

California Education Code Parental Notification Requirements

Related to Changes in School Calendar

Title II, Chapter 6, Article 4 Section 48980

Requires that each parent or guardian be notified of the following California Education Code sections (sections have been paraphrased); and Section 48982 that each parent or guardian, by signature, acknowledges receipt of notification.

Excused Absences – EC 46014 and 48205

Pupils with the written consent of their parents and guardians, may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral or religious instruction.

No Pupil shall have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence or absences, if missed assignments and tests that can be reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.

Minimum & Pupil-free Staff Development Days – EC 48980(c)

In line with Title I requirements on parent notifications, parents or guardians of all pupils attending the school should receive notification of the school's schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days. Notification should be provided as early as possible, and no later than one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day.

School Rules – EC 35291

EC 48980(a): At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the school district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Section 35291.

EC 35291: The school district may notify the parent or guardian of all pupils registered in school of the district of the availability of rules of the district pertaining to student discipline.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ONLY

Entrance Health Screening – HSC 124085, 124100, 124105, and 120475

State law requires that the parent or legal guardian of each pupil provide the school documentary proof that the pupil has received a health screening examination by a doctor within 90 days after entrance to first grade. Pupils may be excluded up to 5 days from school for failing to comply or not providing a waiver.

Oral Health Assessment – EC 49452.8

Record of a dental assessment done by a dental professional is required for all kindergarteners and first graders attending public school for the first time. Dental

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assessments must be completed in the 12 months prior to entry or by May 31st of the pupil's first school year.

Title I – 20 USC 6311, 34 CFR 200.61

Requires the school district, at the beginning of the school year, to notify parents or guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s). Notification should be in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

Also requires timely notification whenever a child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher of a core academic subject who does not meet the No Child Left Behind Act teacher qualification requirements.

Related to Title III Funds

Title III, Part A

Parents of ELs must be notified annually of their child's participation in a language instruction educational program. Schools must inform parents about how they can be active participants in assisting their child to learn English. Schools have the obligation to communicate with parents in a language that they can comprehend.

Related to Curriculum Content

Comprehensive Sexual Health Education and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education – EC 51938 – 51939

A parent or a guardian of a pupil has the right to excuse their child from all or part of comprehensive sexual health education, HIV/AIDS prevention education and assessments related to that education. Notification must indicate that instructional materials are available for inspection and who will teach the course. If the school is using outside consultants or guest speakers, notification should include date of instruction, the name of the organization or affiliation of the guest speaker, and information stating the right of parent or guardian to request copy course content and materials. Additionally, notification should advise parent or guardian that they can request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education.