



INSTRUCTIONS

POLICY – JUVENILE COURT SCHOOLS

BP 6186

The County Board shall provide for the administration and operation of juvenile court schools that meet the needs of students who are under the protection or authority of the county juvenile justice system and have been placed in juvenile hall or the boys camp. (Education Code 48645)

The County Superintendent shall be responsible for the administration of juvenile court schools. (Education Code 48645.2)

The County Superintendent or juvenile court director may, in accordance with Education Code 48646, enter into a memorandum of understanding or other agreement with the county chief probation officer to establish a process for communication, decision making, mutual goals, and conflict resolution to support the needs of students who are receiving their education in juvenile court schools. (Education Code 48646)

Unless otherwise provided by law, the minimum school day shall be 240 minutes. (Education Code 48645.3)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Juvenile court schools shall offer a curriculum that meets state academic standards and a course of study that prepares students for a high school diploma or equivalency certificate, career entry, and college admission. The County Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the established educational program.

The prescribed courses of study shall be kept on file for public review. (Education Code 51040)

Students enrolled in a juvenile court school shall participate in physical education courses unless exempted by law. (Education Code 51241)

Any student who completes the graduation requirements of the student's school district of residence while attending juvenile court school shall receive a diploma from the school last attended in the district of residence or from the County Superintendent. (Education Code 48645.5)

JOINT TRANSITION PLANNING

The County Board shall ensure that the County Education Office (CEO) and the county department of probation have a joint transition planning policy for the purposes of improving communication regarding dates of release and educational needs of students who have had contact with the juvenile justice system, coordinating immediate school placement and enrollment, and ensuring that probation officers in the community have the information they need to support the return of students who are being transferred from juvenile court schools to public schools in their communities. The transition planning policy shall include the assignment of transition oversight responsibilities to CEO personnel who will work in collaboration with the county probation department, as needed, and relevant local educational agencies to facilitate: (Education Code 48647)

1. The transfer of complete and accurate education records, including the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan, if applicable, when a student enters the juvenile court school
2. Access to information about postsecondary academic and vocational opportunities, including college financial aid programs
3. The implementation of the student's transition plan, if one exists
4. The transition of a student from a juvenile court school to a public school in the community, including procedures for the student's immediate enrollment, transfer of course credits, placement in appropriate courses based on completed coursework, and the transfer of complete and accurate education records, including any IEP or Section 504 plan, within 72 hours of the student's release from the juvenile detention facility

Individualized Transition Plan

As needed, each student detained for more than 20 consecutive school days shall have an individualized transition plan developed by the school in collaboration with the county probation department in accordance with Education Code 48647. (Education Code 48647)

For any student detained for 20 consecutive school days or fewer, a copy of the student's individualized learning plan, if one exists, shall be made available by the CEO to the student upon the student's release, if possible. (Education Code 48647)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48645-48647 Juvenile court schools

51040 Prescribed courses

51041 Educational program

51220 Areas of study

51222 Physical education

51241 Exemptions from physical education

60200 Adoption of instructional materials

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

602 Minors violating law; ward of court

880-893 Wards and dependent children; juvenile homes, ranches and camps

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Juvenile Court

Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/jc>

APPROVED BY COUNTY BOARD:

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