

## **Continuation Education**

The Governing Board shall provide a continuation education program as an option for at-risk students who may need a flexible educational environment. The continuation education program shall be designed to meet the educational needs of each student, provide an opportunity for participating students to complete the required course of instruction necessary to graduate from high school, emphasize occupational orientation or a work study schedule, and offer intensive guidance services.

- (cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
- (cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
- (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
- (cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)
- (cf. 6182 - Opportunity School/Class/Program)

The continuation high school will have the responsibility of;

- \* preparing students to transfer back to their former high school
- \* preparing students for graduation at the continuation school
- \* preparing students for employment and family life
- \* preparing for post-high school levels of education.

The continuation education program shall be aligned with the goals identified in the district's local control and accountability plan, designed and implemented in collaboration with other high schools within the district, and coordinated with other educational options available to district students.

- (cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)
- (cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
- (cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
- (cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)
- (cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)
- (cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
- (cf. 6185 - Community Day School)
- (cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a director of continuation education who shall be responsible for the organization and administration of the district's continuation education program and guidance, placement, and follow-up services for participating students. (5 CCR 11000, 11003)

The continuation high school shall be conducted for not less than 175 days during a school year. The Board may maintain continuation classes during the district's regular school hours, during special school hours for these classes established by the Board, or during such hours and for such

length of time during the day or evening that adult education classes are maintained. (Education Code 48434; 5 CCR 11004)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)  
(cf. 6112 - School Day)

Students eligible for continuation education classes shall be age 16 or 17 years at the time of their enrollment and shall not have graduated from high school. (Education Code 48400, 48413)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations governing the involuntary transfer of students into the continuation program, including students under the age of 16.

The district shall evaluate its continuation education program annually and report its findings to the Superintendent of Public Instruction as required by law. (Education Code 48443)

(cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence)

With the consent of the Superintendent or designee, a student may voluntarily enroll in continuation classes in order to receive special attention such as individualized instruction. (Education Code 48432, 48432.3, 48432.5)

Priority for voluntary enrollment in continuation classes shall be given to students who need credit recovery in order to graduate with their peers and to students who, due to employment, pregnancy, parenting responsibilities, or other circumstances, are unable to attend a comprehensive high school. A student with a disability shall be admitted only if their individualized education program specifically states that a continuation high school setting meets his/her needs.

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)  
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)  
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Enrollment criteria shall be applied consistently throughout the district. (Education Code 48432.3)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Students may be enrolled in a regional occupational center or program within the county in lieu of, or in combination with, continuation education. (Education Code 48432)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

Students otherwise subject to compulsory attendance in continuation education classes may be exempted if they meet any of the conditions specified in Education Code 48410 and AR 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant

42243.7 District Revenue Limit for District with a Continuation High School

44865 Teacher Credentialing Requirements

46170 Minimum school day for continuation schools and classes

48400-48454 Compulsory continuation education in general, especially

48400 Weekly minimum attendance requirement

48402 Minors not regularly employed

48410-48416 Compulsory continuation education

48430-48438 Continuation classes

48450-48454 Violation

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48900.5 Student discipline

48903 Limitations on days of suspension

51224-51225.3 Courses of study

60850-60856 High school exit examination

FAMILY CODE

7000-7002 Emancipation of minors law

7050 Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11000-11010 Continuation education

COURT DECISIONS

Nathan G. v. Clovis Unified School District (2014) Cal.App.5th (No. F065485)

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