

## **Student Retention**

**Eligible students:** A student enrolled in kindergarten through 11th grade in 2020-2021 who has received deficient grades for at least one-half of the student's coursework in 2020-2021.

- “Deficient grade” is defined as receiving a D, F, a No Pass, or an equivalent as determined by the local educational agency.
- The retention provisions of the bill do not apply to students who were in 12th grade in 2020-2021.

**Retention Consultation meetings:** Southern Kern Unified School District, upon receiving a written request from a parent of an eligible student (see above) to retain their child for the 2021–2022 school year, shall offer the parent a consultation with the parent, the student, an administrator, and a teacher

- The consultation must occur within 30 calendar days of receiving the written request
- Consultations must include the following:
  - Discussion of all available learning recovery options, including access to prior semester courses in which the pupil received a D or F letter grade, or some other form of credit recovery
  - Consideration of the pupil's academic data and any other information relevant to whether retention is in the pupil's best interests, academically and socially
  - Discussion about research on the effects of pupil retention and the types of interventions and supports that are beneficial to pupils

**Retention decision:** SKUSD has the ultimate authority in deciding whether or not to retain a student. SKUSD will notify a parent of the final determination within 10 calendar days of the consultation

## **Pass/No Pass Grades**

**Eligible students:** Students enrolled in high school in the 2020–2021 academic year may apply to have a letter grade replaced with a pass or no pass grade for the grades earned during the 2020-2021 school year. Click here for the link to the change request form:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/ps/documents/gradechange20form.pdf>

**Course limitations:** Southern Kern Unified School District will not limit the number or type of courses eligible for the grade change. Grade changes will not negatively affect a student's grade point average

**Colleges and Universities:** The California State University must accept pass or no pass grades without prejudice for any applicant enrolled in high school between 2020-2021 and 2023-2024.

- The measure encourages but does not compel, the University of California and private colleges and universities to do the same.
- The Department of Education has provided a list of all post-secondary educational institutions within the state that have indicated they will accept pass/no pass grades without prejudice. The list is provided below.
- *Some higher educational institutions, including those from other states, may not accept a pass no pass grade.*

**Grade/Transcript Change Application Deadlines:** *The deadline for applying for a Grade/Transcript Change is Friday, August 13, 2021.* Once the application is received by SKUSD, the district/school site will update a report card/transcript and notify student and family of the grade changes within 15 days from receipt of an application.

## **Local Graduation Requirements Exemption**

- SKUSD will exempt students enrolled in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of high school in 2020-21 and are not on track to graduate in four years from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing body that is in addition to the statewide coursework requirements.
- SKUSD provide these students the opportunity to complete the statewide coursework required for graduation, which opportunity may include, but is not limited to, a fifth year of instruction or credit recovery.

## **AB 104 Postsecondary Institution CDE List**

For the 2020–21 through 2023–24 school year, the following postsecondary institutions that will accept, for admission purposes, a transcript with a Pass or No Pass grade instead of a letter grade for an applicant pursuant to *Education Code* Section 49066.5(b).

### **California State University Schools:**

- California State University, Bakersfield

- California State University Channel Islands
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- Humboldt State University
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University Maritime Academy
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Northridge
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Sacramento
- California State University, San Bernardino
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San José State University
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- California State University San Marcos
- Sonoma State University
- California State University, Stanislaus

## **University of California (UC) Schools:**

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

## **Private Universities:**

- Saint Mary's College of California
- Holy Names University
- Pitzer College
- University of La Verne
- Westmont College
- Santa Clara University
- University of Saint Katherine
- University of Southern California

- Art Center College of Design
- California Baptist University
- University of San Francisco
- La Sierra University
- Mount Saint Mary's University