

Dropout Prevention

The Governing Board expects all students to remain in school until graduation in order to acquire critical knowledge and skills and be prepared for postsecondary education and/or employment. The Superintendent or designee shall identify factors that impede student success in school and shall implement integrated, systemic support and strategies that address dropout prevention and promote timely intervention and recovery.

The Superintendent or designee, in collaboration with parents/guardians, school staff, and community agencies and organizations as appropriate, shall develop districtwide and schoolwide strategies that support regular school attendance for all students. Dropout prevention strategies shall include efforts to provide a safe and positive learning environment that engages and motivates students, encourages students' connectedness to the schools, offers meaningful educational opportunities, and promotes student health and well-being.

In order to make up lost instructional time and offset absences, the district may implement attendance recovery programs. Any attendance recovery program shall be provided as a voluntary, limited-term option for a classroom-based, regular education program for students in grades TK-6 in accordance with Education Code 46211.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to provide targeted support to individual students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Students may be identified based on indicators such as chronic absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness; below-grade-level academic achievement as evidenced by student assessment results and/or teacher evaluations; and personal, social, health, or economic circumstances that may affect student performance and behavior in school.

Strategies to support students at risk of dropping out of school may include, but are not limited to:

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Meetings and/or home visits with the student and parent/guardian to identify and address barriers to the student's success and inform them of the state's compulsory education law

Individualized instruction that responds to the needs and unique learning styles of students

Supplemental instruction during or outside the school day that is designed to help students overcome academic deficiencies, including attendance recovery programs

Enrollment in alternative or specialized educational programs

Assistance locating employment or work-based learning opportunities which link classroom learning with real-world experiences

Academic guidance and personal counseling services

Referral to a student success team, school attendance review board, or other team that addresses persistent attendance problems

Referral to school and/or community support services, such as a student assistance program; substance abuse program; health services or school nurse; school social worker or social services; school counselor, school psychologist or other student support personnel for case management and counseling; and other resources

Continued monitoring of student attendance, including tracking student attendance and identifying students with attendance problems as early as possible, so the school may provide appropriate support services and interventions

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Employment of qualified outreach consultants to perform duties related to dropout identification, prevention, intervention, and recovery as assigned

Creating small, personalized learning communities to facilitate monitoring and support

Offering courses or programs that connect schoolwork with college and career success, including career technical education

The strategies may be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan and linked to district goals for student engagement, school climate, and student achievement.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees are trained to support at-risk students and are prepared to implement intervention strategies or to make appropriate referrals to support services.

When a student leaves school prior to the end of a school year, or when a student successfully completed the prior school year but did not begin attending the next grade or school that the student was expected to attend or had pre-registered to attend, the Superintendent or designee shall make efforts to determine whether the student has dropped out or has transferred to another educational setting. The Superintendent or designee may contact the student's parents/guardians to verify school enrollment and, if necessary, shall implement intervention and recovery efforts.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain required documentation for students who transfer from or otherwise withdraw from a school in the district.
(20 USC 6311)

State	Description
Ed. Code 35160	Authority of governing boards

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Ed. Code 46211	Attendance recovery programs
Ed. Code 48200	Compulsory education
Ed. Code 48260-48273	Truancy
Ed. Code 48400-48403	Compulsory continuation education
Ed. Code 48430-48438	Continuation education
Ed. Code 48660-48666	Community day schools
Ed. Code 49600-49604	Educational counseling
Ed. Code 51260-51269	Gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum
Ed. Code 51745	Independent study
Ed. Code 52059.5-52077	Local control and accountability plan
Ed. Code 52300-52462	Career technical education
Ed. Code 54690-54697	Partnership academies
Ed. Code 60900-60901	California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System
Ed. Code 64001	School plan for student achievement; consolidated application programs
W&I Code 18986.40-18986.46	Interagency children's services programs
Federal	Description
20 USC 6301-6322	Title I programs
Management Resources	Description

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California Department of Education Publication	School Attendance Improvement Strategies
California Department of Education Publication	SAP Bulletin 11: Nine Components of SAPs
California Department of Education Publication	Student Assistance Programs
California Department of Education Publication	Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Program Instrument
CSBA Publication	California High School Graduation and Dropout Rates, Fact Sheet, May 2013
CSBA Publication	Seize the Data: Using Chronic Absence Data to Drive Student Engagement, March 2024
Institute of Education Sciences Publication	Preventing Dropout in Secondary Schools, September 2017
US Department of Education Publication	Every Student Succeeds Act High School Graduation Rate Non-Regulatory Guidance, January 2017
Website	Institute of Education Sciences
Website	California Department of Education, Dropout Prevention
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Dropout Research Project
Website	National Dropout Prevention Center
Website	U.S. Department of Education
Website	CSBA

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