PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES **AR 5020**

Parent/Guardian Rights

The rights of parents/guardians of district students include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To observe, within a reasonable period of time after making a written request, the classroom(s) in which their student is enrolled or for the purpose of selecting the school in which their student will be enrolled (Education Code 49091.10, 51101)

   Upon receiving a request to observe a specific classroom, the principal or designee shall coordinate with the parent/guardian and the classroom teacher to determine the appropriate date, time, duration, and conditions of the visit.

   Upon receiving a request to observe a school, the principal or designee shall coordinate with the parent/guardian to determine the appropriate date, time, duration, and conditions of the visit.

   Additionally, a principal or designee may establish, in consultation with school site staff, a regular visitation schedule for parents/guardians.

2. To meet, within a reasonable time of their request, with their student's teacher(s) and the principal (Education Code 51101)

3. Under the supervision of district employees, to volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of district facilities and programs, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1240 - Volunteer Assistance (Education Code 51101)

4. To be notified, on a timely basis, if their student is absent from school without permission (Education Code 51101)

5. To receive the results of their student's performance and the school's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests (Education Code 51101)

   For parents/guardians of English learners, this right shall include the

right to receive the results of their student's performance on the English language development test. (Education Code 51101.1)

6. To request a particular school for their student and to receive a response from the district (Education Code 51101)

7. To have a school environment for their student that is safe and supportive of learning (Education Code 51101)

8. To examine the curriculum materials of the class(es) in which their student is enrolled (Education Code 51101; 20 USC 1232h)

   Parents/guardians may inspect, in a reasonable time frame, all primary supplemental instructional materials and assessments including textbooks, teacher's manuals, films, audio and video recordings, and software, stored by the classroom teacher. (Education Code 49091.10)

   Each school shall make available to parents/guardians and others, upon request, a copy of the prospectus for each course, including the titles, descriptions and instructional aims of the course. (Education Code 49091.14)

   The school may charge an amount not to exceed the cost of duplication if a hardcopy is created. (Education Code 49091.14)

9. To be notified of the opportunity to opt their student out of certain instruction, as required by law (Education Code 51240, 51938)

10. To be informed of their student's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their student (Education Code 51101)

11. For parents/guardians of English learners, to support their student's advancement toward literacy (Education Code 51101.1)

    The Superintendent or designee may make available, to the extent possible, surplus or undistributed instructional materials to parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 60510. (Education Code

51101.1)

12. For parents/guardians of English learners, to be informed, through the school accountability report card, about statewide and local academic standards, testing programs, accountability measures, and school improvement efforts (Education Code 51101.1)

13. To have access to their student's records in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5125 - Student Records (Education Code 51101)

14. To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their student is expected to accomplish (Education Code 51101)

15. To be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures in accordance with Education Code 48980, attendance policies, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school (Education Code 51101)

16. To be notified, as early in the school year as practicable pursuant to Education Code 48070.5, if their student is identified as being at risk of retention, and of their right to consult with district personnel responsible for a decision to promote or retain their student and to appeal such a decision (Education Code 51101)

17. To receive notice and information about and to opt out of any psychological testing involving their student (Education Code 51101)

18. To receive notice and information about and to opt out of any assessment, analysis, evaluation, or monitoring of the quality or character of the student's home life, any form of parent/guardian screening or testing, any nonacademic home-based counseling program, parent/guardian training, or any prescribed family education service plan, and to inspect any survey collecting personal information in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights (Education Code 49091.18; 20 USC 1232h)

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19. To participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school site council, or site-based management leadership team in accordance with any rules and regulations governing membership in these organizations (Education Code 51101)

    For parents/guardians of English learners, this right shall include the right to participate in school and district advisory bodies in accordance with federal and state law and regulations. (Education Code 51101.1)

20. To question anything in their student's records that the parent/guardian feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5125 - Student Records (Education Code 51101)

21. To object, in accordance with Administrative Regulation 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment and applicable law, to the district's use of a name or pronoun for the student that does not match the student's legal name or natal pronouns.

22. To provide informed, written parental consent before their child is tested for a behavioral, mental, or emotional evaluation (Education Code 49091.12)

    A general consent, including medical consent used to approve admission to or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular school activity, shall not constitute written consent for these purposes. (Education Code 49091.12)

23. For parents/guardians of English learners, to be given any required written notification, under any applicable law, in English and the student's home language pursuant to Education Code 48985 (Education Code 51101.1)

These rights shall be exercised in accordance with applicable Board policy and administrative regulation.

Parent Responsibilities

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Parents/guardians may support the learning environment of their student by: (Education Code 51101)

1. Monitoring attendance
2. Ensuring that homework is completed and turned in on time
3. Encouraging participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities
4. Monitoring and prohibiting or regulating the use of social media and other forms of online entertainment
5. Working at home on learning activities that extend the classroom learning
6. Volunteering in their student's classroom(s) or for other school activities in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1240 - Volunteer Assistance
7. Participating in decisions related to the district, their student's school, or the education of the student, as appropriate

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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 Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	***Description***
Ed. Code 220.3-220.5	*Prohibition of requiring employee or contractor to disclose information related to student's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression*
Ed. Code 243	*Refusal of approval or prohibition of instructional materials*
Ed. Code 33126	*School accountability report card*
Ed. Code 35291	*Rules*
Ed. Code 48070.5	*Promotion and retention of students*
Ed. Code 48985	*Notices to parents/guardians in language other than English*
Ed. Code 49091.10-49091.19	*Parent/guardian review of curriculum and instruction*
Ed. Code 49602	*Counseling and confidentiality of student information*

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Ed. Code 51100-51140	*Parent/guardian rights*
Ed. Code 51204.5	*History of California; contributions of people of all genders, ethnic, and cultural groups to development of state and nation*
Ed. Code 51240	*Excuse from health instruction due to conflicts with religious beliefs*
Ed. Code 51501	*Prohibited means of instruction; continued use of appropriately adopted materials*
Ed. Code 51513	*Personal beliefs*
Ed. Code 51930-51939	*California Healthy Youth Act*
Ed. Code 60510	*Disposal of surplus instructional materials*
Federal	***Description***
20 USC 1232g	*Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974*
20 USC 1232h	*Privacy rights*
34 CFR 99.1-99.8	*Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*
Management Resources	***Description***
Court Decision	*Mirabelli v. Bonta (2026) 146 S.Ct. 797*
Court Decision	*Mahmoud v. Taylor (2025) 606 U.S. 522*
Website	*CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services*
Website	*California Department of Education*
Website	*CSBA*

Cross References

Policy	***Description***
0410	*Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities*
0450	*Comprehensive Safety Plan*
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1100	*Communication With The Public*
1240	*Volunteer Assistance*
1240	*Volunteer Assistance*
1250	*Visitors/Outsiders*
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1312.2	*Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials*
1312.2	*Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials*
1312.2-E(1)	*Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials*
1340	*Access To District Records*
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1700	*Relations Between Private Industry And The Schools*
3260	*Fees And Charges*
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4131	*Staff Development*

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5116.1	*Intradistrict Open Enrollment*
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5117	*Interdistrict Attendance*
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5121	*Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement*
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5123	*Promotion/Acceleration/Retention*
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5125	*Student Records*
5125	*Student Records*
5125.1	*Release Of Directory Information*
5125.1	*Release Of Directory Information*
5125.1-E(1)	*Release Of Directory Information*
5125.3	*Challenging Student Records*
5131	*Conduct*
5131.6	*Alcohol And Other Drugs*
5131.6	*Alcohol And Other Drugs*
5132	*Dress And Grooming*
5132	*Dress And Grooming*
5141.3	*Health Examinations*
5141.3	*Health Examinations*
5142	*Safety*
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5145.3	*Nondiscrimination/Harassment*
5145.3	*Nondiscrimination/Harassment*
5145.6	*Parent/Guardian Notifications*
5145.6-E(1)	*Parent/Guardian Notifications*
5148.3	*Preschool/Early Childhood Education*
5148.3	*Preschool/Early Childhood Education*
6000	*Concepts And Roles*
6020	*Parent Involvement*
6020	*Parent Involvement*
6120	*Response To Instruction And Intervention*
6141.2	*Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs*
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6142.1	*Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction*

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6143	*Courses Of Study*
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6154	*Homework/Makeup Work*
6161.1	*Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials*
6161.1	*Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials*
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6161.11	*Supplementary Instructional Materials*
6173.2	*Education Of Children Of Military Families*
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