

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their children succeed in school. (Education Code 51100)

The Board believes that the education of the district's students is a shared responsibility. The Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians, school staff and students for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development and well-being of students at each school site, including the means by which the schools and parents/guardians can help students achieve academic and other standards of the school.

Within this framework, the school's primary responsibility shall be to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations of the school.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44670.5 Professional development program

49091.10-49091.19 Parental review of curriculum and instruction

51100-51102 Parent/guardian rights

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Parent 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 the request, the classroom(s) in which their child is enrolled or for the purpose of selecting the school in which their child will be enrolled (Education Code 51101)

Parents/guardians may observe instructional and other school activities that involve their child in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations adopted to ensure the safety of students and staff, prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school staff, and provide reasonable accommodation to parents/guardians. Upon written request by parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for parental observation of a class or activity in a reasonable time frame and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations. (Education Code 49091.10)

2. To meet, within a reasonable time of their request, with their child's teacher(s) and the principal of the school in which their child is enrolled (Education Code 51101)
3. Under the supervision of district employees, to volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher (Education Code 51101)
4. To be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission (Education Code 51101)
5. To receive the results of their child's performance and the school's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests (Education Code 51101)
6. To request a particular school for their child and to receive a response from the district (Education Code 51101)
7. To have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning (Education Code 51101)
8. To examine the curriculum materials of the class(es) in which their child is enrolled (Education Code 51101)

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

Each school site 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. (Education Code 49091.14)

9. To be informed of their child's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child (Education Code 51101)
10. To have access to the school records of their child (Education Code 51101)
11. To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies or skills their child is expected to accomplish (Education Code 51101)
12. To be informed in advance about school rules, attendance policies, dress codes and procedures for visiting the school (Education Code 51101)
13. To receive information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test (Education Code 51101)
14. To refuse to submit or to participate in any assessment, analysis, evaluation or monitoring of the quality or character of the student's home life; any form of parental screening or testing; any nonacademic home-based counseling program; parent training; or any prescribed family education service plan. (Education Code 49091.18)
15. 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)
16. To question anything in their child's record that the parent/guardian feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school (Education Code 51101)

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The Superintendent or designee shall obtain informed written parental consent before testing any student for a behavioral, mental or emotional evaluation. 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)

All students shall have the right to obtain confidential medical care or confidential counseling related to the diagnosis or treatment of a drug- or alcohol-related problem, or mental health treatment or counseling, without the consent of his/her parent/guardian. (Education Code 49091.12)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive notification regarding their rights in accordance with law.

School officials or law enforcement officials have the authority to investigate or intervene in cases of suspected child abuse, (Education Code 49091.12)

Parent Responsibilities

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

1. Monitoring attendance of their children
2. Ensuring that homework is completed and turned in on time
3. Encouraging their children to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities
4. Monitoring and regulating the television viewed by their children
5. Working with their children at home in learning activities that extend the classroom learning
6. Volunteering in their children's classroom(s) or for other school activities
7. Participating in decisions related to the education of their own children or the total school program as appropriate