Community Day School

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The Board of Education recognizes the need to provide an appropriate alternative educational option for expelled students who are prohibited from attending regular schools in the district, students referred by probation pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300 or 602, and students referred by a school attendance review board or another district-level referral process. The district's community day school program shall be designed to meet the needs of these students and ensure academic progress necessary for their success when returned to a regular school environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the County Superintendent of Schools and, as appropriate, other districts within the county to develop, for Board adoption, a plan for providing education services and appropriate placements to all expelled students in the county.

The district's community day school program shall be designed to give students substantial individual help with their problems. To the extent possible, the program shall include:

1. Cooperation with the county office of education, law enforcement, probation, and human services agencies personnel who work with at-risk youth

2. Low student - to teacher ratio

3. Individualized instruction and assessment

4. Maximum collaboration with school district support service resources, including but not limited to, school counselors, psychologists, academic counselors, and student discipline personnel

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the involuntary transfer of students to a community day school in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee may require community day school students to attend school for up to seven days each week in a directed program designed to provide students with the skills and attitudes necessary for success when they are returned to a regular school environment.

A community day school shall not be situated on the same site as regular district elementary, middle, junior high, comprehensive senior high, opportunity, or continuation school, except when allowed by law and when the Board certifies by a two-thirds vote that no satisfactory alternative facilities are available for the community day school. Such Board certification shall be valid for not more than one school year and may be renewed by a subsequent two-thirds vote of the Board.

Community day schools shall be operated in safe, well-maintained facilities that meet the requirements of Education Code 17292.5.

The Superintendent of designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the academic performance and other outcomes of students enrolled in a community day school.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Legal References:

STATE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
5 CCR 1068-1074 Alternative schools accountability model; assessments
EDUCATION CODE
17085-17096 Emergency portable facilities
17280-17317 Building approvals
17365-17374 Field Act; fitness for occupancy; liability of board members
1980-1986 County community school
48260-48273 Truants
48660-48666 Community day schools
48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion
52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups
52064.5 Program evaluation; state evaluation rubrics
WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE
300 Minors subject to jurisdiction
602 Minors violating law; ward of court
FEDERAL
UNITED STATES CODE
20 USC 1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
29 USC 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
34 CFR 104.35 Evaluation and placement
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATION
Guidelines for Establishing a Community Day School
WEBSITES
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/
California Department of Education http://www.cde.ca.gov/

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