in the United States Army during that time

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- (3) The Vietnam War, including the "Secret War" in Laos and role of Southeast Asians in that war
- (4) The Bracero program, in which there was a 1942 agreement between the United States and Mexico authorizing the temporary migration of laborers to the United States
- b. The American legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal and civil law and the state and federal constitutions

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that offer a teen court or peer court program.

This course may include participation in a teen court or peer court program. (Education Code 51220.2)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

- c. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
- d. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments, including the wise use of natural resources (Education Code 51221)

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

- e. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51220, instruction related to human rights issues, as provided in item #2f below, may include the study of the Armenian genocide. Education Code 51226.3 encourages the incorporation of oral testimony into instruction in human rights, **the Holocaust, and genocide**, including the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, and Rwandan genocides.

- f. Human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide (which may include, but is not limited to, the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, and Rwandan genocides), slavery, and the Holocaust
- g. Contemporary issues

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

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

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3. World language(s): understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, beginning not later than grade 7 (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.2 - World Language Instruction)

4. Physical education: with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind, as required by Education Code 51222 (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

5. Science: physical and biological aspects; emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems; appropriate applications of the interrelation and interdependence of the sciences (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

6. Mathematics: mathematical understandings, operational skills, and problem-solving procedures; algebra (Education Code 51220, 51224.5)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

7. Visual and performing arts: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

Note: The reference to "homemaking" within Education Code 51220, as amended by AB 1595 (Ch. 543, Statutes of 2019), has been changed to "family and consumer sciences."

8. Applied arts: consumer education, family and consumer sciences education, industrial arts, general business education, or general agriculture (Education Code 51220)
9. Career technical/vocational-technical education: in the occupations and in the numbers appropriate to the personnel needs of the state and community served and relevant to the career desires and needs of students (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

Note: Education Code 51934 requires that students be provided comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention instruction at least once in middle school or junior high school and at least once in high school. See BP/AR 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction for required components of such instruction.

10. Comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention (Education Code 51225.36, 51934)

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

Note: Education Code 51202 requires that certain health-related topics be addressed at "the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels" during grades K-12. Districts may revise item #11 below to indicate topics that will be addressed in grades 7-12.

Education Code 51203 requires the Board to adopt regulations specifying the grade(s) and course(s) in which drug and alcohol education will be given. For language fulfilling this mandate, see AR 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs.

11. Personal and public safety, accident prevention and health, including instruction in: (Education Code 51202, 51203)

- a. Emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)~~ when appropriate equipment is available

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that require a course in health education for high school graduation; see BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements. Pursuant to Education Code 51225.6, such districts are required to include instruction in performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as described below. Such instruction must be based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of compression-only CPR, such as those developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, and must include hands-on practice in compression-only CPR. On its web site, **the California Department of Education CDE** provides guidance on how to implement this requirement.

Education Code 51225.6 also encourages districts to provide students with general information on the use and importance of an automated external defibrillator.

Instruction shall be provided in compression-only CPR based on national guidelines and shall include hands-on practice. (Education Code 51225.6)

- b. Fire prevention
- c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
- d. Venereal disease

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

- e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Note: The following two items are **optional** pursuant to Education Code 51202.

- f. Prenatal care **for pregnant individuals**
- g. Violence as a public health issue

Note: Item #12 is **optional**. Education Code 51220.3 authorizes age-appropriate instruction on violence awareness and prevention within any area of study listed above for grades 7-12.

12. Violence awareness and prevention

Note: ~~Item #13 is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 51226.7, as amended by AB 114 (Ch. 413, Statutes of 2019), requires the State Board of Education has adopted to adopt a model curriculum in ethnic studies by March 31, 2021 and encourages upon which districts may to offer a course in ethnic studies based on that model curriculum as an elective course in social sciences or English language arts in at least one year grade level during grades 9-12. At their discretion, districts may choose to offer a course in ethnic studies prior to the availability of the model curriculum.~~

Subject to funding in the annual Budget Act or other statute, Education Code 51225.3, as amended by AB 101 (Ch. 661, Statutes of 2021), requires a one-semester course in ethnic studies for high school graduation beginning with students who graduate in the 2029-30 school year.

Item #13 is currently optional, but, if funding is appropriated, districts will be required to offer a one-semester ethnic studies course, as specified, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

13. Ethnic studies

Commencing in the 2025-26 school year, the district shall offer a one-semester course in ethnic studies as specified in Education Code 51225.3.

Note: Education Code 51220.5 requires the equivalent content of a one-semester course in parenting skills and education in grade 7 and/or 8, subject to funding which was not subsequently appropriated; thus the following paragraph is currently **optional**.

In addition, the course of study for grade 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills and education, including, but not limited to, child growth and development, parental responsibilities, household budgeting, child abuse and neglect issues, personal hygiene, maintenance of healthy relationships, teen parenting issues, and self-esteem. (Education Code 51220.5)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that maintain high schools.

High schools shall offer automobile driver education that includes instruction in: (Education Code 51220, 51220.1, 51220.4)

1. Vehicle Code provisions and other relevant state laws
2. Proper acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic
3. Appreciation of the causes, seriousness, and consequences of traffic accidents
4. Knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles
5. The safe operation of motorcycles
6. The dangers involved in consuming alcohol or drugs in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle
7. The rights and duties of a motorist as they pertain to pedestrians and the rights and duties of pedestrians as they pertain to traffic laws and traffic safety

Certification of College Preparatory Courses

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that maintain grades 9-12 and may be revised to reflect district practice. Among the criteria for admission to the University of California (UC) or California State University system is a requirement that students satisfactorily complete 15 **yearlong/30 semesters units** of specified courses ("a-g" courses). In order to qualify as an "a-g" course, the course must first be submitted to and approved by UC. The district or school should develop course descriptions using the templates provided by UC and submit them through UC's online system.

Education Code 51225.37 encourages districts that offer world language courses specifically designed for native speakers to submit those courses to UC for certification and addition to the school's "a-g" course list.

The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the position in the district or school(s) that is responsible for submitting and updating "a-g" courses.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify district courses that may qualify for designation as "a-g" college preparatory courses, including courses in history-social science, English, mathematics, laboratory science, languages other than English, visual and performing arts, career technical education, and college preparatory electives. The Superintendent or designee shall submit any necessary information regarding each identified course to the University of California (UC) for "a-g" designation.

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)**Notification and Information to Students in Grades 9-12**

Note: The following section is for use by districts that maintain grades 9-12.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice to parents/guardians of students in grades 9-12 that, to the extent possible, shall not exceed one page in length and that includes all of the following: (Education Code 51229)

1. A brief explanation of the course requirements for admission to UC and the California State University (CSU)

Note: The UC maintains a searchable web site that lists certified "a-g" courses for all regular California public high schools; see the management resources in the accompanying Board policy.

2. A list of the current UC and CSU web sites that help students and their families learn about college admission requirements and that list high school courses that have been certified by UC as satisfying the requirements for admission to UC and CSU
3. A brief description of what career technical education is, as defined by the California Department of Education (CDE)
4. The Internet address for the portion of the CDE web site where students can learn more about career technical education
5. Information about how students may meet with school counselors to help them choose courses that will meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses

Note: Education Code 51225.8 requires districts, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, to provide specified information on how to properly complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the **California** Dream Act **Application application (CADAA)**, as appropriate, at least once before grade 12. At the district's discretion, the information provided may be disseminated through in-class instruction, an existing program, family information sessions, group or individual sessions with school counselors, or other appropriate means.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information to students and parents/guardians regarding the completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or the **California** Dream Act **Application application (CADAA)** at least once before grade 12. (Education Code 51225.8)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)**Financial Aid Requirements for Students in Grade 12**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51225.7, as added by AB 132 (Ch. 144, Statutes of 2021), starting in the 2022-23 school year, the district is required to confirm that each student in grade 12 completes and submits a FAFSA to the U.S. Department of Education and/or, if a student is exempt from paying nonresident tuition, a CADAA to the Student Aid Commission (CSAC), unless there is an exception as specified below.

Pursuant to Education Code 51225.7, as added by AB 132, CSAC is required to, by July 1, 2022, adopt regulations that include model opt-out forms and acceptable use policies for the purpose of providing guidance on the protection of student and parent/guardian data, which will be available on CSAC's web site.

Commencing in the 2022-23 school year, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student in grade 12 completes and submits a FAFSA to the U.S. Department of Education or, if a student is exempt from paying nonresident tuition a CADAA to the Student Aid Commission (CSAC), unless either: (Education Code 51225.7)

- 1. The student's parent/guardian, emancipated minor, or student age 18 years or older submits an opt-out form to the district**
- 2. If the district determines that a student is unable to complete a requirement of Education Code 51225.7, the district shall exempt the student or the student's parent/guardian from completing the FAFSA, CADAA, or opt-out form and shall complete and submit an opt-out form on the student's behalf**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51225.7, as added by AB 132, the district shall ensure that each high school student in Grade 12, and if applicable, the student's parent/guardian, is directed to any support and assistance necessary to complete the FAFSA and/or CADAA, as described below.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each high school student in grade 12, and if applicable, the student's parent/guardian, be directed to any support and assistance necessary to complete the FAFSA and/or CADAA that may be available through outreach programs, including, but not limited to, programs operated by CSAC, postsecondary immigration resource centers, college readiness organizations, community-based organizations, and/or legal resource organizations. (Education Code 51225.7)

Information shared by students and parents/guardians in completing and submitting the FAFSA and/or CADAA shall be handled in compliance with the federal Family Rights and Privacy Act and applicable state law, regardless of any person's immigration status or other personal information. (Education Code 51225.7)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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INDEPENDENT STUDY

Note: Education Code 51745-51749.6 authorize districts to establish independent study programs to meet the educational needs of students. Pursuant to Education Code 51745, as amended by AB 130 (Ch. 44, Statutes of 2021), for the 2021-22 school year, all districts are required to offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students.

AB 167 (Ch. 252, Statutes of 2021) amended various Education Code provisions related to independent study, as reflected throughout this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation. Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 167, authorizes a district to receive apportionment credit for independent study for any student who is unable to attend in-person instruction due to a quarantine, under a local or state public health guidance, for exposure to or infection with COVID-19 or due to a school closure for COVID-19, pursuant to Education Code 41422.

Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, **mandates** that the Governing Board adopt a policy with specified requirements as a condition of receiving state apportionments for independent study students. In addition to meeting the requirements specified by Education Code 51747, board policies must comply with rules and regulations adopted by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). Boards are encouraged to review independent study policies as the SPI adopts revised rules to reflect the new requirements of AB 130.

~~Commencing with the 2021-22 fiscal year Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting, the State Controller is required to incorporate verification of the adoption of the policies, including loss of apportionment for independent study for districts found to be noncompliant.~~

Education Code 51749.5 **mandates** that the Board adopt policy with specified components as a condition of offering a program of course-based independent study. The mandated components are reflected throughout this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

~~Commencing with the 2021-22 fiscal year Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting, the State Controller is required to incorporate verification of the adoption of the policies **and other requirements**, including loss of apportionment for independent study **pursuant to Education Code 51747 and 51749.5** for districts found to be noncompliant.~~

When developing policy on independent study, 5 CCR 11701 requires the Board to consider, in a public hearing, (1) the scope of its existing or prospective use of independent study as an instructional strategy, (2) its purposes in authorizing independent study, and (3) factors bearing specifically on the maximum realistic lengths of assignments and acceptable number of missed assignments for specific populations of students or adult students.

In the event of a school closure necessitated by an emergency condition pursuant to Education Code 46392, districts must develop a plan for offering independent study to affected students pursuant to Education Code 46393, as added by AB 130 **and amended by AB 167**. See BP 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules.

Independent study may be offered as a program within a school, as a charter school, or as an alternative school of choice pursuant to Education Code 58500-58512; see AR 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization, BP 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation; and BP/AR 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice.

INDEPENDENT STUDY (continued)

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

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

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)

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

Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 167, relaxes certain independent study requirements for the 2021-22 school year as to students who are unable to participate in classroom-based instruction due to a quarantine order or school closure due to COVID-19, including the requirement that participation in independent study be voluntary.

The California Department of Education (CDE), in its 2021-22 AA & IT Independent Study FAQs, interpreted Education Code 51747 as permitting a district to require a student to participate in independent study under circumstances specified in the following paragraph.

Except for students who, during the 2021-2022 school year, cannot participate in classroom-based instruction due to quarantine or school closure for exposure to or infection with COVID-19, A student's participation in independent study shall be voluntary. (Education Code 51747, 51749.5, 51749.6)

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46300, as amended by AB 130, the attendance of students participating in independent study for three or more consecutive school days will be included in computing average daily attendance (ADA) for apportionment purposes.

However, for the 2021-22 school year, districts are permitted pursuant to Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 167, to claim apportionment for fewer than three consecutive school days for students who cannot participate in classroom-based instruction due to a quarantine order or school closure due to COVID-19.

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The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that wish to limit independent study to periods of three or more consecutive school days.

With the exception of students who, during the 2021-2022 school year, cannot participate in classroom-based instruction due to a quarantine or school closure for exposure to or infection with COVID-19, The the minimum period of time for any independent study option shall be three consecutive school days. **(Education Code 51747)**

General Independent Study Requirements

Note: Education Code 51745, as amended by AB 130, requires districts to offer independent study for the 2021-22 school year only, **and thereafter to offer independent study at their discretion.** Districts may meet the requirement for the 2021-22 school year by contracting with a county office of education or by entering into an interdistrict transfer agreement with another district pursuant to Education Code 46600. In addition, the requirement to offer independent study for the 2021-22 school year may be waived for districts by the county superintendent of schools in the county in which the district is located if the district demonstrates that (1) offering independent study would create an unreasonable fiscal burden on the district or county office of education due to low numbers of students participating or other extenuating circumstances; and (2) the Board does not have the option to enter into an interdistrict transfer agreement with another district or to contract with a county office of education to provide an independent study option.

For single-district counties, the waiver must be granted by the SPI.

For the 2021-22 school year, the district shall offer independent study, as specified in Education Code 51745, to meet the educational needs of students unless the district has obtained a waiver. (Education Code 51745)

For the 2022-23 school year and thereafter, the Superintendent or designee may **continue to** offer and approve independent study for an individual student upon determining that the student is prepared to meet the district's requirements for independent study and is likely to succeed in independent study as well as or better than the student would in the regular classroom setting.

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46100, the Board is required to fix the length of the school day for each grade level, in accordance with law. CDE, in its "Frequently Asked Questions," clarifies that independent study is not an alternative curriculum and that students in independent study are required to meet the same number of instructional minutes as their peers who are physically at the school site for their instruction.

INDEPENDENT STUDY (continued)

The minimum instructional minutes for students participating in independent study shall be the same as required for their peers at the school who are receiving in-person instruction, except as otherwise permitted by law. (Education Code 46100)

Note: Education Code 51747 **mandates** that the Board, in a public hearing, adopt a policy on the maximum length of time, by grade level and type of program, which may elapse between the time an independent study assignment is made and the date by which the student must complete the assignment. 5 CCR 11700 defines "type of program" as the statutory program category for purposes of attendance accounting, such as adult education or continuation high school. In addition, 5 CCR 11701 **mandates** that Board policy reflect an awareness that excessive leniency in the duration of independent study assignments can result in a student falling so far behind peers as to increase, rather than decrease, the risk of dropping out of school.

The following paragraph sets one week for all grade levels and types of programs as the maximum length of time an independent study assignment should be completed, and should be revised to reflect the length of time determined by the Board. In order to ensure that apportionments **credits** are received, the length of time determined by the Board in its policy should be reflected in the **district's student's** written agreement. See the section "Master Agreement" below.

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

Note: Education Code 51747 **mandates** that the Board, in a public hearing, adopt a policy which specifies the level of satisfactory educational progress and the number of missed assignments allowed before an evaluation would be required to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study. The following paragraph specifies a maximum of three assignments and should be revised to reflect the Board's determination of the number of missed assignments that will trigger an evaluation.

The number of missed assignments that will trigger an evaluation must be included in the student's written agreement.

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

1. The student's achievement and engagement in the independent study program, as indicated by the student's performance on applicable student-level measures of student achievement and engagement specified in Education Code 52060

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2. The completion of assignments, assessments, or other indicators that evidence that the student is working on assignments
3. Learning **of** required concepts, as determined by the supervising teacher
4. Progress towards successful completion of the course of study or individual course, as determined by the supervising teacher

Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, **mandates** the Board to adopt policy that includes the provision of content aligned to grade level standards that is provided at a level of quality and intellectual challenge substantially equivalent to in-person instruction. For high schools, this requirement includes access to all courses offered by the district for graduation and approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the A-G admissions criteria. See BP/AR 6143 - Courses of Study.

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

Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, **mandates** the Board to adopt policy that includes plans, by grade level, to provide students with specified levels of live interaction and/or synchronous instruction as described below and defined in the accompanying administrative regulation. This requirement only applies to students participating in an independent study program for 15 school days or more.

According to CDE's "2021-22 AA & IT Independent Study FAQs," synchronous instruction for traditional independent study only counts toward meeting the minimum day requirements if students produce a work product that is evaluated for time value as an outcome from their participation in the synchronous instruction.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in independent study for 15 school days or more receive the following throughout the school year: (Education Code 51747)

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

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Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130 and AB 167, mandates the Board to adopt policy that includes procedures for tiered reengagement strategies for **students who meet the conditions specified in the following paragraph**. ~~all students who are not generating attendance for more than three school days or 60 percent of the instructional days in a school week.~~ This requirement only applies to students participating in an independent study program for 15 school days or more.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that procedures for tiered reengagement strategies are used for all students ~~who are not generating attendance for more than three school days or 60 percent of the instructional days in a school week, or who are in violation of their written agreement. This requirement only applies to students participating in an independent study program for 15 school days or more~~ **who** The procedures shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, all of the following: **(Education Code 51747)**

1. **Are not generating attendance for more than three school days or 60 percent of the instructional days in a school week, or 10 percent of required minimum instructional time over four continuous weeks of the district's approved instructional calendar**
2. **Are found to be not participatory pursuant to Section 51747.5 for more than the greater of three schooldays or 60 percent of the scheduled days of synchronous instruction in a school month as applicable by grade span**
3. **Are in violation of their written agreement**

Tiered reengagement strategies procedures used in district independent study programs shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, all of the following: **(Education Code 51747)**

1. Verification of current contact information for each enrolled student
2. Notification to parents/guardians of lack of participation within one school day of the **absence recording of a non-attendance day** or lack of participation
3. A plan for outreach from the school to determine student needs, including connection with health and social services as necessary

Note: Education Code 51747 requires districts to hold a student-parent-educator conference as defined by Education Code 51745.5, at specified times, as reflected below and in the accompanying regulation.

4. A clear standard for requiring a student-parent-educator conference to review a student's written agreement and reconsider the independent study program's impact on the student's achievement and well-being

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Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, **mandates** the Board to adopt policy that includes a plan to expeditiously, and not longer than five instructional days, transition students whose families wish to return to in-person instruction from independent study. This requirement only applies to students participating in an independent study program for 15 school days or more.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan to transition students whose families wish to return to in-person instruction from independent study expeditiously, and, in no case later, than five instructional days. This requirement only applies to students participating in an independent study program for 15 school days or more. (Education Code 51747)

Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, **mandates** the Board to adopt policy providing that a current written agreement (i.e., the "master agreement") will be maintained for each student who participates in independent study and for whom apportionment is claimed. Education Code 51747 provides that no independent study agreement can be valid for longer than one school year. For the 2021-22 school year only, **Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 167, requires** the district **is required** to obtain a signed written agreement for **an independent study program of any length of time** no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction **in an independent study program or October 15, whichever date comes later**.

In addition, Education Code 51749.5 **mandates** the Board to adopt policy providing that a "learning agreement" be maintained for each student participating in course-based independent study.

See the section "Master Agreement" below for required content of these agreements.

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

Note: For the 2021-22 school year only, the district must provide notice with specified components of the independent study option available through Education Code 51747. Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, requires that the written information, in addition to being written in English, be written in the primary language if 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in a district that provides instruction in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, speak a single primary language other than English, as determined from the census data submitted to **CDE the California Department of Education**.

The district shall provide written notice to the parents/guardians of all enrolled students of the option to enroll their child in in-person instruction or independent study during the 2021-22 school year. This notice shall be posted on the district's web site, and shall include, at a minimum, information about the right to request a student-parent-educator conference before enrollment, student rights regarding procedures for enrolling, disenrolling, and reenrolling in independent study, and the instructional time, including synchronous and asynchronous learning, that a student will have access to as part of independent study. (Education Code 51747)

Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, requires districts to hold a student-parent-educator conference upon the request of a parent/guardian prior to enrollment or disenrollment in independent study. The term student-parent-educator conference is defined in Education 51745.5, and as reflected in the accompanying regulation.

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

Master Agreement

Note: Education Code 51747 **mandates** that, in order to receive apportionments for independent study, the district must adopt and implement policy providing for a signed written independent study agreement which contains the components listed in the following section. Because apportionments are only provided for independent study of three or more consecutive school days pursuant to Education Code 46300, as amended by AB 130, written agreements are required only in such instances.

Education Code 46300.7 states that apportionments shall be received for a student in independent study only if the district receives written permission from the parent/guardian before the independent study begins, specifying the actual dates of participation, methods of study and evaluation, and resources to be made available for the student's independent study. Since all these components are included in the written agreement which the parent/guardian must sign before the commencement of independent study pursuant to Education Code 51747, the parent/guardian's signature on the agreement satisfies the requirement to obtain the parent/guardian's written permission.

For the 2021-22 school year however, the district must obtain a signed written agreement for independent study, **of any length of time**, no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction in independent study **or October 15, whichever date comes later**, pursuant to Education Code 51747, as amended by **AB 130 AB 167. This requirement is also applicable to independent study for a student who is unable to attend classroom-based instruction due to quarantine or school closure for COVID-19.**

A written agreement shall be developed and implemented for each student participating in independent study for three or more consecutive school days. (Education Code 46300, 51747; 5 CCR 11703)

However, for the 2021-22 school year only, the district shall obtain a signed written agreement **from each student participating in for an independent study program for any length of time**, no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction in **the independent study program.**

~~A written agreement shall be developed and implemented for each student participating in independent study for three or more consecutive school days. (Education Code 46300, 51747; 5 CCR 11703)~~

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

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

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

Note: As described in the section "General Independent Study Requirements" above, pursuant to Education Code 51747, the written agreement must contain statements reflecting Board policy pertaining to (1) the maximum length of time, by grade level and type of program, which may elapse between the time an independent study assignment is made and the date by which the student must complete the assignment and (2) the number of missed assignments allowed before an evaluation would be required to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study. Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 130, also requires that the written agreement contain a statement of the Board's policy regarding the level of satisfactory educational progress for students participating in independent study.

4. A statement of the Board's policy detailing the maximum length of time allowed between an assignment and its completion, the level of satisfactory educational progress, and the number of missed assignments which will trigger an evaluation of whether the student should be allowed to continue in independent study
5. The duration of the independent study agreement, including the beginning and ending dates for the student's participation in independent study under the agreement, with a maximum of one school year
6. A statement of the number of course credits or, for the elementary grades, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the agreement, to be earned by the student upon completion
7. A statement detailing the academic and other supports that will be provided to address the needs of students who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, students with disabilities with an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan in order to be consistent with their program or plan, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students requiring mental health supports.

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 167, a master agreement is not required to include the following statement for any student who, during the 2021-22 school year, cannot participate in classroom-based instruction due to a quarantine order or school closure due to COVID-19.

8. A statement that independent study is an optional educational alternative in which no student may be required to participate

For the 2021-22 school year, this statement shall not be required for a student's participation in independent study if the student is unable to attend in-person instruction because of a quarantine or school closure mandated by a local or state health order or guidance due to the student's exposure to or infection with COVID-19.

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

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

10. Before the commencement of independent study, the agreement shall be signed and dated by the student, the student's parent/guardian or caregiver if the student is under age 18 years, the certificated employee responsible for the general supervision of independent study, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the student.

However, for the 2021-22 school year, the district shall obtain a signed written agreement for independent study from the student, or the student's parent/guardian if the student is less than 18 years of age, the certificated employee who has been designated as having responsibility for the general supervision of independent study, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the ~~pupil~~ **student**, no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction **in the independent study program or October 15, whichever date comes later.**

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

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

INDEPENDENT STUDY (continued)**Course-Based Independent Study**

Note: This section is for districts that provide independent study courses to its students. Education Code 51749.5-51749.6, as amended by AB 130, establish a course-based independent study option that may be offered if certain requirements are met, as described below. Education Code 51749.5 **mandates** that boards adopt policies that comply with the legal requirements listed in the following section and any applicable regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

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

1. A signed learning agreement shall be completed and on file for each participating student, pursuant to Education Code 51749.6
2. Courses shall be taught under the general supervision of certificated employees who hold the appropriate subject matter credential and are employed by the district or by another district, charter school, or county office of education with which the district has a memorandum of understanding to provide the instruction.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

3. Courses shall be annually certified by Board resolution to be of the same rigor and educational quality and to provide intellectual challenge that is substantially equivalent to in-person, classroom-based instruction, and shall be aligned to all relevant local and state content standards. For high schools, this shall include access to all courses offered by the district for graduation and approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the A-G admissions criteria. The certification shall, at a minimum, include the duration, number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for each school day that student is enrolled, number of equivalent total instructional minutes, and number of course credits for each course, consistent with that of equivalent classroom-based courses. The certification shall also include plans to provide opportunities **throughout the school year**, for students in **grades** transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1-3 to receive daily synchronous instruction, for students in grades 4-8, to receive both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction, and for students in grades 9-12 to receive at least weekly synchronous instruction.
4. Students enrolled in independent study courses shall meet the applicable age requirements established pursuant to Education Code 46300.1, 46300.4, 47612, and 47612.1, and the applicable residency and enrollment requirements established pursuant to Education Code 46300.2, 47612, 48204, and 51747.3.

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5. For each student participating in an independent study course, satisfactory educational progress shall be determined based on the student's achievement and engagement in the independent study program, as indicated by their performance on applicable student-level measures of student achievement and student engagement set forth in Education Code 52060, completion of assignments, assessments, or other indicators that evidence that the student is working on assignments, learning of required concepts, as determined by the supervising teacher, and progress toward successful completion of the course of study or individual course, as determined by the supervising teacher.

If satisfactory educational progress in an independent study class is not being made, the teacher shall notify the student and, if the student is under age 18 years, the student's parent/guardian. The teacher shall conduct an evaluation to determine whether it is in the student's best interest to remain in the course or whether the student should be referred to an alternative program, which may include, but is not limited to, a regular school program. A written record of the evaluation findings shall be a mandatory interim student record maintained for three years from the date of the evaluation. If the student transfers to another California public school, the record shall be forwarded to that school.

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

6. Examinations shall be administered by a proctor.
7. Statewide testing results shall be reported and assigned to the school at which the student is enrolled and shall be included in the aggregate results of the district. Test results also shall be disaggregated for purposes of comparisons with the test results of students enrolled in classroom-based courses.

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

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8. A student shall not be required to enroll in courses included in the course-based independent study program.
9. The student-teacher ratio in the courses in this program shall meet the requirements of Education Code 51745.6.
10. For each student, the combined equivalent daily instructional minutes for courses in this program and all other courses shall meet applicable minimum instructional day requirements, and the student shall be offered the minimum annual total equivalent instructional minutes pursuant to Education Code 46200-46208.

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

11. Courses required for high school graduation or for admission to the University of California or California State University shall not be offered exclusively through independent study.
12. A student participating in this program shall not be assessed a fee that is prohibited by Education Code 49011.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

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

Learning Agreement for Course-Based Independent Study

<p>Note: Education Code 51749.6, as amended by AB 130, requires that, before enrolling a student in course-based independent study, the district provide the student and, if the student is less than 18 years of age, the student's parent/guardian, with a written learning agreement that includes specified components.</p>

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

1. A summary of the district's policies and procedures related to course-based independent study pursuant to Education Code 51749.5
2. The duration of the enrolled course(s) and the number of course credits for each enrolled course, consistent with the Board certifications made pursuant to item #23 of **the Course-Based Independent Study section** above
3. The duration of the learning agreement, which shall not exceed a school year or span multiple school years
4. The learning objectives and expectations for each course, including, but not limited to, a description of how satisfactory educational progress is measured and when a student evaluation is required to determine whether the student should remain in the course or be referred to an alternative program, which may include, but is not limited to, a regular school program
5. The specific resources that will be made available to the student, including materials and personnel, and access to Internet connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work
6. A statement detailing the academic and other supports that will be provided to address the needs of students who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, students with disabilities with an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan in order to be consistent with their program or plan, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students requiring mental health supports.
7. A statement that enrollment is an optional educational alternative in which no student may be required to participate. In the case of a student who is suspended or expelled, or who is referred or assigned to any school, class, or program pursuant to Education Code 48915 or 48917, the agreement also shall include the statement that instruction may be provided to the student through course-based independent study only if the student is offered the alternative of classroom instruction.
8. The manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting a student's assignments, for reporting the student's academic progress, and for communicating with a student's parent/guardian regarding a student's academic progress.

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9. The objectives and methods of study for the student's work, and the methods used to evaluate that work.
10. A statement of the adopted policies regarding the maximum length of time allowed between the assignment and the completion of a student's assigned work, the level of satisfactory educational progress, and the number of missed assignments allowed before an evaluation of whether the student should be allowed to continue in course-based independent study.
11. A statement of the number of course credits or, for the elementary grades, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the learning agreement, to be earned by the student upon completion.
12. **For 2022-23 school year and thereafter, B**before the commencement of an independent study course, the learning agreement shall be signed and dated by the student, **and by** the student's parent/guardian or caregiver; if the student is less than 18 years of age, the certificated employee who has been designated as having responsibility for the general supervision of the independent study course, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the student. For purposes of this paragraph "caregiver" means a person who has met the requirements of Family Code 6550-6552.

However, fFor the 2021-22 school year only, the district shall obtain a signed written agreement for independent study from the student, or the student's parent/guardian if the student is less than 18 years of age, the certificated employee who has been designated as having responsibility for the general supervision of the independent study course, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the pupil no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction.

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall retain a physical or electronic copy of the signed learning agreement for at least three years and as appropriate for auditing purposes. (Education Code 51749.6)

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

Student-Parent-Educator Conferences

Note: Education Code 51747 and 51749.5, as amended by AB 130, require districts to hold student-parent-educator conferences as defined by Education Code 51745.5, at specified times. See the accompanying regulation for the definition of student-parent-educator conference.

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

Records ~~for Audit Purposes~~

Note: Education Code 51745.6, 51747, 51747.5, and 51749.5, as amended by AB 130, require, commencing in the 2021-22 fiscal year, the State Controller to incorporate verifications of compliance with specified components of the laws into the Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting to the extent that these verifications are not yet included in the audit guide, with loss of apportionment for independent study for districts found to be noncompliant.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that records are maintained for audit purposes. These records shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 51748; 5 CCR 11703)

1. A copy of the Board policy, administrative regulation, and other procedures related to independent study
2. A listing of the students, by grade level, program, and school, who have participated in independent study, along with the units of the curriculum attempted and completed by students in grades K-8 and the course credits attempted by and awarded to students in grades 9-12 and adult education
3. A file of all agreements, with representative samples of each student's work products bearing the supervising teacher's notations indicating that the teacher has personally evaluated the work or personally reviewed the evaluations made by another certificated teacher

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4. As appropriate to the program in which the students are participating, a daily or hourly attendance register that is separate from classroom attendance records, maintained on a current basis as time values of student work products judged by a certificated teacher, and reviewed by the supervising teacher if they are two different persons
5. Appropriate documentation of compliance with the teacher-student ratios required by Education Code 51745.6 and 51749.5 (Education Code 51745.6 and 51749.5)
6. Appropriate documentation of compliance with the requirements pursuant to Education Code 51747.5 to ensure the coordination, evaluation, and supervision of the independent study of each student by a district employee who possesses a valid certification document pursuant to Education Code 44865 or an emergency credential pursuant to Education Code 44300 (Education Code 51747.5)

Note: Education Code 51747.5, as amended by AB 130, requires districts to document each student's participation in live interaction and synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day, as applicable, in whole or in part, for which **the student is independent study is provided independent study**. A student who does not participate **in independent study on** a school day **shall must** be documented as nonparticipatory for that school day. In addition, Education Code 51747.5 requires districts to maintain written or computer-based evidence of student engagement that includes, but is not limited to, a grade book or summary document that, for each class, lists all assignments, assessments, and associated grades. Commencing in the 2021-22 fiscal year, the Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting will incorporate compliance reviews of these requirements, **and a finding of noncompliance will result in loss of apportionment in proportion to the impact on ADA from the noncompliance.**

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

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

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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Note: Education Code 51747 authorizes specified records to be maintained in an electronic file, as provided in the following paragraph. Pursuant to Education Code 51747, an electronic file includes a computer or electronically stored image of an original document, including, but not limited to, a PDF, JPEG, or other digital file type, that may be sent via fax machine, email, or other electronic means.

The signed, dated agreement, any supplemental agreement, assignment records, work samples, and attendance records may be maintained on file electronically. (Education Code 51747)

Program Evaluation

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice.

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

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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17289 Exemption for facilities

41020 Audit guidelines

41422 Apportionment credit for student inability to attend in-person or school closure due to COVID-19

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INDEPENDENT STUDY

Definitions

Note: Education Code 51745.5, as added by AB 130 (Ch. 44, Statutes of 2021), defines the terms "live interaction," "student-parent-educator conference," and "synchronous instruction" as provided below.

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

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

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

Educational Opportunities

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51745, as amended by AB 130, the district is required to offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students for the 2021-22 school year unless the district obtains a waiver from such requirement.

For the 2021-22 school year, the district shall offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students as specified in Education Code 51745 unless the district has obtained a waiver. (Education Code 51745)

Note: The following section is **optional**. Education Code 51745 lists educational opportunities that may be provided through independent study. The district may revise or expand items #1-6 below to reflect district practice.

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

1. Special assignments extending the content of regular courses of instruction

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2. Individualized study in a particular area of interest or in a subject not currently available in the regular school curriculum
3. Individualized alternative education designed to teach the knowledge and skills of the core curriculum, but not provided as an alternative curriculum
4. Continuing and special study during travel

(cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence)

5. Volunteer community service activities and leadership opportunities that support and strengthen student achievement

Note: Education Code 51745, as amended by AB 167, permits districts to provide independent study to students who cannot participate in classroom-based instruction due to a COVID-19 quarantine. See the accompanying board policy.

6. Individualized study for a student whose health, as determined by the student's parent/guardian, would be put at risk by in-person instruction **or for a student who is unable to attend in-person instruction due to a quarantine due to exposure to, or infection with, COVID-19, pursuant to local or state public health guidance**

*(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)**(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)**(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)*

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

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts maintaining high schools.

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

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

INDEPENDENT STUDY (continued)**Equivalency**

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

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

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

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

Eligibility for Independent Study

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51748, independent study students must be enrolled in school as a condition of receiving state apportionments.

Students are eligible for independent study as authorized in law, and as specified in board policy and administrative regulation. To participate in independent study, a student shall be enrolled in a district school. (Education Code 51748)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

For the 2022-23 school year and thereafter, the Superintendent or designee may approve the participation of a student who demonstrates the motivation, commitment, organizational skills, and academic skills necessary to work independently provided that experienced certificated staff are available to effectively supervise students in independent study. The Superintendent or designee may also approve the participation of a student whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction. A student whose academic performance is not at grade level may participate in independent study only if the program is able to provide appropriate support, such as supplemental instruction, tutoring, counseling, ongoing diagnostic assessments, and/or differentiated materials, to enable the student to be successful. For an elementary student, the Superintendent or designee may consider the parent/guardian's level of commitment to assist the student.

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Note: The following paragraph limits eligibility for independent study to those students for whom state apportionments can be claimed. Education Code 46300.2 provides that districts will receive state funding for independent study for students who are residents of the county or an adjacent county. Pursuant to Education Code 51747.3, students whose residency status is based on parent/guardian employment within district boundaries (Education Code 48204(b)) are not eligible for funds apportioned for average daily attendance (ADA).

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

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

A student with disabilities, as defined in Education Code 56026, shall not participate in independent study unless the student's individualized education program specifically provides for such participation. (Education Code 51745)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Note: Education Code 51747, as amended by AB 167, relaxes certain independent study requirements for the 2021-22 school year for students who cannot participate in classroom-based instruction as a result of a quarantine order or school closure due to COVID-19, including the limitation on providing a temporarily disabled student individual instruction pursuant to Education Code 48206.3 by means of independent study.

With the exception of students who, during the 2021-2022 school year, cannot participate in classroom-based instruction due to a COVID-19 quarantine or school closure, A a temporarily disabled student shall not receive individual instruction pursuant to Education Code 48206.3 by means of independent study. (Education Code ~~51745~~ 51747)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

Note: Education Code 46300.1 provides that the district may not receive apportionments pursuant to Education Code 42238 for independent study for students age 21 or older, or for students 19 or older who have not been continuously enrolled in grades K-12 since their 18th birthday. However, pursuant to Education Code 46300.4, these students may be eligible for independent study through the adult education program for courses required for high school graduation. See BP/AR 6200 - Adult Education.

Students age 21 or older, and students age 19 or older who have not been continuously enrolled in school since their 18th birthday, may participate in independent study only through the adult education program for the purpose of enrolling in courses required for a high school diploma by Education Code 51225.3 or the Governing Board. (Education Code 46300.1, 46300.4)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

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Note: The following paragraph limits enrollment in independent study to those students for whom state apportionments can be claimed. Pursuant to Education Code 51745, no more than 10 percent of the students enrolled in a continuation high school or opportunity school or program are eligible for apportionment credit for independent study. A pregnant student or a parenting student who is the primary caregiver for the student's child(ren) is not included in this cap.

No more than 10 percent of the students enrolled in a continuation high school or opportunity school or program, not including pregnant students and parenting students who are primary caregivers for one or more of their children, shall be enrolled in independent study. (Education Code 51745)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Monitoring Student Progress

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice.

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

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

When the student has failed to make satisfactory educational progress or missed the number of assignments specified in the written agreement as requiring an evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an evaluation to determine whether or not independent study is appropriate for the student. This evaluation may result in termination of the independent study agreement and the student's return to the regular classroom program or other alternative program.

A written record of the findings of any such evaluation shall be treated as a mandatory interim student record which shall be maintained for three years from the date of the evaluation. (Education Code 51747)

INDEPENDENT STUDY (continued)**Responsibilities of Independent Study Administrator**

Note: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice.
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The responsibilities of the independent study administrator include, but are not limited to:

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

Assignment and Responsibilities of Independent Study Teachers

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51745.6, the equivalency of teacher-student ratios as described below is a necessary condition for the district to receive apportionments for independent study. The district may exceed these ratios, but those additional units of independent study ADA would not be funded.
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Pursuant to Education Code 51745.6, as amended by AB 130, the <u>Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting</u> must incorporate verification of applicable teacher-student ratios commencing in the 2021-22 fiscal year.
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The ratio of student average daily attendance for independent study students age 18 years or younger to full-time equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study shall not exceed the equivalent ratio for all other education programs in the district, unless a new higher or lower ratio for all other educational programs offered is negotiated in a

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

Note: The remainder of this section is **optional** and may be revised to reflect district practice.

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

1. Completing designated portions of the written independent study agreement and signing the agreement
2. Supervising and approving coursework and assignments
3. Maintaining records of student assignments showing the date the assignment is given and the date the assignment is due
4. Maintaining a daily or hourly attendance register in accordance with item #4 in the section on "Records for Audit Purpose" in the accompanying Board policy
5. Providing direct instruction and counsel as necessary for individual student success
6. Regularly meeting with the student to discuss the student's progress

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51747.5, **as amended by AB 167**, the district may only claim apportionment credit for independent study based on the time value of student work products as personally judged in each instance by a certificated teacher **employed by the district**. Education Code 51747.5 specifies that the teacher is not required to sign and date the work products.

7. Determining the time value of assigned work or work products completed and submitted by the student
8. Assessing student work and assigning grades or other approved measures of achievement

Note: Education Code 51747.5, as amended by AB 130 **and AB 167**, requires districts to document each student's participation in live interaction and synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day, as applicable, in whole or in part, for which **live interaction or synchronous instruction is provided as part of the independent study program** ~~is provided~~. A student who does not participate in **scheduled live interaction or synchronous instruction independent study** on a school day shall be documented as nonparticipatory for that school day, **for purposes of student participation reporting and tiered reengagement pursuant to Education Code 51747**.

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9. Documenting each student's participation in live interaction and/or synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day, **as applicable, in whole or in part, for which live interaction or synchronous instruction is provided as part of the independent study is provided program**

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

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Note: The following policy is for use by districts that maintain kindergarten and may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 48000 provides that children are eligible for kindergarten enrollment if they have their fifth birthday on or before September 1 in that school year; see AR 5111 - Admission. Pursuant to Education Code 48000, as amended by AB 130 (Ch. 44, Statutes of 2021) and AB 167 (Ch. 252, Statutes of 2021), for the 2021-22 school year, districts are required to admit any child whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2 must be offered to a transitional kindergarten (TK) program as a condition of apportionment and revises the timespans for mandatory admittance requirements to be phased in from the 2022-23 school year to the 2025-26 school year as described below.

In its "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs," the California Department of Education (CDE) provides that the laws governing TK programs apply equally to all districts including basic aid districts. Districts with questions about the application of the TK mandatory admittance requirements to basic aid districts should consult legal counsel.

Education Code 48000 defines TK as the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Many of the requirements applicable to kindergarten (e.g., class size, minimum school day, facilities) are also applicable to TK. The district will receive funding based on average daily attendance (ADA) for students in a TK program that meets the requirements specified in Education Code 48000.

Education Code 8281.5, as added by AB 130, establishes the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program as an early learning initiative with the goal of expanding access to classroom-based prekindergarten programs. The program allocates funding to all districts that operate kindergarten programs through minimum base grants, enrollment grants based on a district's kindergarten enrollment, and supplemental grants based on a district's percentage of unduplicated students. Grant funds may be used for costs associated with creating or expanding preschool programs through the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) or TK programs, or to establish or strengthen partnerships with other providers of prekindergarten education within the district, including Head Start programs, to ensure that high-quality options for prekindergarten education are available for four-year-old children. Allowable costs include, but are not necessarily limited to, planning costs, hiring and recruitment costs, staff training and professional development, classroom materials, and supplies.

Education Code 17375, as amended by AB 130 and AB 167, establishes the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program to provide one-time grants to school districts to construct new school facilities or retrofit existing school facilities including for the purpose of providing TK classrooms.

For guidance on implementing TK programs, see the [Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Guide: A Resource for California Public School District Administrators and Teachers](#), published by ~~the California Department of Education (CDE)~~.

The Governing Board desires to offer a high-quality transitional kindergarten (TK) program for eligible children who do not yet meet the minimum age criterion for kindergarten. The

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TK program shall assist students in developing the academic, social, and emotional skills needed to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The district's TK program shall be the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. (Education Code 48000)

The Board encourages ongoing collaboration among district preschool staff, other preschool providers, elementary teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the district's TK program.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Eligibility

Note: Education Code 48000, as amended by AB 130 and AB 167, revises the timespans for mandatory admittance requirements to be phased in from the 2022-23 school year to the 2025-26 school year.

The district's TK program shall admit children **as follows:** (Education Code 48000):

- 1. For the 2021-22 school year, children** whose fifth birthday is **from between** September 2 through December 2
- 2. For the 2022-23 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and February 2**
- 3. For the 2023-24 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and April 2**
- 4. For the 2024-25 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and June 2**
- 5. For the 2025-26 school year, and in each school year thereafter, children who turn four by September 1**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48000, as amended by AB 130 and AB 167, a child's eligibility for TK enrollment may not impact family eligibility for a preschool or childcare program.

A child's eligibility for TK enrollment shall not impact family eligibility for a preschool or childcare program. (Education Code 48000).

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Note: CDE's "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs" clarify that children are required to have documentation of required immunizations or a valid exemption prior to admission to TK. For information about required immunizations and exemptions, see BP/AR 5141.31 - Immunizations.

Parents/guardians of eligible children shall be notified of the availability of the TK program and of the age, residency, immunization, and any other enrollment requirements. Enrollment in the TK program shall be voluntary.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)
(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. If the district chooses to allow kindergarten-eligible children to enroll in the TK program, CDE recommends that the district establish criteria to determine selection requirements. The parent/guardian of a kindergarten-eligible child who is enrolled in TK must, at the end of the year, sign a Kindergarten Continuance Form verifying agreement with the child enrolling in kindergarten the following year; see section "Continuation in Kindergarten" below.

On a case-by-case basis, a child whose fifth birthday is on or before September 1 may be admitted into the district's TK program upon request of a child's parents/guardians, if the Superintendent or designee determines that it is in the child's best interest.

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. Pursuant to Education Code 48000, as amended by **AB 130 and AB 167**, the district may, at its discretion, determine whether to allow admittance of children whose fifth birthday is after **December 2 the date specified for admittance for the applicable year as described above**. Such students may be admitted at any time during the school year, including at the beginning of the year. Education Code 48000 provides that districts will not receive ADA apportionment for a child whose birthday is after **the date specified for the applicable year December 2** until the child's fifth birthday.

At any time during the school year, the district may admit into the TK program a child whose fifth birthday is after **December 2 the date specified for admittance for the applicable year as described above** of that same school year, provided that the Superintendent or designee recommends that enrollment in a TK program is in the child's best interest and the child's parents/guardians approve. Prior to such enrollment, the child's parents/guardians shall be provided information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of early admittance. (Education Code 48000)

Curriculum and Instruction

The district's TK program shall be based on a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. (Education Code 48000)

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(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

Note: Education Code 48000 states the Legislature's intent that the TK curriculum be aligned to the California Preschool Learning Foundations developed by CDE. These standards address essential knowledge and skills in the subject areas listed below. The standards and companion preschool curriculum frameworks are available on CDE's web site.

The program shall be aligned with the preschool learning foundations and preschool curriculum frameworks developed by the California Department of Education (CDE). It shall be designed to facilitate students' development in essential knowledge and skills related to language and literacy, mathematics, physical development, health, visual and performing arts, science, history-social science, English language development, and social-emotional development.

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 37202 permits districts to maintain TK and kindergarten classes for different lengths of time during the school day, either at the same or a different school site. Districts offering TK classes for different lengths of time are still required to meet the minimum and maximum length of school day provided in law. Pursuant to Education Code 46111, **as amended by AB 130**, 46115, and 46117, at the kindergarten and TK level the minimum school day is three hours (180 minutes), including recess but excluding noon intermission, and the maximum school day is four hours (240 minutes), excluding recess, **except for students in expanded learning opportunity programs intended to supplement instructional time provided by a district pursuant to Education Code 46120 or if ~~unless~~** the district has adopted an extended-day kindergarten pursuant to Education Code 8973. However, pursuant to Education Code 46119, if the district has fewer than 40 kindergarten students, the Governing Board may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain two kindergarten classes of 150 minutes each, including recesses, taught on the same day by the same teacher. Also see AR 6112 - School Day.

Pursuant to Education Code 48003, districts are required to provide an annual report to CDE regarding the type of kindergarten program offered by the district, including part day, full day, or both. The California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) School Information Form, located on CDE's web site, requires a report on the type of TK program offered.

The Board shall establish the length of the school day in the district's TK program, which shall be at least three hours but no more than four hours long **except for TK students enrolled in expanded learning opportunity programs provided by the district pursuant to Education Code 46120**. If the district has adopted an extended-day kindergarten, the length of the school day for the TK program may be different than the length of the school day for the kindergarten program either at the same or different school sites. The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to CDE as to whether the district's TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both. (Education Code 8973, 37202, 46111, 46115, 46117, 48003)

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Note: Education Code 8281.5, as added by AB 130 and amended by AB 167, requires districts receiving grants through the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program to develop a plan for consideration by the Board at a public meeting on or before June 30, 2022 for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten that meet the needs of parents/guardians, including through partnerships with the district's expanded learning offerings, the After School Education and Safety Program, the CSPP, Head Start programs, and other community-based early learning and care programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten that meet the needs of parents/guardians, including through partnerships with the district's expanded learning offerings, the After School Education and Safety Program, the California State Preschool Program (CSPP), Head Start programs, and other community-based early learning and care programs. The Superintendent or designee shall present such plan for consideration by the Board at a public meeting on or before June 30, 2022. (Education Code 8281.5)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. According to CDE's "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs," it is the intent of the law to provide separate and unique experiences for TK and kindergarten students. However, districts have flexibility to determine how best to meet the curricular needs of each child and whether TK and kindergarten students may be enrolled in the same classrooms.

TK students may be placed in the same classrooms as kindergarten students when necessary, provided that the instructional program is differentiated to meet student needs.

TK students may be commingled in the same classroom with four-year-old students from a ~~California State Preschool Program~~ **CSPP program** as long as **the commingled program meets all of the requirements of each program as well as the following requirements:** (Education Code ~~8235 8207, 48000~~):

- 1. The classroom does not include students enrolled in TK for a second year or students enrolled in a regular kindergarten**
- 2. An early childhood environment rating scale, as specified in 5 CCR 18281, is completed for the classroom**
- 3. All children enrolled for 10 or more hours per week are evaluated using the Desired Results Developmental Profile, as specified in 5 CCR 18272**

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4. The classroom is taught by a teacher that holds a credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing in accordance with Education Code 44065 and 44256
5. The classroom is in compliance with the adult-child ratio specified in Education Code 8241
6. Contractors of the district report the services, revenues, and expenditures for children in the preschool program in accordance with 5 CCR 18068 except for contractors of the TK program

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

Note: Education Code 48000, as amended by AB 130, requires districts to maintain an average TK class enrollment of not more than 24 students for each school site.

The district shall maintain an average TK class enrollment of not more than 24 students for each school site. (Education Code 48000)

Staffing

Note: To be qualified to teach a TK class, the teacher must possess an appropriate multiple subjects or early childhood education credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing instruction in TK. Education Code 48000 establishes additional requirements for credentialed teachers who are first assigned to a TK class after July 1, 2015, as provided below.

TK assignments are subject to assignment monitoring and reporting by the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Education Code 44258.9.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers assigned to teach in TK classes possess a teaching credential or permit from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) that authorizes such instruction.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

Note: Education Code 48000, as amended by **SB 98 (Ch. 24, Statutes of 2020) AB 130**, extends until August 1, **2021 2023**, the requirement for credentialed teachers who are first assigned to a **transitional kindergarten TK** class to meet additional qualifications, as described below.

A credentialed teacher who is first assigned to a TK class after July 1, 2015, shall, by August 1, **2021 2023**, have at least 24 units in early childhood education and/or child development, comparable **professional** experience in a preschool setting, and/or a child development teacher permit issued by CTC. (Education Code 48000)

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Note: Education Code 8281.5, as added by AB 130, permits the use of funding from the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program for the purpose of professional development, including, but not limited to, developing competencies in serving inclusive classrooms and dual language learners.

The Superintendent or designee may provide professional development as needed to ensure that TK teachers are knowledgeable about the standards and effective instructional methods for teaching young children, **including, but not limited to, developing competencies in serving inclusive classrooms and dual language learners.**

Note: Education Code 48000, as amended by AB 130, requires districts to, commencing with the 2022-23 school year, maintain an average of at least one adult for every 12 students for TK classrooms and, contingent upon an appropriation of funding, maintain an average of at least one adult for every 10 students commencing with the 2023-24 school year.

The district shall, commencing with the 2022-23 school year, maintain an average of at least one adult for every 12 students for TK classrooms and, contingent upon an appropriation of funding, maintain an average of at least one adult for every 10 students commencing with the 2023-24 school year. (Education Code 48000)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Continuation to Kindergarten

Note: The following section is consistent with guidance in CDE's "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs."

Students who complete the TK program shall be eligible to continue in kindergarten the following school year. Parents/guardians of such students shall not be required to submit a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form for kindergarten attendance.

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that allow kindergarten-eligible children to enroll in TK; see "Eligibility" section above. When such students are subsequently enrolled in kindergarten, the district is required to obtain a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form in order to receive kindergarten ADA for those children since they would otherwise be age-eligible for first grade. CDE recommends that approval for a student to continue in kindergarten not be sought until near the end of the year of TK, since permission obtained unreasonably far in advance could be found invalid.

However, whenever children who would otherwise be age-eligible for kindergarten are enrolled in TK, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain a Kindergarten Continuance Form signed by the parent/guardian near the end of the TK year consenting to the child's enrollment in kindergarten the following year.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46300, the district may not include for ADA purposes the attendance of any student for more than two years in kindergarten or for more than two years in a combination of TK and kindergarten.

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A student shall not attend more than two years in a combination of TK and kindergarten. (Education Code 46300)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

Assessment

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice. One assessment resource for TK students is CDE's Desired Results Developmental Profile, which is designed to assess the developmental progression of all children from early infancy to kindergarten entry.

The Superintendent or designee may develop or identify appropriate formal and/or informal assessments of TK students' development and progress. The Superintendent or designee shall monitor and regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation, the progress of students in meeting related academic standards, and student preparedness for future education.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

*Legal Reference:****EDUCATION CODE***

8235 California State Preschool Program

8207 California State Preschool Program administration

8241 Staffing ratios for center-based programs

8281.5 California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program

8970-8974 Early primary programs; extended-day kindergarten

17375 Establishment of California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

37202 School calendar; equivalency of instructional minutes

44065 Issuance of and functions requiring credentials

44256 Authorization for teaching credentials

44258.9 Assignment monitoring by county superintendent of schools

46111 Kindergarten, hours of attendance

46114-46119 Minimum school day, kindergarten

46120 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program

46300 Computation of ADA, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten

48000 Age of admission, kindergarten and transitional kindergarten

48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade

48003 Kindergarten annual report

48011 Admission on completing kindergarten

48200 Compulsory education, starting at age six

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (continued)*Legal Reference: (continued)***CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5****18000-18434 Child care and development programs, especially:****18068 Attendance and expenditure reports****18272 Developmental profile****18281 Environment rating scales***Management Resources:***CSBA PUBLICATIONS***What Boards of Education Can Do About Kindergarten Readiness, Governance Brief, May 2016***CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS***Transitional Kindergarten FAQs**Desired Results Developmental Profile: **A Developmental Continuum from Early Infancy up to Kindergarten Entry**, 2015**Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Guide: A Resource for California Public School District Administrators and Teachers, 2013**California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 3, 2013**California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 3, 2012**California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 2, 2011**California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 2, 2010**California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 1, 2010**California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 1, 2008***WEB SITES***CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>**California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>**California Kindergarten Association: <http://www.ckanet.org>**<https://californiakindergartenassociation.org/>**Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>**Transitional Kindergarten California: <http://tkcalifornia.org>*

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STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Note: The following **optional** Board bylaw is for use by any district maintaining one or more high schools. Pursuant to Education Code 35160, the Governing Board may, on its own authority, elect to include one or more student members on the Board. In districts that do not have a student Board member, the district's high school students may petition the Board, pursuant to Education Code 35012, to include at least one student on the Board. See section on "Petition" below for additional information regarding student petitions.

In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the Governing Board and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance.

Note: Education Code 35012 and 35120, ~~as amended by AB 709 (Ch. 437, Statutes of 2019)~~, authorize the Board to award elective course credit for service as a student Board member, as specified below.

Student Board members may, at the Board's discretion, receive elective course credit for service as a student Board member based on the number of equivalent daily instructional minutes for the student Board member's services provided. (Education Code 35012, 35120)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35012, student Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage expenses to the same extent as other members of the Board. This law does not address other travel expenses that may be incurred by student Board members related to training or to the performance of authorized services. As such, other travel expenses are not necessarily reimbursable for student Board members, except with prior Board approval.

Student Board member(s) shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board, but shall not receive monetary compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

A student Board member shall not be liable for any acts of the Board. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Petition

Note: If petitioned by the district's high school students pursuant to Education Code 35012, the Board is required to include at least one student on the Board and, at its discretion, may include more than one student Board member. Districts that have already established student Board member position(s) should delete the following section.

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High school students may submit a petition to the Board requesting the appointment of at least one student Board member. (Education Code 35012)

To qualify for Board consideration, the petition for student representation shall contain the signatures of ~~no less than at least 500 regularly enrolled high school~~ students or ~~no less than 10 percent of the number of students regularly enrolled in district high schools~~ students, whichever is less. (Education Code 35012)

Within 60 days of receiving a student petition, or at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if no meeting is held within those 60 days, the Board shall order the inclusion of at least one student member on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Election of Choosing Student Board Members

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 35012, when student representation is established in response to a student petition, student Board members must be chosen by the students enrolled in district high school(s). It is recommended that the district apply the same process when a student Board member position is established at the Board's discretion. The following paragraph may be revised accordingly.

~~Student~~ **A student** Board member ~~positions~~ shall be ~~filled by a vote of~~ **chosen by** students enrolled in the district's high schools in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Board. (Education Code 35012)

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

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

Note: Education Code 35012, as amended by AB 824 (Ch. 669, Statutes of 2021), authorizes the Board to adjust the term of a student Board member only when a vacancy occurs or in order to provide more students an opportunity to serve on the Board. It is recommended that any proposal to reduce the term of a student Board member be brought before the Board for consideration and that a majority vote of all Board members be required prior to reducing the term.

The term of student Board member(s) shall be one year, commencing on July 1. **However, the Board may adjust the term of a student Board member only if a vacancy occurs or in order to give more students an opportunity to serve on the Board.** (Education Code 35012)

Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35012, student Board members have certain rights, as specified in the following section. However, student Board members are not considered to be members of the Board for purposes of the Brown Act.

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Student Board members shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)

A student Board member shall not be counted in determining **the vote required to carry any measure before the Board** or whether a quorum ~~of the Board~~ is in attendance **at a Board meeting**.

Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed ~~(executive)~~ sessions. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session)

Note: Education Code 35012 requires that student Board members receive all open meeting materials and staff briefings at the same time as other Board members. Any briefings presented to the Board must comply with Brown Act requirements.

Education Code 35012 requires that student Board members also receive all non-closed session materials given to other Board members by the district between open meetings.

All materials presented to Board members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to student Board members at the same time they are presented to other Board members. Student Board member(s) shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other Board members. In addition, all materials given to Board members by the district between meetings, except for materials that pertain to closed session items, shall be distributed to student Board members. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

Student Board member(s) shall be recognized at Board meetings as full member(s), shall be seated with other members of the Board, and shall be allowed to participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

Student Board member(s) shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. *Preferential voting* means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and cast before the official vote of the Board. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35012, the Board may adopt a resolution authorizing its student Board member(s) to make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that have adopted a resolution granting such authority.

Student Board member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (Education Code 35012)

Note: Education Code 35012 requires student Board members to be appointed to subcommittees of the Board in the same manner as other Board members, and as specified below.

Student Board members shall be appointed to subcommittees of the Board in the same manner as other Board members, **and shall** be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in subcommittee meetings and work and **of have** the right to decline an appointment. The availability of all subcommittee members, including the availability of student Board members, may be considered when scheduling subcommittee meetings. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)

Note: Education Code 35012 requires that student Board members be invited to attend functions of the Board, as provided below.

Student Board members shall be invited to attend functions of the Board, such as forums, meetings with students and parents/guardians, and other general assemblies. (Education Code 35012)

~~Student Board members shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act. (Education Code 35012)~~

~~A student Board member shall not be counted in determining whether a quorum of the Board is in attendance.~~

Student Board Member Training

Note: The following section is **optional**. Trainings for student Board members are available through CSBA's **governance workshops and** Annual Education Conference and **other** statewide associations such as the California Association of Student Councils and California Association of Student Leaders.

The Superintendent or designee may, at district expense, provide learning opportunities to student Board members through trainings, workshops, and conferences, such as those offered

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by the California School Boards Association and other organizations, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of leadership skills and their Board responsibilities.

(cf. 9240 - Board Training)

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide information to student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the position. Once **elected chosen** or appointed, incoming student Board members shall be provided an orientation designed to build knowledge of the district and an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of the position.

(cf. 9230 - Orientation)

Alternate Student Board Member

Note: Education Code 35012 authorizes the Board to appoint a student to serve as an alternate student Board member if the Board determines that the student Board member's duties are not being fulfilled.

If the Board determines that the student Board member's duties are not being fulfilled, the Board may appoint another student to serve **as an alternate out the term of the** student Board member. If an alternate student Board member is appointed, the Board shall suspend the prior student Board member's rights and privileges related to service on the Board. (Education Code 35012)

Elimination of Student Board Member Position

Once established, the student Board member position shall continue to exist until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. Such a motion shall be listed as a public agenda item for a Board meeting prior to the motion being voted upon. (Education Code 35012)

Legal References: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 *Appointment of student member to State Board of Education*
35012 *Board members; number, election and terms; student members*
35120 *Course credit for student board members*
35160 *Authority of governing boards*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 *Educational Employment Relations Act*
54950-54964 *Ralph M. Brown Act*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>
California Association of Student Leaders: <http://www.caslboard.com>

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MEETINGS AND NOTICES

Meetings of the Governing Board are conducted for the purpose of accomplishing district business. In accordance with state open meeting laws (Brown Act), the Board shall hold its meetings in public and shall conduct closed sessions during such meetings only as authorized by law. To encourage community involvement in the schools, Board meetings shall provide opportunities for questions and comments by members of the public. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with law and the Board's bylaws, policies, and administrative regulations.

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

A Board meeting exists whenever a majority of Board members gather at the same time and location, including teleconference location **as permitted by Government Code 54953**, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action upon any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board or district. (Government Code 54952.2)

Note: The Brown Act prohibits serial meetings, defined under Government Code 54952.2 as a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of district business.

This prohibition against serial meetings also applies to communications via technology. Email exchanges, chat room threads, or comments posted on a blog or social media account that result in a majority of the **Governing** Board "discussing **among themselves**" an item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board could result in a Brown Act violation. Pursuant to Government Code 54952.2, as amended by AB 992 (Ch. 89, Statutes of 2020), Board members may engage in separate conversations or communications with members of the public on an Internet-based social media platform that is open and accessible to the public as long as a majority of the Board does not use the platform to discuss among themselves business within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board and members do not comment on or use digital icons (e.g., "likes" or emojis) to express reactions to communications made by other Board members. Consequently, a Board member is prohibited from responding directly to any communication from other members of the Board on a social media platform regarding matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. See BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications.

In 84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 30 (2001), the Attorney General opined that Government Code 54952.2 prohibits a majority of the Board from sending emails to each other to develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken by the Board even if the emails are (1) sent to the secretary and chairperson, (2) posted on the district's web site, and (3) distributed **(in a printed version)** at the next meeting. Although the Attorney General recognized that those three conditions would allow the deliberations to be conducted, to some extent, "in public," the emails were prohibited by the Brown Act because all debate would be completed before the meeting and members of the public who did not have Internet access would be excluded from the debate.

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A majority of the Board shall not, outside of an authorized meeting, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, including social media and other electronic communications, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

Note: Government Code 54952.2 specifies that briefings between staff and Board members are permissible in order to answer questions or to provide information, as long as the briefing is not used to communicate the comments or position of any other Board member. ~~Thus, Superintendent briefings involving less than a majority of the Board are allowed, but participants must ensure that the comments or positions of one member are not shared with other members.~~

However, an employee or district official may engage in separate conversations **or communications** with Board members in order to answer questions or provide information regarding an item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, as long as that employee or district official does not communicate the comments or position of any Board members to other Board members. (Government Code 54952.2)

(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)

Note: Government Code 54953.2 requires that all Board meetings meet the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act (**ADA**) (42 USC 12132) and implementing regulations (28 CFR 35.160, 36.303). Such protections require the district to ensure that the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities and, upon request, to provide disability-related accommodations, such as auxiliary aids and services. Auxiliary aids and services may include accommodations at the actual meeting, such as a sign-language interpreter, or accommodations to the supporting documentation, such as Braille translation of the agenda packet. Government Code 54954.2 requires that the agenda specify how, when, and to whom a request for accommodation should be made; see BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials.

In order to help ensure the participation of individuals with disabilities at Board meetings, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate disability-related accommodations or modifications upon request in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54953.2, 54954.1, 54954.2)

Regular Meetings

Note: Education Code 35140 and Government Code 54954 **mandate** the Board to fix the time and place for its regular meetings by rule and regulation.

The Board shall hold _____ regular meeting(s) each month. Regular meetings shall be held at _____ p.m. on the _____ (day) at the _____.

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the agenda for a regular meeting must be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, at a location that is freely accessible to the public. Government Code 54954.2 also requires that the agenda be posted on the district's **Internet** web site, if it has one. Any district that does not have a web site should delete the reference to it in the following paragraph.

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The Attorney General has determined in 78 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 327 (1995) that weekend hours may be counted as part of the 72-hour period for posting of the agenda prior to a regular meeting. In the same opinion, the Attorney General found that the term "freely accessible" requires that the agenda be posted in a location where it can be read by the public at any time during the 72 hours immediately preceding the meeting. For example, if a building where the agenda is posted is closed during the evening hours, the agenda must also be posted in a location accessible during evening hours, such as a lighted display case outside of the building. The Attorney General also opined in 88 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 218 (2005) that the agenda may be posted on a touch screen electronic kiosk, in lieu of a paper copy on a bulletin board, as long as the kiosk is accessible without charge to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public and on the district's **Internet** web site. (Government Code 54954.2)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5, the agenda must list any address where the public can inspect agenda materials that are distributed to Board members less than 72 hours before a regular meeting; see BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials. In addition, pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code 6252-6270), agenda materials related to an open session of a Board's regular meeting are "public records" and are subject to the inspection of any member of the public. For a list of documents subject to disclosure by the district, see BP/AR 1340 - Access to District Records.

Whenever agenda materials relating to an open session of a regular meeting are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the materials available for public inspection at a public office or location designated for that purpose **at the time the materials are distributed to all or a majority of the Board.** (Government Code 54957.5)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Special Meetings

Note: Education Code 35144 and Government Code 54956 allow the Board to hold special meetings to address any matter that requires timely action. For example, the Board may hold a special meeting to discuss the need for an emergency state apportionment when the district is in financial distress; see **BP/AR** 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability. However, pursuant to Government Code 54956, certain specified matters, as described below, may not be addressed in a special meeting.

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the presiding officer or a majority of the Board members. However, a special meeting shall not be called regarding the salary, salary schedule, or other compensation of the Superintendent, assistant superintendent, or other management employee as described in Government Code 3511.1. (Government Code 54956)

(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract)

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Note: Pursuant to Government Code 54956, written notice of a special meeting may be delivered personally or by other means, including email or fax. Government Code 54956 requires any district that has its own **Internet** web site to also post the notice on its web site. Any district that does not have its own web site should delete reference to it in the following paragraph.

Written notice of special meetings shall be delivered personally or by any other means to all Board members and the local media who have requested such notice in writing. The notice also shall be posted on the district's **Internet** web site. The notice shall be received at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting. The notice shall also be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting in a location freely accessible to the public. The notice shall specify the time and location of the meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at this meeting. (Education Code 35144; Government Code 54956)

Any Board member may waive the 24-hour written notice requirement prior to the time of the meeting by filing a written waiver of notice with the clerk or secretary of the Board or by being present at the meeting at the time it convenes. (**Education Code 35144**; Government Code 54956)

Every notice of a special meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board concerning any item that has been described in the meeting notice, before or during the item's consideration. (Government Code 54954.3)

Emergency Meetings

Note: Government Code 54956.5 authorizes a closed session during emergency meetings, as long as two-thirds of the members present at the meeting agree on the need for the closed session or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by unanimous vote of the members present. See BB 9321 - Closed Session and E(1) 9323.2 - Actions by the Board.

In the case of an *emergency situation* for which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, the Board may hold an emergency meeting without complying with the 24-hour notice and/or 24-hour posting requirement for special meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956. The Board shall comply with all other requirements for special meetings during an emergency meeting. (Government Code 54956.5)

An *emergency situation* means either of the following: (Government Code 54956.5)

1. An emergency, which shall be defined as a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board

(*cf.* 4141.6/4241.6 - Concerted Action/Work Stoppage)

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2. A dire emergency, which shall be defined as a crippling disaster, mass destruction, terrorist activity, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring the Board to provide one-hour notice before holding an emergency meeting may endanger the public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Except in the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give notice of the emergency meeting by telephone at least one hour before the meeting to the local media that have requested notice of special meetings. All telephone numbers provided by the media in the most recent request for notification must be exhausted. If telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirement of one hour is waived and, as soon after the meeting as possible, the Board shall notify those media representatives of the meeting and shall describe the purpose of the meeting and any action taken by the Board. In the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give such notice at or near the time notification is given to the other members of the Board about the meeting. (Government Code 54956.5)

The minutes of the meeting, a list of persons the Board president or designee notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the roll call vote, and any actions taken at the meeting shall be posted for at least 10 days in a public place as soon after the meeting as possible. (Government Code 54956.5)

Adjourned/Continued Meetings

The Board may adjourn/continue any regular or special meeting to a later time and location that shall be specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum of the Board may adjourn such a meeting. If no Board members are present, the secretary or the clerk may declare the meeting adjourned to a later time **and place** and shall give notice in the same manner required for special meetings. (Government Code 54955)

Within 24 hours after the time of adjournment, a copy of the order or notice of adjournment/continuance shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the place where the meeting was held. (Government Code 54955)

Study Sessions, Retreats, Public Forums, and Discussion Meetings

Note: The following section is **optional** and may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Board must still comply with the public notice requirements when holding a study session, retreat, public forum or other such meeting.

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The Board may occasionally convene a study session or public forum to study an issue in more detail or to receive information from staff or feedback from members of the public.

The Board may also convene a retreat or discussion meeting to discuss Board roles and relationships.

(cf. 2000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 2111 - Superintendent Governance Standards)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

(cf. 9400 - Board Self-Evaluation)

Public notice shall be given in accordance with law when a quorum of the Board is attending a study session, retreat, public forum, or discussion meeting. All such meetings shall comply with the Brown Act and shall be held in open session and within district boundaries. Action items shall not be included on the agenda for these meetings.

Other Gatherings

Attendance by a majority of Board members at any of the following events is not subject to the Brown Act provided that a majority of the Board members do not discuss specific district business among themselves other than as part of the scheduled program: (Government Code 54952.2)

1. A conference or similar public gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to school board members
2. An open, publicized meeting organized by a person or organization other than the district to address a topic of local community concern
3. An open and noticed meeting of another body of the district
4. An open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency
5. A purely social or ceremonial occasion
6. An open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of the Board, provided that the Board members who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers

(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)

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Individual contacts or conversations between a Board member and any other person are not subject to the Brown Act. (Government Code 54952.2)

Location of Meetings

Meetings shall not be held in a facility that prohibits the admittance of any person on the basis of ancestry or any characteristic listed in Government Code 11135. In addition, meetings shall not be held in a facility which is inaccessible to individuals with disabilities or where members of the public must make a payment or purchase in order to be admitted. (Government Code 54961)

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

Meetings shall be held within district boundaries, except to do any of the following: (Government Code 54954)

1. Comply with state or federal law or court order or attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the district is a party
2. Inspect real or personal property which cannot conveniently be brought into the district, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the property
3. Participate in meetings or discussions of multiagency significance, provided these meetings are held within one of the other agencies' boundaries, with all participating agencies giving the notice required by law
4. Meet in the closest meeting facility if the district has no meeting facility within its boundaries or if its principal office is located outside the district
5. Meet with elected or appointed state or federal officials when a local meeting would be impractical, solely to discuss legislative or regulatory issues affecting the district over which the state or federal officials have jurisdiction
6. Meet in or near a facility owned by the district but located outside the district, provided the meeting agenda is limited to items directly related to that facility
7. Visit the office of the district's legal counsel for a closed session on pending litigation, when doing so would reduce legal fees or costs
8. Attend conferences on nonadversarial collective bargaining techniques

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9. Interview residents of another district regarding the Board's potential employment of an applicant for Superintendent of the district
10. Interview a potential employee from another district

Meetings exempted from the boundary requirements, as specified in items #1-10 above, shall still be subject to the notice and open meeting requirements for regular and special meetings when a quorum of the Board attends the meeting.

If a fire, flood, earthquake, or other emergency renders the regular meeting place unsafe, meetings shall be held for the duration of the emergency at a location designated by the Board president or designee, who shall so inform all news media who have requested notice of special meetings by the most rapid available means of communication. (Government Code 54954)

Teleconferencing

A teleconference is a meeting of the Board in which Board members are in different locations, connected by electronic means through audio and/or video. (Government Code 54953)

The Board may use teleconferences for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. All votes taken during a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call. (Government Code 54953)

During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the Board shall participate from locations within district boundaries. (Government Code 54953)

Agendas shall be posted at all teleconference locations and shall list all teleconference locations whenever they are posted elsewhere. Additional teleconference locations may be provided to the public. (Government Code 54953)

Note: In 84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 181 (2001), the Attorney General opined that a city is not required under the **ADA Americans with Disabilities Act** to provide, as an accommodation for city council member with disabilities who was unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting, a teleconference connection to the member's house where the public would not be permitted to be present. According to the Attorney General, Government Code 54953 requires that members of the public be permitted to be present at any teleconference location.

All teleconference locations shall be accessible to the public. All teleconferenced meetings shall be conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the Board, including the right of the public to address the Board directly at each teleconference location. (Government Code 54953)

MEETINGS AND NOTICES (continued)**Teleconferencing During a Proclaimed State of Emergency**

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 54953, as amended by AB 361 (Ch. 165, Statutes of 2021), boards are authorized, until January 1, 2024, to conduct board meetings by teleconference as specified below when holding a board meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency pursuant to Government Code 8625-8629 when any of the following circumstance exist: (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; (2) to determine whether, as a result of an emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or (3) when it has been determined, as a result of an emergency, that meeting in person would impose such risks.

While a resolution is not required by law to make findings required by Government Code 54953, as amended by AB 361, CSBA offers sample resolutions available on its web site for (1) recognizing a state of emergency and authorizing teleconferenced meetings and (2) recognizing a state of emergency and re-authorizing teleconferenced meetings. CSBA recommends that if resolutions are not utilized, the motion and findings to authorize or reauthorize emergency teleconferenced meetings are included in the meeting minutes.

The Board may conduct Board meetings by teleconference without posting agendas at all teleconference locations, identifying teleconference locations in meeting notices and agendas, allowing public access to each teleconference location, providing an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board directly at each teleconference location, and ensuring that at least a quorum of the Board participate from locations within district boundaries, during a proclaimed state of emergency pursuant to Government Code 8625-8629 in any of the following circumstances: (Government Code 54953)

1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing
2. For the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as the result of the emergency meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees
3. When it has been determined, by majority vote as described in Item #2 above, that as a result of the emergency meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees

To conduct a teleconference meeting for these purposes the following requirements shall be satisfied: (Government Code 54953)

1. The notice and agenda shall be given and posted as otherwise required by the Brown Act

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2. The notice and agenda of the meeting shall specify the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comments, including via a call-in or internet-based service option

Members of the public may be required to register to log in to a meeting when making public comments through an internet web site or other online platform that is operated by a third-party and not under the control of the Board.

3. Members of the public shall be allowed to access the meeting, and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board directly pursuant to Government Code 54954.3
4. Members of the public shall not be required to submit public comments in advance of a Board meeting and shall be provided an opportunity to address the Board and offer comments in real time
5. Public comment periods shall not be closed until the timed public comment period, if such is offered by the Board, has elapsed or, if not timed, until a reasonable amount of time per agenda item has been allowed
6. If during a Board meeting a disruption occurs which prevents the district from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public or for members of the public to offer public comments, the Board shall take no further action on any agenda item until public access via the call-in or internet-based service option to the meeting is restored

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

The district may, in its discretion, provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment. (Government Code 54953)

The Board may continue to conduct meetings by teleconference, as specified above for teleconferencing during proclaimed states of emergency, by a majority vote finding within 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time, and every 30 days thereafter, that either: (Government Code 54953)

1. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Board to meet safely in person
2. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing

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All Board policies, administrative regulations, and bylaws shall apply equally to meetings that are teleconferenced. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate public participation in the meeting at each teleconference location.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

- 35140 Time and place of meetings
- 35143 Annual organizational meeting, date, and notice
- 35144 Special meeting
- 35145 Public meetings
- 35145.5 Agenda; public participation; regulations
- 35146 Closed sessions in connection with a student
- 35147 Open meeting law exceptions and applications

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3511.1 Local agency executives
- 6252-6270 California Public Records Act**
- 8625-8629 California Emergency Services Act**
- 11135 State programs and activities; prohibition of discrimination
- 54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:
 - 54953 Meetings to be open and public; attendance; **teleconference**
 - 54954 Time and place of regular meetings
 - 54954.2 Agenda posting requirements, board actions
 - 54956 Special meetings; call; notice
 - 54956.5 Emergency meetings

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act
- CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
- 35.160 Effective communications for individuals with disabilities
- 36.303 Auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities

COURT DECISIONS

- Garnier v. Poway Unified School District, (S.D. Cal. September 26, 2019) No. 17-cv-2215-W (JLB), 2019 WL 4736208 (S.D. Cal. September 26, 2019)
- Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University v. Trump, (2019) 928 F.3d 226 (2019)
- Wolfe v. City of Fremont, (2006) 144 Cal.App. 4th 533 54433

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

- 88 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 218 (2005)
- 84 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 181 (2001)
- 84 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 30 (2001)
- 79 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 69 (1996)
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Management Resources: (see next page)

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2019

INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

The ABCs of Open Government Laws

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PUBLICATIONS

Open and Public ~~VH~~: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act, 2016 2nd Ed., 2010

WEB SITES

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

CSBA, GAMUT Meetings:

<http://www.csba.org/ProductsAndServices/AllServices/GamutMeetingsPolicy>

California Attorney General's Office: <http://oag.ca.gov/home>

Institute for Local Government: <http://www.ca-ilg.org>

League of California Cities: <http://www.cacities.org>

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