

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT/INDUCTION

The Board of Education recognizes that intensive professional development and support will help beginning teachers apply their academic preparation more effectively in the classroom and result in greater district retention of capable beginning teachers. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that first- and second-year teachers receive guidance to help them make an effective transition into the teaching profession.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform beginning teachers about induction programs that are available to help them fulfill the requirements of the professional clear multiple- or single-subject teaching credential pursuant to Education Code 44259.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

District-Sponsored BTSA Induction Program

When approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the district may serve as a sponsor of an induction program. The program shall meet state standards for induction programs and shall support beginning teachers in meeting the competencies described in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession.

The Superintendent or designee, with input from the participating teacher, shall pair each participating teacher with a support provider who is an experienced teacher, knowledgeable about beginning teacher development and needed competencies, and effective in interpersonal and communication skills. The roles and responsibilities of support providers shall be clearly defined in writing and communicated to all program participants.

(cf. 4138 - Mentor Teachers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide initial preparation and additional professional development for support providers to enable them to acquire and enhance their knowledge and skills needed to work with beginning teachers.

Professional development provided to a beginning teacher shall be based on an individual induction plan which takes into consideration the teacher's prior preparation and experience.

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Subject to verification and approval of the Superintendent or designee, a beginning teacher shall not be required to demonstrate that a competency has been met, nor complete a program element designed to assist beginning teachers in meeting that competency, if he/she previously met the competency while participating in a CTC-approved teacher preparation program. (Education Code 44279.1)

The beginning teacher's knowledge and classroom practice shall be regularly assessed using multiple measures and the results shall be used to monitor and revise subsequent individual induction plans. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a complete record of each participating teacher's participation and progress toward completion of professional credential requirements.

Performance assessments conducted as part of the induction program shall not be used for employment-related evaluations, as a condition of employment, or as a basis of terminating employment. (Education Code 44279.1)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct an annual evaluation of the induction program and shall report to the Board regarding its effectiveness in meeting induction program goals.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41520-41522 Teacher Credentialing Block Grant

41530-41532 Professional Development Block Grant

44259 Credential requirements

44259.5 Standards for professional preparation programs

44275.4 Credential requirements, induction, out-of-state teachers

44279.1-44279.7 Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program (BTSA)

44325-44329 District interns

44380-44386 Alternative certification

44450-44468 University interns

44560-44562 Certificated Staff Mentoring Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

6100-6126 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act

80055 Internship credential

80413 Credential requirements

80413.3 Credential requirements; teachers with out-of-state credentials

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6319 Highly qualified teachers

6601-6702 Preparing, training and recruiting high quality teachers and principals

7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING/CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY

Funding Policy for Teacher Development Programs, December 2006

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

*Induction Manual: A Credential Application Processing Guidebook for Commission-Approved
Induction Programs, June 2004*

*Final Report of the Individual Evaluation of the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment
Program,*

April 2002

Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Professional Teacher Induction Programs, March 2002

California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 1997

WEB SITES

Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment: <http://www.btsa.ca.gov>

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

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

Policy

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