

CVUSD

Board Policy

BP 0510

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

School Accountability Report Card

Note: Education Code 35256 requires the Governing Board to annually issue a school accountability report card (SARC) for each school site, reporting all conditions listed in Education Code 33126 and 41409.3. The goal of the SARC is to provide data by which parents/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between schools, thus enabling them to make informed decisions regarding which school they wish their children to attend.

Note: AB 1061 (Ch. 530, Statutes of 2007) amended Education Code 33126 to delete specified items from the list of conditions that are required to be reported, including, but not limited to, the quality of school instruction and leadership, classroom discipline and climate for learning, the availability of qualified substitute teachers, the degree to which students are prepared to enter the workforce, and whether the school qualifies for the Governor's Performance Award Program.

Note: In addition, pursuant to 20 USC 6311, any district that receives Title I, Part A funding (see BP/AR 6171 - Title I Programs) must prepare and disseminate an annual report card which includes specified information regarding student achievement on statewide academic assessments, indicators of adequate yearly progress, whether the district or district schools have been identified for program improvement, graduation rates, and teacher qualifications. Rather than issuing a district-level report card, districts are allowed by 20 USC 6311 to incorporate the information into the SARC.

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to inform parents/guardians and the community about the conditions, needs, and progress at each district school and to provide data by which parents/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between schools. The process of gathering and analyzing data also provides opportunities for school and district staff to review achievements and identify areas for improvement.

The Board shall annually issue a school accountability report card (SARC) for each school site. (Education Code 35256)

Note: Education Code 33126.1 requires that the California Department of Education (CDE) develop a standardized template for use by districts in creating their SARCs. This template is posted on the CDE's web site; districts may download it and then enter SARC data electronically. The template lists the specific legal requirements and definitions (including federal Title I requirements for district report cards pursuant to 20 USC 6311), as well as references to help access the data.

In preparing the district's report cards, the Superintendent or designee may choose to use or adapt the model template provided by the California Department of Education. If the model template is not used, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that data are reported in a manner that is consistent with the definitions for school conditions as provided in the template. At least every three years, the Board shall compare the content of the district's report cards to the state's model template, recognizing that variances are allowed by law as necessary to meet local needs. (Education Code 33126.1, 35256)

The Board shall annually approve the SARC's for all district schools and shall evaluate the data contained in the SARC's as part of the Board's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for communicating the information contained in the SARC's to all stakeholders, including opportunities for staff and the community to discuss their content.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Notification and Dissemination of SARC's

Note: Education Code 35256 requires districts to notify parents/guardians about the availability of the SARC and to provide a paper copy of the SARC upon request. Education Code 35258 requires any district that is connected to the Internet to make the information contained in the SARC available via the Internet; some county offices of education make SARC's available on their web sites for district schools within the county. AB 1061 (Ch. 530, Statutes of 2007) amended Education Code 35256 and 35258 to require that, commencing in the 2008-09 school year, districts must make the SARC available, in both hard copy and on the Internet as applicable, by February 1 of each year. Districts are not required to submit their SARC's to the CDE, but are required by Education Code 33126.1 to ensure that the CDE has the district's current SARC web site address for linkage from the CDE's web site. Districts that are not connected to the Internet may modify the following paragraph accordingly.

***Note: 20 USC 6311 requires districts receiving Title I, Part A funds to disseminate the Title I report card information to all district schools and to all parents/guardians of students attending those schools and to make the information widely available through public means, such as posting on the Internet, distribution to the media, and distribution through public agencies. In its nonregulatory guidance Report Cards, dated September 12, 2003, the U.S. Department of Education states that because not all parents/guardians have access to the Internet, the Internet alone is not a sufficient means of disseminating report cards. The CDE has interpreted this recommendation, in conjunction with state law, to require that all parents/guardians be notified

of the availability of the full report and provided information as to how they can access the full report on the Internet or request a paper copy. The CDE also encourages districts to provide an abbreviated copy of the SARC as part of this notice.***

The Superintendent or designee shall annually publicize the issuance of the SARCs and notify parents/guardians that a paper copy will be provided upon request. On or before February 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall make the SARCs available in paper copy and on the Internet. (Education Code 35256)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1240 County superintendent, general duties
 - 17002 Definition, including good repair
 - 17014 Plan for building maintenance
 - 17032.5 Portable classroom maintenance
 - 17070.15 School Facilities Act; definitions
 - 17089 Portable classroom maintenance
 - 33126 School Accountability Report Card
 - 33126.1 School Accountability Report Card model template
 - 33126.15 School Accountability Report Card template
 - 33126.2 Secretary of Education school accountability report card study
 - 35256 School Accountability Report Card
 - 35256.1 Information required in the School Accountability Report Card
 - 35258 Internet access to the School Accountability Report Card
 - 41409 Calculation of statewide averages
 - 41409.3 Salary information required in the School Accountability Report Card
 - 46112 Minimum school day for grades 1 through 3
 - 46113 Minimum school day for grades 4 through 8
 - 46117 Minimum kindergarten school day
 - 46141 Minimum school day (high school)
 - 51225.3 Requirements for graduation
 - 52052 Academic performance index
 - 52053 Immediate intervention/underperforming schools program
 - 52056 Meeting growth targets
 - 60119 Textbook sufficiency
 - 60600-60618 General provisions
 - 60640-60648 Standardized testing and reporting program
 - 60800 Physical fitness testing
 - 60850 High school exit examination
 - 60851 High school exit examination
- CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
- Article 16, Section 8.5(e) Allocations to State School Fund

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 State plans, including local educational agency report cards

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Report Cards, September 12, 2003

WEB SITES

CSBA, SARC Select: <http://www.csba.org/Services/Services/DistrictServices/SARC.aspx>

California Department of Education, School Accountability Report Card:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa>

U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind Act: <http://www.nclb.gov>

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