

YOUTH SERVICES

Note: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Welfare and Institutions Code 18986-18986.30 encourage the development of a comprehensive and collaborative delivery system of services to children and youth at the local level. For further information about establishing collaborative structures among the leadership of local governments, see the Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership's web site.

The Governing Board desires to help all district students achieve to their highest potential regardless of their social, health, or economic circumstances and recognizes that schools alone cannot meet all the complex needs of children. The district shall provide support services for children and families to the extent possible and shall work with other local governments, businesses, foundations, and community-based organizations, as appropriate, to improve the health, safety, and well-being of the community's youth.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*
- (cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*
- (cf. 5136 - Gangs)*
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*
- (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*
- (cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)*
- (cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)*
- (cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)*
- (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*
- (cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*
- (cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)*
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*
- (cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*
- (cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*
- (cf. 6300 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

Note: In addition to any collaborative efforts that the district may initiate, there are a number of county structures in which district participation is appropriate. For example, if the County Board of Supervisors has established an Interagency Children's Services Coordinating Council pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 18986.10-18986.15, that council must include at least one superintendent of a unified school district within the county. In addition, Welfare and Institutions Code 18980-18983.8 provide for the development of a Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council within each county and encourage representatives of public and private schools to be included on these councils. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 130100-130155, counties also have established First 5 County Commissions which work to help children enter school physically and emotionally healthy and ready to succeed.

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The Board shall initiate or participate in collaborative relationships with city and county elected officials to design and coordinate multi-agency programs that respond to the needs of children and families and provide more efficient use of district and community resources.

The Board may establish or participate in formal structures for governance teams to regularly meet and discuss issues of mutual concern.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

The Superintendent and appropriate staff shall cooperate with public and private entities in the planning and implementation of joint projects or activities within the community. The Superintendent or designee may designate a coordinator to ensure effective implementation of the district's responsibilities in any such collaborative project.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

In order to identify priorities for youth services, the Board shall encourage a periodic assessment of children's needs within the community, which may include, but not be limited to, needs based on poverty, child abuse and neglect, poor physical or mental health, homelessness, placement in foster care, lack of access to child care, substance abuse, or violence. The needs assessment also should examine the extent to which those needs are being met through existing services in the district and in the community, the costs of providing those services, and any gaps, delay, or duplication of services.

The Board shall approve the services to be offered by the district, the resources that will be allocated to support collaboration, any use of school facilities for services, and any development or joint use of facilities with other jurisdictions.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)

All agreements with other agencies to coordinate services or share resources shall be in writing. The Board may establish joint powers agreements or memorandums of understanding, when feasible, to formalize the responsibilities and liabilities of all parties in a collaborative activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall work with interagency partners to explore funding opportunities available through each agency, state and national grant programs, and/or private foundations for youth service coordination and delivery.

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Note: Education Code 49075 authorizes districts to permit access to student records to any person for whom a parent/guardian has provided written consent; see BP/AR 5125 - Student Records.

In order to facilitate service delivery or determination of eligibility for services, the district may share information with other appropriate agencies with parent/guardian consent and in accordance with laws pertaining to confidentiality and privacy.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Board shall receive regular reports of progress toward the identified goals of the collaborative effort. The reports may include, but not be limited to, feedback from staff and families regarding service delivery, numbers of children and families served, specific indicators of conditions of children, and indicators of system efficiency and cost effectiveness.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The Board shall communicate with the community about the district's collaborative efforts and the conditions of children within the schools. The Board may advocate for local, state, and national policies, programs, and initiatives designed to improve the conditions of children and youth.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8800-8807 *Healthy Start support services for children*

49073 *Privacy of student records*

49075 *Parent/guardian permission for release of student records*

49557.2 *Sharing of information for MediCal eligibility*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120440 *Immunization records; release to local health departments*

130100-130155 *Early childhood development; First 5 Commission*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

5850-5883 *Mental Health Services Act*

18961.5 *Computerized database; families at risk for child abuse; sharing of information*

18980-18983.8 *Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council*

18986-18986.30 *Interagency Children's Services Act*

18986.40-18986.46 *Multidisciplinary services teams*

18986.50-18986.53 *Integrated day care program*

18987.6-18987.62 *Family-based services*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Programs: A Resource Guide for School Leaders, rev. April 2008

Educating Foster Youth: Best Practices and Board Considerations, Policy Brief, March 2008

Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63): Collaborative Opportunity to Address Mental Health, Policy Advisory, October 2007

Maximizing School Board Governance: Community Leadership, 1996

CHILDREN NOW PUBLICATIONS

California Report Card: The State of the State's Children, 2008

CITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Healthy Children, Healthy Communities: An Action Guide for California Communities, 2006

Stretching Community Dollars: Cities, Counties and School Districts Building for the Future, 2006

YOUTH LAW CENTER PUBLICATIONS

Model Form for Consent to Exchange Confidential Information among the Members of an Interagency Collaborative, 1995

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Learning Support: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Department of Social Services: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov>

California State Association of Counties: <http://www.csac.counties.org>

Children Now: <http://www.childrennow.org>

Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

First 5 California: <http://www.ccfc.ca.gov>

League of California Cities: <http://www.cacities.org>

Youth Law Center: <http://www.ylc.org>

Policy

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