

INSTRUCTION

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The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that motivates every student to succeed. The county's educational program shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school and develop to their full potential. (cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Strategies for improving the educational program shall take into consideration the needs of individual students and subpopulations of students. Students who are failing or at risk of failing to meet academic standards shall be provided with alternative programs and/or supplemental assistance designed to raise achievement.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6175 - Vocational Industrial Education)

Inasmuch as parents/guardians are critical partners in their children's education, parents/guardians shall be provided with opportunities to be meaningfully involved both in support of their children's education program at school and with learning at home.

The Board shall:

1. Establish standards of student achievement for core subjects at each grade level that are aligned with the county's vision for student learning, the specific needs and strengths of the students, the expectations of parents/guardians and the community, and available resources. (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
2. Establish graduation requirements
3. Ensure that a process is in place, involving teachers, administrators, students, and parents/guardians, for the development and review of the county's curriculum
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
4. Adopt the county curriculum and courses of study to be offered
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
5. Adopt textbooks and other instructional materials
(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161 - Equipment, Books and Materials)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

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6. Support the professional staff's implementation of the curriculum by providing consistent policy direction, allocating resources based on educational program priorities, ensuring that collective bargaining agreements do not constrain the county's ability to achieve curricular goals, recognizing staff accomplishments, and including reasonable annual goals related to student learning in the Superintendent evaluation process
7. Provide a continuing program of professional development to keep instructional staff, administrators, and Board members updated about current issues and research pertaining to curriculum, instructional strategies, and student assessment (cf. 9240 - Board Development)
8. Review and evaluate the educational program on the basis of state and federal accountability measures, disaggregated student achievement data, and other indicators and ensure that evaluation results are used to improve programs, curriculum, and/or instructional practices as necessary to enhance student achievement (cf. 0500 - Accountability) (cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
9. Communicate clear information about county instructional goals, programs, and progress in student achievement to the community and media (cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card) (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Review research related to curriculum issues
2. Select and/or develop curricula for recommendation to the Board in accordance with the county's curriculum development and review process
3. Ensure the articulation of the curriculum between grade levels and with postsecondary education and the workplace
4. Determine the general methods of instruction to be used
5. Assign instructors and schedule classes for all curricular offerings (cf. 6112 - School Day)
6. Recommend instructional materials to the Board and direct the purchase of approved materials and equipment (cf. 3310 - Expenditures and Purchases)
7. Evaluate and report to the Board on student achievement as demonstrated through testing and other types of appraisal, and recommend necessary changes in curriculum, programs, and instruction as indicated by student performance data

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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

6321 Fiscal requirements/comparability of services

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Curriculum, 1996

WEB SITES

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

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

BOARD POLICY:

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