

ACCOUNTABILITY

Note: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure accountability to the public for the performance of the district and each district school. The Board shall regularly review the effectiveness of district programs, personnel, and fiscal operations, with a focus on the capacity to improve student achievement. The Board shall establish appropriate processes and measures to monitor results and to evaluate progress toward accomplishing the district's vision and goals set forth in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

(cf. 9400 - Board Self-Evaluation)

Note: California's accountability system, which is based on both state and federal requirements, measures district and school performance on a variety of indicators of school success. 20 USC 6311, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), requires each state to have an accountability system that incorporates multiple measures, including, but not limited to, statewide assessment results for all students as well as numerically significant subgroups. The California Accountability and Continuous Improvement System consists of both state and local indicators to assist districts in identifying strengths and areas in need of improvement in each priority area addressed by the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). The degree to which districts and schools are meeting these criteria is reflected in the California School Dashboard, which is a color-coded chart that includes the status of performance on the indicators as well as the change in performance from year to year.

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the California Department of Education (CDE) will notify schools identified for comprehensive and/or targeted support and improvement pursuant to 20 USC 6311. Until then, the CDE encourages schools previously identified for program improvement to utilize the Dashboard to determine areas of improvement in preparation for implementation of support and improvement requirements.

Further information about the Accountability and Continuous Improvement System and the Dashboard can be found on the CDE web site.

District and school performance shall be annually evaluated based on multiple measures specified in the California Accountability and Continuous Improvement System as reported on the California School Dashboard.

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

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Note: The following paragraph should be revised to reflect the types of alternative schools maintained by the district. Pursuant to Education Code 52052, alternative schools serving high-risk student populations are subject to an alternative accountability system. Commencing in the fall of 2018, alternative accountability indicators will be incorporated into the Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) program, as a replacement for the Alternative Schools Accountability Model. The schools described in the following paragraph will automatically qualify for this alternative status. In addition, schools approved through the former Alternative Schools Accountability Model process between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 are considered active DASS schools. Other schools serving high-risk students may apply to establish eligibility for DASS. Further information regarding the DASS and participation/withdrawal instructions and forms are available on the CDE web site.

The district's alternative schools serving high-risk student populations, including continuation high schools, opportunity schools, community day schools, and nonpublic, nonsectarian schools pursuant to Education Code 56366, shall be subject to an alternative accountability system established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 52052, 56366)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

The district and each district school shall demonstrate comparable improvement in academic achievement for all numerically significant student subgroups. Numerically significant subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when the subgroup consists of at least 30 students with a valid test score or 15 foster youth or homeless students. (Education Code 52052)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Providing regular reports to the public and receiving input from the public in regard to school and district progress are key components of accountability.

Education Code 52060 and 52061 require the district to consult with parents/guardians, students, teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, and employee bargaining units in the development and annual update of the district's LCAP; see BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

The Superintendent shall provide regular reports to the Board and the public regarding district and school performance. Opportunities for feedback from students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members shall be made available as part of any review and evaluation of district programs and operations and as part of the development or annual update of the LCAP.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

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(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52071, a district will receive technical assistance whenever the County Superintendent of Schools does not approve the district's LCAP or annual update to the LCAP, the district fails to improve student achievement across more than one state priority identified in Education Code 52060, or the district requests technical assistance. Education Code 52072 provides that, under specified conditions, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may intervene to revise the district's LCAP or budget and/or to stay or rescind any district action, not required by local collective bargaining agreement, that is preventing the district from improving outcomes for all student subgroups. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Evaluation results may be used as a basis for revising district or school goals, updating the LCAP or other comprehensive plans, identifying and developing strategies to address disparities in achievement among student subgroups, implementing programmatic changes, determining the need for additional support and assistance, awarding incentives or rewards, and establishing other performance-based consequences.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 33127-33129 *Standards and criteria for fiscal accountability*
- 33400-33407 *California Department of Education evaluation of district programs*
- 44660-44665 *Evaluation of certificated employees*
- 51041 *Evaluation of the educational program*
- 52052-52052.1 *Public school performance accountability program*
- 52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*
- 56366 *Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools*
- 60640-60649 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 1068-1074 *Alternative schools accountability model, assessments*
- 15440-15464 *Standards and criteria for fiscal accountability*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 6311 *Accountability, state plan*
- 6312 *Local educational agency plan*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

- 200.12-200.24 *State accountability system*
- 200.30-200.48 *State and LEA report cards and plans*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
- California Department of Education, Accountability: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac>
- California School Dashboard: <http://www.caschooldashboard.org>
- U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>