

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Governing Board desires to provide a rich, research-based curriculum that motivates every student to succeed. The Board shall adopt instructional goals and objectives which reflect the district's philosophy and delineate the skills, knowledge and abilities students will need in order to lead successful, productive lives.

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives)

In order to offer a curriculum that enables students to meet these goals, the Board shall establish curriculum priorities and guidelines for the district. These priorities shall be based on student needs as determined by demographics, data related to student achievement within the district, and the recommendations of staff, parents/guardians and community members.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a curriculum development process which provides for the ongoing development, review and evaluation of the district's curriculum in keeping with these priorities.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

The Board shall:

1. Establish expected standards of student achievement for each grade level

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

2. Approve the curriculum development process

3. Adopt the district curriculum and courses of study to be offered

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

4. Approve and allocate funds for instructional materials and resources

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 4143 - Negotiations/Consultation)

(cf. 6161 - Equipment, Books and Materials)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

5. Establish graduation requirements

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary School Promotion/Standards of Proficiency)

CONCEPTS AND ROLES (continued)

6. Provide a continuing program of inservice education to keep certificated staff and the administration updated about curriculum issues, instructional strategies and available instructional materials

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

7. Review and evaluate the instructional program on the basis of program quality reviews and frequent reports by the Superintendent or designee

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

8. Serve as the principal advocate to the community for the instructional program provided to all students

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Review research related to curriculum issues
2. Ensure the articulation of the curriculum between grade levels and with postsecondary education and the workplace

(cf. 1700 - Relations between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

3. Determine the general methods of instruction to be used
4. Assign instructors and schedule classes for all curricular offerings

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

5. Direct the purchase of instructional materials and equipment

(cf. 3310 - Purchasing Procedures)

6. Evaluate and report to the Board on student achievement as demonstrated through testing and other types of appraisal

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

CONCEPTS AND ROLES (continued)

Comparability in Instruction

The district shall provide comparable educational opportunities for all students. Instruction in the core curriculum shall be in no way diminished when students receive supplementary services funded by special governmental programs. Services funded by any categorical program shall supplement the district-provided core curriculum and also supplement any services which may be provided by other categorical programs.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51000-51007 Legislative intent, educational program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3940 Maintenance of effort

4424 Comparability of services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6322 Fiscal requirements/comparability of services

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Governing Board believes that all students need to meet high standards of academic knowledge and skills. In addition, they must have the ability to apply their skills to the workplace, where they will be required to adapt to emerging technologies and changing societal needs. The Board therefore desires to provide an integrated school-to-career instructional program that extends from kindergarten through high-school graduation and prepares all students to have:

1. Mastery of skills and knowledge in mathematics, English, science, civics and government, economics, history, geography, health and safety, physical education, foreign language and the arts
2. Ability to analyze, think creatively, solve problems, make decisions and apply knowledge and skills to real-life situations
3. Strong communication and interpersonal skills
4. Experience with a variety of technologies
5. A flexible personal career plan based on:
 - a. Awareness of possible career paths
 - b. Career counseling
 - c. Consecutive work-site learning experiences
 - d. An understanding of all aspects of the industry the student is preparing to enter
6. Specialized skills that can lead to career entry positions or more advanced education
7. Respect for a diversity of cultures and thoughts
8. Self esteem
9. Awareness of the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy and the importance of community service
10. A positive work ethic, and ability to work independently or in a team
11. Ability to seek out, organize and learn new information

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (continued)

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51000-51007 Legislative intent for education program, especially:

51004 Education goals

51006 Computer education and resources

51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills

51041 Evaluation of educational program

52336-52336.5 Career preparatory programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

2301 et seq. Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act

5801-6084 National Education Reform, Goals 2000

6101-6251 School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994

6801-6979 Technology for Education Act of 1994

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The Governing Board recognizes that districtwide content and performance standards are necessary to clarify for students, parents/guardians and staff what students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level and in each area of study. The Board shall adopt high standards in student achievement that challenge all students to reach their full potential and ensure consistency of expectations among the district's schools and classrooms.

District standards shall be developed through a process that involves staff, students, parents/guardians and community members. Standards shall be based on an assessment of the skills that students will need in order to be successful in higher education and the workplace, including basic skills, problem-solving abilities and conceptual thinking. Special care shall be taken to ensure the proper articulation of standards among district schools and with other schools which district students may attend.

(cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives)

District standards shall guide Board and staff decisions regarding the curriculum to be adopted, the sequential courses of study to be offered, and the assessments to be given. Staff shall continually assess students' progress toward meeting the standards and shall offer remedial assistance as needed. The standards shall also provide a basis for evaluating the instructional program and, as required by law, for evaluating teacher performance.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary School Promotion/Standards of Proficiency)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

While desiring district standards to be specific and comprehensive, the Board does not intend that these standards be so extensive as to describe everything that will be taught in the classroom. Staff shall have sufficient time and flexibility to provide instruction that supplements the standards. Staff shall also have flexibility to determine the best instructional methods to use in preparing students to meet the standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district standards are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary in order to reflect changes in skills that will be needed by students and to ensure continuing support for the standards.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ACADEMIC STANDARDS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44662 Evaluation of certificated employees

51003 Statewide academic standards

51215 Adoption of standards of proficiency in basic skills

60605 Adoption of statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in district and school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)
(cf. 0420.5 - School-Based Decision Making)
(cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)
(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent involvement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians and school staff on the adequacy of parent involvement opportunities and barriers that may inhibit parent/guardian participation.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Title I Schools

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall identify specific objectives of the district's parent involvement program for schools that receive Title I funding. He/she shall ensure that parents/guardians are consulted and participate in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the parent involvement program. (Education Code 11503)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's parent involvement strategies are jointly developed with and agreed upon by parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. Those strategies shall establish expectations for parent involvement and describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318. (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians of participating students in the planning and implementation of parent involvement programs, activities, and regulations. He/she also shall involve parents/guardians of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent involvement activities. (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds implement the district-wide parent involvement strategies applicable to all schools, in accordance with 20 USC 6318. (See AR 6020)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

11500-11506 Programs to encourage parent involvement

48985 Notices in languages other than English

51101 Parent rights and responsibilities

64001 Single plan for student achievement

LABOR CODE

230.8 Time off to visit child's school

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Parental notice of teacher qualifications and student achievement

6312 Local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

6316 School improvement

6318 Parent involvement

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services

35.160 Communications

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Parent Involvement: Development of Effective and Legally Compliant Policies, Governance and Policy Services
Policy Briefs, August 2006

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

89-01 Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, rev. 1994

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NON-REGULATORY GUIDANCE

Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, April 23, 2004

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Family, School, Community Partnerships: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf>

California Parent Center: <http://parent.sdsu.edu>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: <http://www.ncpie.org>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org>

No Child Left Behind: <http://www.ed.gov/nclb>

Parent Information and Resource Centers: <http://www.pirc-info.net>

Parents as Teachers National Center: <http://www.parentsasteachers.org>

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

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PALERMO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palermo, California

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

District Strategies for Title I Schools

To ensure that parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs are provided with opportunities to be involved in their children's education, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Involve parents/guardians of participating students in the joint development of the Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan pursuant to 20 USC 6312 and the process of school review and improvement pursuant to 20 USC 6316 (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Invite input on the LEA plan from other district committees and school site councils

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

- b. Ensure that there is an opportunity at a public Board meeting for public comment on the LEA plan prior to the Board's approval of the plan or revisions to the plan
2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide training for the principal or designee of each participating school regarding Title I requirements for parent involvement, leadership strategies, and communication skills to assist him/her in facilitating the planning and implementation of parent involvement activities
- b. Provide information to schools about the indicators and assessment tools that will be used to monitor progress

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

3. Build the capacity of schools and parents/guardians for strong parent involvement (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee shall: (20 USC 6318)

- a. Assist parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the state's academic content standards and academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

- b. Provide materials and training to help parents/guardians work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement
- c. Educate teachers, student services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents/guardians, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

- d. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with preschool, and other programs, that encourage and support parents/guardians in more fully participating in their children's education
- e. Ensure that information related to school and parent/guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- f. Provide other such reasonable support for parent involvement activities as parents/guardians may request

PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

- g. Inform parents/guardians and parent organizations of the existence and purpose of parent information and resource centers in the state that provide training, information, and support to parents/guardians of participating students

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide literacy training, using Title I funds if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training
- b. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation, to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions
- c. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times between parents/guardians and teachers or other educators who work directly with participating students
- d. Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent involvement
- e. Make referrals to community agencies and organizations that offer literacy training, parent education programs, and/or other services that help to improve the conditions of parents/guardians and families

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

- f. Provide information about opportunities for parent involvement through the district newsletter, web site, or other written or electronic means

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

- g. To the extent practicable, provide translation services at school sites and at meetings involving parents/guardians as needed
- h. Provide training and information to members of district and school site councils and advisory committees to help them fulfill their functions

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

