

**GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Written report cards displaying students' grades in each subject or course shall be distributed to parents/guardians at the end of each grading period. Parents/guardians shall be offered an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher(s) to discuss the grades and strategies to improve their child's performance.

Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course, the teacher shall arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report. (Education Code 49067)

**Effect of Absences on Grades**

Teachers who withhold class credit because of excessive unexcused absences shall so inform students and parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year or semester. When a student reaches the number of unexcused absences defined as excessive in Board policy, the student and parent/guardian shall again be notified of the district's policy regarding excessive unexcused absences.

The student and parent/guardian shall have a reasonable opportunity to explain the absences. (Education Code 49067)

If a student receives a failing grade because of excessive unexcused absences, the student's record shall specify that the grade was assigned because of excessive unexcused absences. (Education Code 49067)

Grades for a student in foster care shall not be lowered if the student is absent from school due to either of the following circumstances: (Education Code 49069.5)

1. A decision by a court or placement agency to change the student's placement, in which case the student's grades and credits shall be calculated as of the date the student left school
2. A verified court appearance or related court-ordered activity

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

41505-41508 *Pupil Retention Block Grant*

48070 *Promotion and retention*

48205 *Excused absences*

48800-48802 *Enrollment of gifted students in community college*

48904-48904.3 *Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts*

49066 *Grades; finalization; physical education class*

49067 *Mandated regulations regarding student's achievement*

49069.5 *Students in foster care, grades and credits*

51242 *Exemption from physical education based on participation in interscholastic athletics*

76000-76002 *Enrollment in community college*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10060 *Criteria for reporting physical education achievement, high schools*

30008 *Definition of high school grade point average for student aid eligibility*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*

6101-6251 *School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

COURT DECISIONS

*Owasso Independent School District v. Falvo, (2002) 534 U.S. 426*

*Las Virgenes Educators Association v. Las Virgenes Unified School District, (2001) 86*

*Cal.App.4th 1*

*Swany v. San Ramon Valley Unified School District, (1989) 720 F.Supp. 764*

*Johnson v. Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, (1986) 179*

*Cal.App.3d 593*