



Charter School Legislation

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New Legal Requirement	Notes
<p>AB 5 (Zbur): The Safe and Supportive Schools Act <i>Effective: 2025-26 school year</i></p> <p>Beginning with the 2025–26 school year and ending with the completion of the 2029–30 school year, each LEA serving pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to provide one hour of training annually to teachers and other certificated employees using the CDE online training delivery platform and curriculum, or an in-service alternative. Requires each LEA to maintain records documenting the training and requires CDE to monitor compliance with the training requirement annually.</p> <p>AB 5 EC 218 EC 218.3</p> <p><i>Note: CDE is required to develop the online training platform and curriculum by July 1, 2025.</i></p>	
<p>AB 1113 (McCarty): California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System: Expanded Learning Opportunity Programs <i>Effective: 2025-26 school year</i></p> <p>Beginning with the 2025–26 school year, to collect annual pupil enrollment data for each pupil enrolled in an expanded learning opportunity program, including, but not limited to, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program, ASES, and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, as part of CALPADS.</p> <p>AB 1113 EC 60902</p>	
<p>AB 1796 (Alanis): Pupil Instruction: Course Offerings: Parental Notification <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p>	

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<p>Requires LEAs to annually notify the parents or guardians of pupils admitted to, or advancing to, grades 7 to 12, inclusive, of any dual enrollment or International Baccalaureate courses offered by the LEA.</p> <p>AB 1796 EC 48980.6</p>	
<p>AB 1858 (Ward): Comprehensive Safety Plans: Active Shooters: Armed Assailants: Drills <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Requires, as part of the comprehensive school safety plan, if the plan includes procedures to prepare for active shooters or other armed assailants by conducting a drill, the development of specified procedures relating to that drill.</p> <p>Authorizes a chartering authority to deny a charter school petition that does not include in its proposed development of a school safety plan the same provisions on procedures and policies relating to active shooter and armed assailant drills as are required by the bill in a school district or county office of education comprehensive school safety plan.</p> <p>AB 1858 EC 32282 EC 47605 EC 47605.6</p> <p><i>NOTE: By June 15, 2025, CDE will curate and post on its website best practices pertaining to school shooter or other armed assailant drills for use by LEAs.</i></p>	
<p>AB 1871 (Alanis): Adopted Course of Study for Grades 7 to 12: Social Sciences: Personal Financial Literacy <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p>	

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<p>Requires the social sciences area of study to also include instruction on personal financial literacy.</p> <p>AB 1871 EC 51220</p>	
<p>AB 1913 (Addis): Pupil Safety: Child Abuse Prevention: Training <i>Effective: July 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Commencing July 1, 2025, additionally requires LEAs to, among other things, provide annual training to their employees on the prevention of abuse, including sexual abuse, of children on school grounds, by school personnel, or in school-sponsored programs, and would require proof of training.</p> <p>AB 1913 EC 44691</p>	
<p>AB 1938 (Gallagher): Special Education: Inclusion and Universal Design for Learning <i>Effective: July 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Requires LEAs when implementing inclusion and universal design for learning initiatives, to consider specified things with respect to the full language access needs of pupils who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.</p> <p>Requires individualized family service plan teams and IEP teams, when determining the least restrictive environment for a deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind pupil 0 to 22 years of age, to consider the language needs of the pupil, and to consider reviewing placements and services available to the pupil.</p> <p>AB 1938 EC 56040.6</p>	

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<p><i>NOTE: CDE on or before July 1, 2025 will communicate requirements.</i></p>	
<p>AB 1955 (Ward): Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today’s Youth Act <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Prohibits LEAs and the state special schools, and a member of the governing board or body of those educational entities, from enacting or enforcing any policy, rule, or administrative regulation that requires an employee or a contractor to disclose any information related to a pupil’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to any other person without the pupil’s consent unless otherwise required by law.</p> <p>Prohibits employees or contractors of those educational entities from being required to make such a disclosure unless otherwise required by law.</p> <p>Prohibits employees or contractors of LEAs, or the state special schools, or members of the governing boards or bodies of those educational entities, from retaliating or taking adverse action against an employee on the basis that the employee supported a pupil in the exercise of specified rights, work activities, or providing certain instruction.</p> <p>AB 1955 EC 217 EC 220.1 EC 220.3 EC 220.5</p>	
<p>AB 2053 (Mathis): Pupil Instruction: Abusive Relationships <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p>	

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<p>Requires the comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education to also include information about resources available to pupils related to adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline and local domestic violence hotlines.</p> <p>AB 2053 EC 51934</p> <p>Resources to Implement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CDE Comprehensive Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> SDCOE Teen Dating Violence Prevention 	
<p>AB 2165 (Reyes): Pupil Instruction: Financial Aid Application <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Requires an LEA, before exempting a pupil or the pupil’s parent or legal guardian from the requirement to complete and submit a FAFSA, a form for purposes of the California Dream Act, or an opt-out form, to provide information to the pupil and the pupil’s parent or legal guardian.</p> <p>Requires an LEA that exempts the pupil from the above-described requirement to notify the pupil’s parent or legal guardian</p> <p>AB 2165 EC 51225.7</p>	
<p>AB 2534 (Flora): Certificated Employees: Disclosures: Egregious Misconduct <i>Effective Jan. 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Requires applicants for a certificated position to provide a complete list of every LEA where the applicant has previously worked. LEAs considering the applicant must inquire with previous employers whether the applicant was the</p>	

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<p>subject of egregious misconduct complaints, investigations, or discipline. LEAs are encouraged to review and update application and hiring processes and policies in accordance with this new legislation.</p> <p>AB 2534 EC 44939.5</p>	
<p>AB 2690 (Joe Patterson): Pupil Safety: Parental Notification: Synthetic Drugs <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Requires LEAs to, as part of the annual notification to parents or guardians, also include the risk of social media platforms being used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl.</p> <p>AB 2690 EC 48985.5</p>	
<p>AB 2711 (Ramos) Suspensions and Expulsions: Voluntary Disclosures <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Prohibits the suspension of a pupil enrolled in a charter school in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, who voluntarily discloses, in order to seek help through services or supports, the pupil's use of a tobacco product, controlled substance, alcohol, or an intoxicant of any kind, solely for that disclosure.</p> <p>AB 2711 EC 48901.1</p>	
<p>AB 2887 (Maienschein): School Safety Plans: Medical Emergency Procedures <i>Effective: July 1, 2025</i></p>	

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<p>Requires the comprehensive school safety plan to include procedures to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening medical emergency while on school grounds.</p> <p>Authorizes a chartering authority to deny a charter school petition that does not include in its proposed development of a school safety plan the same provisions on procedures relating to the response to incidents involving an individual experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening medical emergency while on school grounds.</p> <p>AB 2887 EC 32282 EC 47605 EC 47605.6</p>	
<p>AB 2998 (McKinnor): Opioid Overdose Reversal Medications: Pupil Administration <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Prohibits LEAs from prohibiting a pupil 12 years of age or older, while on a school site or participating in school activities, from carrying or administering, a naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray or any other opioid overdose reversal medication that is federally approved for over-the-counter, nonprescription use.</p> <p>Prohibits a pupil 12 years of age or older and employees of the of those LEAs who administers those opioid antagonists on a school site or while participating in school activities from being held liable in a civil action or being subject to criminal prosecution for their acts or omissions.</p> <p>AB 2998 EC 49414.35</p>	

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<p><u>Resources to Implement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SDCOE: School Nursing (under “Naloxone Toolkit”) 	
<p>SB 88 (Skinner): Pupil Transportation: Driver Qualifications <i>Effective: January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Increases safety requirements for employed and contracted drivers transporting students for an LEA. Also extends the requirement of the tuberculosis risk assessment to charter schools.</p> <p>SB 88 EC 39875 et. seq.</p> <p><u>Resources to Implement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CDE Transportation ➤ CDE Pupil Transportation Driver Qualifications 	
<p>SB 553 (Cortese): Occupational Safety: Workplace Violence: Restraining Orders and workplace Violence Prevention Plan <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Collective bargaining representatives may file a restraining order on behalf of the employee. This may have impacts to the LEAs human resources and special education departments and processes. We encourage LEAs to review this change and consult with legal counsel to ensure processes and procedures are up to date.</p> <p>SB 553 CCP 527.8 LAB 6401.7 LAB 6401.9</p>	

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<p>SB 939 (Umberg): Educational Equity: Schoolsite and Community Response: Neurodivergent Pupils <i>Effective: 2025-26 school year</i></p> <p>Requires, commencing with the 2025–26 academic year, each LEA to additionally ensure that the resources related to neurodiversity developed by the University of California and California State University Collaborative for Neurodiversity and Learning are readily accessible in a prominent location on the LEA’s website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents or guardians and pupils.</p> <p>Requires the online staff training module to include information about how to support pupils who are bullied for being or being perceived as neurodivergent and include links to the resources related to neurodiversity developed by the University of California and California State University Collaborative for Neurodiversity and Learning.</p> <p>SB 939 EC 234.5 EC 234.6 EC 32283.5</p>	
<p>SB 997 (Portantino): Pupil Health: Opioid Antagonists and Fentanyl Test Strips <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Prohibits LEAs from prohibiting pupils in middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, or adult schools, while on a school site or participating in school activities, from carrying fentanyl test strips or a federally approved opioid antagonist, for the emergency treatment of persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose.</p> <p>SB 997 EC 49414.6</p>	

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<p>SB 1063, Grove. Pupil safety: identification cards <i>Effective: July 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Beginning July 1, 2025, Requires a public or private school that serves pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, and that issues pupil identification cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have printed on the identification cards the number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. • that, as of July 1, 2025, have a supply of unissued identification cards that are noncompliant with this requirement to issue the noncompliant identification cards until that supply is depleted • authorizes schools to additionally have printed on either side of the identification card a quick response (QR) code that links to the mental health resources internet website of the county in which the school is located. <p>SB 1063 EC 215.5</p>	
<p>SB 1445 (Cortese): Governing Boards: Pupil Members: Expulsion Hearing Recommendations (OPTIONAL) <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>Authorizes school district governing board, charter school governing body, and the governing body of an entity managing multiple charter schools to allow each of their respective pupil members to make restorative justice recommendations that would be considered in closed session expulsion hearings.</p>	

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<p>Requires, if the school district governing board, charter school governing body, or governing body of an entity managing multiple charter schools authorizes those pupil member recommendations, limited case information that pertains to those closed session items to be disclosed to each pupil member, subject to pupil and parental consent.</p> <p>SB 1445 EC 47604.2</p>	
<p>AB 58 (Salas): Pupil Health, Suicide Prevention Policies and Training <i>Effective: January 1, 2025</i></p> <p>On or before January 1, 2025, to review and update its policy on pupil suicide prevention, and revise its training materials, to incorporate best practices identified by the department in the department’s model policy.</p> <p>Commencing with the 2024–25 school year, encourage an LEA to provide suicide awareness and prevention training to teachers of pupils in all of the grades served by the local educational agency.</p> <p>AB 58 EC 215</p> <p><u>Resources for Implementation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Webinar series ○ Online training ○ Model Youth Suicide Prevention Policy ○ Additional resources) <input type="checkbox"/> SDCOE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Toolkit ○ Free Suicide Prevention Training 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Model Policies ○ Resources for students and families 	
<p>AB 101 (Medina): Pupil Instruction: Graduation Requirements: Ethnic Studies <i>Effective: 2025-26 school year</i></p> <p>Beginning in 2025-26, require LEAs to offer an ethnic studies course for pupils in grades 9-12.</p> <p>Add the completion of a one-semester course in ethnic studies, meeting specified requirements, to the graduation requirements commencing with pupils graduating in the 2029–30 school year, including for pupils enrolled in a charter school.</p> <p>A pupil would satisfy the ethnic studies course requirement by completing either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. a course based on the model curriculum in ethnic studies developed by the commission, B. an existing ethnic studies course, C. an ethnic studies course taught as part of a course that has been approved as meeting the A–G requirements of the University of California and the California State University, or D. a locally developed ethnic studies course approved by the governing board of the LEA. <p>Would prohibit a course that does not use ethnic studies content as the primary content through which the subject is taught from being used to satisfy the ethnic studies course requirement.</p>	

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<p><i>NOTE: These provisions would become operative only upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature for these purposes in the annual Budget Act or another statute.</i></p> <p>AB 101 EC 51225.3</p> <p>Resources for Implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> CDE Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum<input type="checkbox"/> CDE Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Guidelines<input type="checkbox"/> SDCOE Ethnic Studies Resources	