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Dear Families of Tracy Unified School District Students:

Assembly Bill 104, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 1, 2021, allowing parents, guardians, education rights holder of a pupil, or a student who is 18 years of age and who fell behind in the 2020-2021 school year only, to choose a learning recovery option, *only if needed*. Although the district is awaiting more details of AB 104 to be released, what we do know is outlined below. Please note that as information is updated we will stay in communication.

- Repeating grade level
- Choosing a pass or no pass grading system for high school students
- Adding an additional 5th year for “credit recovery” for 11th and 12th graders only

Repeating Grade Level

AB 104 allows a parent to submit a written request to their school site administration that their child repeat a grade level. A Student Success Team (SST) will be scheduled and take place within 30 calendar days of this written request to allow parent, student, student’s current teacher, and administrator to determine if retention is in the student’s best interest. A final decision will be given to the family within 10 calendar days of the SST meeting. Regardless of the decision to repeat a grade level or not, specific interventions and supports (social-emotional and/or academic), for the student shall be discussed and offered. If a student has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), please request an IEP meeting to discuss specific options for repeating, interventions, supports, etc.

High School Students Specific-AB 104 further requires high school students to be offered access to prior semester courses in which the student received a D or F letter grade in the 2020-21 academic year, some other form of credit recovery, or other supports as specified by the academic counselor. This law does not permit 12th graders enrolled in the 2020-21 school year to request retention.

Pass/No Pass Grading

AB 104 allows high school students enrolled during the 2020-21 school to change their letter grades of to “Pass” or “No Pass” on their transcript, keeping their GPA from being negatively affected so they are not unfairly disadvantaged for college admissions and still have access to state financial aid for higher education. The bill requires CSU, UC and private colleges accept transcripts with a “Pass” or “No Pass” designation. A parent or a student 18 years of age or older can make this request by filling out the application for this grade change in your student’s high school academic counseling department.

Adding 5th Year

Under AB 104, students enrolled in their 11th and 12th grade high for the 2020-21 school year and who are not on track to graduate in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year, have a “credit recovery” opportunity to complete a 5th year of instruction to ensure that the student will graduate with a high school diploma. If you or your student would like this opportunity, please schedule an appointment with your academic counselor by email and or by calling the academic counseling department at your student’s high school, to review current graduation and credit status.

Tracy Unified School District has the best interest of all students in mind as we transition to in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. Our school site office staff, administration and academic counseling teams will be returning from summer break mid to late July to assist you with any questions you have regarding Assembly Bill 104.

Sincerely,

Mary Petty, Ed.D.
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