

INSTRUCTION

Opportunity Class

The Inyo County Board of Education shall maintain an Opportunity Class to assist students who are, or who are in danger of becoming, insubordinate or disorderly, irregular in attendance, or habitual truants. The purpose of the Opportunity Class shall be to help such students resolve their problems in order to be maintained in regular classes or returned to regular classes or schools as soon as practicable.

(cf. 0420.3 - School-Based Student Motivation and Maintenance Program)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1- Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Students in grades 1 through 8 may be assigned to an Opportunity Class in accordance with law.

The Opportunity Class shall provide instruction and services designed to meet the needs of enrolled students.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams)

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

48630-48641 Opportunity schools, classes and programs

48643-48644.5 Reimbursement for opportunity school students in grades 7-9

60850-60856 High school exit examination

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Before assigning a student to an Opportunity Class, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the intended assignment. Insofar as practicable, the notice shall be in the parent/guardian's primary language and shall request the parent/guardian to respond within 10 days. If the parent/guardian does not respond, the Superintendent or designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact him/her by telephone to directly communicate the information contained in the written notice. (Education Code 48637.1)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Students shall be assigned to an Opportunity Class only upon the recommendation of a school committee which may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following members: (Education Code 48637.2)

1. A district representative who is familiar with the student's progress
2. A representative of the Opportunity Class or program
3. The student's parent/guardian, at the parent/guardian's option

The parent/guardian may designate a representative such as a counselor, social worker or other community member to attend the committee meeting. (Education Code 48637.2)

At least twice each school year, a review shall be conducted to examine the progress of each student assigned to an Opportunity Class and to determine whether the student would benefit by returning to regular school or classes. A representative of the Opportunity Class who is familiar with the student's progress shall participate in the review, as shall the student's parent/guardian if he/she so desires. (Education Code 48637.3)

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