Students

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BP 5020

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of district students have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their students.

The Board believes that the district's relationship with parents/guardians is one of mutual support and respect. The Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians of English learners, to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of their students, including the means by which the district and parents/guardians can help their students achieve academic and other standards of the district.

The district is responsible for providing a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a safe, supportive, and effective learning environment.

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their students succeed in school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district staff understand the rights of parents/guardians afforded by law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, and follow acceptable practices that respect those rights.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive notification regarding their rights, including, but not limited to, their rights in accordance with 20 USC 1232g and 34 CFR 99.1-99.8, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and as specified in Board Policy 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications.

When required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, the district shall notify parents/guardians that they may request to opt their student out of certain instruction. Students for whom the district has approved the opt out shall be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all parents/guardians who speak a language other than English are properly notified in English, and in their home language, of the rights and opportunities available to them pursuant to Education Code 48985. (Education Code 51101.1)

The Superintendent or designee may establish a center for parents/guardians at a school with a substantial number of students with a home language other than English, to encourage parent/guardian understanding of, and participation in, the educational programs. (Education Code 51101.1)

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*
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*
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5125.1	*Release Of Directory Information*
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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*
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5141.3	*Health Examinations*
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