

RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5014: ATTENDANCE BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF PUPIL AT PUPIL'S CLASSROOM IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE PUPIL HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE PUPIL'S TEACHER

- A. This Board Policy is adopted pursuant to Education Code section 48900.1.
- B. A teacher may provide that a parent or legal guardian of a pupil attend a portion of a school day in the teacher's classroom only if all the following conditions are met:
1. The pupil has been suspended by the teacher pursuant to Education Code section 48910 (and Board Policy 5012) for reasons specified in subdivision (i) or (k) of Education Code section 48900.
 2. The suspension of the pupil by the teacher is either for (1) the "commission of an obscene act or engagement in habitual profanity or vulgarity," or (2) for the "disruption of school activities or willful defiance of the valid authority of the teacher or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties."
 3. The teacher has reported the suspension of the pupil to the Principal and has asked the parent or legal guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension by the teacher.
 4. The teacher and/or Principal have made reasonable efforts to have the parent or legal guardian visit the teacher's classroom on a voluntary basis.
 5. The teacher considered other options, including informing the parent and or legal guardian of available resources to assist in developing more effective parental skills, but has determined that the required attendance of the parent or legal guardian is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the pupil and the parent or legal guardian and to improve classroom behavior.
 6. The teacher or Principal has verified that the parent or legal guardian of the pupil actually lives with the pupil.
 7. Written notice is sent or hand-delivered by the Principal to the parent or legal guardian of the pupil advising that attendance is required by law, advising that reasonable factors will be considered if the parent or legal guardian in good faith believes that compliance is prevented, and advising of the dates or times available for the attendance. Reasonable factors shall include, but not be limited to, loss of income, lack of child care, disability, and lack of transportation. The written notice shall include a copy of Education Code section 48900.1 and a copy of this Board Policy.

- C. The required attendance of the parent or legal guardian shall be limited to the class from which the pupil was suspended and to the parent or legal guardian who is actually living with the pupil.
- D. A teacher shall apply this Board Policy uniformly to all pupils in the classroom.
- E. The Principal shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any parent or legal guardian required to attend a classroom pursuant to this Board Policy shall meet with the Principal or designee after completing the classroom visitation and before leaving the school site.

Legal Reference:
Education Code section 48900.1
Labor Code section 230.7

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