

CVUSD

Board Policy

BP 5147

Students

Dropout Prevention

***Note: AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) eliminated the Pupil Retention Block Grant (Education Code 41505-41508), which had provided funding for opportunity classes and programs; supplemental instruction; and dropout prevention and recovery programs, including educational clinics, alternative work centers, and the school-based student motivation and maintenance program. At their discretion, districts may use funding from the local control funding formula to provide services that support dropout prevention efforts. ***

The Governing Board expects all students to remain in school until graduation in order to acquire critical knowledge and skills and be prepared for postsecondary education and/or employment. The Superintendent or designee shall identify factors that impede student success in school and shall implement integrated, systemic support and strategies that address dropout prevention and promote timely intervention and recovery.

The Superintendent or designee, in collaboration with community agencies and organizations as appropriate, shall develop districtwide and school wide strategies that support regular school attendance for all students. Dropout prevention strategies shall include efforts to provide a safe and positive learning environment that engages and motivates students, encourages students' connectedness to the schools, offers meaningful educational opportunities, and promotes student health and well-being.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to provide targeted support to individual students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Students may be identified based on indicators such as chronic absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness; below-grade-level academic achievement as evidenced by student assessment results and/or teacher evaluations; and personal, social, health, or economic circumstances that may affect student performance and behavior in school.

Strategies to support students at risk of dropping out of school may include, but are not limited to:

1. Meetings and/or home visits with the student and parent/guardian to identify and address barriers to the student's success and inform them of the state's compulsory education law
2. Individualized instruction that responds to the needs and unique learning styles of students
3. Supplemental instruction during or outside the school day that is designed to help students overcome academic deficiencies

4. Enrollment in alternative or specialized educational programs
5. Assistance locating employment or work-based learning opportunities which link classroom learning with real-world experiences
6. Academic guidance and personal counseling services
7. Referral to a student success team, school attendance review board, or other team that addresses persistent attendance problems
8. Referral to school and/or community support services, such as a student assistance program, health services, social services, a substance abuse program, and other resources
9. Continued monitoring of student attendance
10. Employment of qualified outreach consultants to perform duties related to dropout identification, prevention, intervention, and recovery as assigned

Strategies may be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan and linked to district goals for student engagement, school climate, and student achievement.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees are trained to support at-risk students and are prepared to implement intervention strategies or to make appropriate referrals to support services.

When a student leaves school prior to the end of a school year, or when a student successfully completed the prior school year but did not begin attending the next grade or school that he/she was expected to attend or had pre-registered to attend, the Superintendent or designee shall make efforts to determine whether the student has dropped out or has transferred to another educational setting. The Superintendent or designee may contact the student's parents/guardians to verify school enrollment and, if necessary, shall implement intervention and recovery efforts.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35160 Authority of governing board
- 48200 Compulsory education
- 48260-48273 Truancy
- 48400-48403 Compulsory continuation education
- 48430-48438 Continuation education
- 48660-48666 Community day schools
- 49600-49604 Educational counseling
- 51260-51269 Gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum
- 51745-51749.3 Independent study
- 52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

52300-52334 Regional occupational centers and programs
52890 Qualifications and duties of outreach consultants
54690-54697 Partnership academies
60900-60901 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System
64000-64001 Single plan for student achievement
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
18986.40-18986.46 Interagency children's services programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6301-6322 Title I programs

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

California High School Graduation and Dropout Rates, Fact Sheet, May 2013

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Dropout Research Project: <http://www.cdrp.ucsb.edu>

California Student Assistance Program Resource Center: <http://www.casapresources.org>

National Dropout Prevention Center: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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