Cambrian
School District

Plan for Expelled Youth
2018-2021

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A JOINT PLAN

BETWEEN

THE CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

AND

THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

FOR

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

EDUCATION CODES 48916.1 AND 48926

Developed by

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INTRODUCTION PAGE

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SETTING

Educational programs within Santa Clara County provide opportunities for students who are in need of traditional and/or alternative educational programs. Individual school districts offer a broad spectrum of service and the County Office of Education offers additional options. This combination provides a continuum of alternatives to expelled students.

A student whose behavior has resulted in expulsion is given a rehabilitation plan that is designed by the district of residence. This plan may involve one or more of the options outlined. A student who is simply in need of an educational alternative may also access these programs through a District and/or County referral process.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION OVERVIEW

The Santa Clara County Office of Education will continue to provide an educational option for expelled students. This program is one that fits in the continuum of education care as outlined. The philosophy of each school district affects how the Santa Clara County Office of Education Community School program will meet the needs of that particular school district. The Community School is a permissive educational program that provides the local school districts with another education option for their expelled youth.

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

County Existing Educational Alternative Schools for Expelled Youth

The Santa Clara County Office of Education Court and Community School/Day Center program offers the following options for expelled youth:

1. Daily educational programs that range from 240-300 minutes per day in community classrooms.

2. Independent Study Program (IS) that requires students to complete a minimum of 20 hours of educational product.

3. Teen parent program.

4. Specific site names:

Educational alternatives offered by the Santa Clara County Office of Education include the following:

Court Schools*
Osborne Advent
Blue Ridge

Community Schools
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CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT EXISTING EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPELLED YOUTH

Cambrian School District located within Santa Clara County offers the following options for expelled youth, depending on the specific offense and Educational Code violation:

1. Suspended expulsion with placement on different school campus within the District;

2. Suspended expulsion with placement on a different school campus on a neighboring District (Union School District), with the Superintendent's or his/her designee's approval;

3. Expulsion with referral to the Santa Clara County Office of Education court and community School/Day Center Program;

Recommendations for expelled students and placement take the following information into consideration:

- The student's age
- The student's academic, attendance and discipline history
- Parental involvement in the student's rehabilitation plan

The decision to place students in an alternative placement and actual referral to such a placement is recommended to the Superintendent by the Director of Student Services. All expulsions must be approved by the Cambrian School District Governing Board and must be aligned to State Education Code and Cambrian School District Board policy.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY AND CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GAPS AND STRATEGIES IN EDUCATION SERVICES

There are major gaps that exist in respect to providing education services to expelled pupils. Following each gap in the Santa Clara COE/Cambrian strategy for addressing these gaps:

1. It is possible under Education Code 48916.1a that a student who has been expelled from the Cambrian District under Education Code 48915 and referred to either a district Community Day School or a County operated Community School program could commit another violation of Education Code 48915 and ultimately be referred back to the Cambrian District.

Santa Clara County/Cambrian strategy for addressing this gap:

Cambrian has the option to refer to other District/County Community Day Schools if the program is appropriate.

2. Students who have failed their placement in County Community Day School may be referred to other county operated programs. If the student fails this program or commits another expulsion type offense there may not be any viable alternatives remaining.

Santa Clara County/Cambrian strategy for addressing this gap:

The Santa Clara County Office of Education will continue to provide educational services to those eligible students placed or referred to the Court and Community School/Day Center program.

Cambrian will continue to explore existing educational strategies and programs to meet the needs of expelled students.

3. Students in grades one through six who are expelled do not have the same educational options available as do expelled youth who are in grades seven through eight, due to the limited numbers of students who are expelled in these lower grades. The younger students cannot attend the programs designed for middle and high school students. The numbers are growing within the county, but generally are not enough to develop an elementary school program.

Santa Clara County Cambrian strategy for addressing this gap:

- Regional program may be developed to reflect geographical or limited numbers.
- Provide Independent Study Program for grades K-6.

District strategy for addressing this gap:

- Refer to a county level Student Study Team or SARB to analyze student needs and suggest alternatives.

CAMBRIAN DISTRICT/COUNTY PLAN FOR EXPELLED YOUTH

Education code – 68926:

Each county superintendent or schools in counties that operate community schools pursuant to Section 1980, in conjunction with superintendents of the school district within the county, shall develop a plan for providing education services to all expelled pupils in that county. The plan shall be adopted by the governing board of each school district within the county and by the county board of education.

The plan shall enumerate existing education alternative for expelled pupils, identify gaps in education services to expelled pupils, and strategies for filing those service gaps. The plan shall also identify alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in district community day school programs, but who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district pupils as determined by the governing board.

Each county superintendent of schools in conjunction with the superintendents of the school districts, shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the county plan for providing education services to all expelled pupils in the county no later than May 1, 2018, and shall submit a triennial update to the plan to the Superintendent of public Instruction including the outcome data pursuant to Section 48916.1.

Education Code – 48916.1

a. At the time an expulsion of a pupil is ordered, the governing board of the school district shall ensure that an educational program is provided to the pupil who is subject to the expulsion order for the period of the expulsion but only to the extent funds are appropriate for this purpose in the annual Budget Act or other legislation, or both.