

ADMISSION

The Governing Board encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all children who are eligible for enrollment in school. Parents/guardians of children seeking admission to a District school at any grade level shall be informed about admission requirements and shall be assisted with enrollment procedures.

The timeline and process for registration of students at District schools shall be announced and publicized. Applications for intradistrict or interdistrict enrollment shall be subject to the timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)
(cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

All appropriate staff shall receive training on District admission policies and procedures, including information regarding the types of documentation that can and cannot be requested.

Verification of Admission Eligibility

Before enrolling any child in a District school, the child's age, residency, immunization, and other applicable eligibility criteria shall be verified as specified in law, the accompanying administrative regulation, or other applicable Board policy or administrative regulation.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

The District shall not inquire into or request documentation of a student's social security number or the last four digits of the social security number or the citizenship or immigration status of the student or his/her family members. (Education Code 234.7, 49076.7)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

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However, such information may be collected when required by state or federal law or to comply with requirements for special state or federal programs. In any such situation, the information shall be collected separately from the school enrollment process and the limited purpose for which the information is collected shall be explained. Enrollment in a District school shall not be denied on the basis of any such information of the student or his/her parents/guardians obtained by the District, or the student's or parent/guardian's refusal to provide such information to the District.

School registration information shall list all possible means of documenting a child's age for grades K-1 as authorized by Education Code 48002 or otherwise prescribed by the Board. Any alternative document allowed by the District shall be one that all persons can obtain regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin and shall not reveal information related to citizenship or immigrant status.

A homeless student, foster youth, student who has had contact with the juvenile justice system, or a child of a military family shall be immediately enrolled regardless of outstanding fees or fines owed to the student's last school, lack of clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms, or his/her inability to produce previous academic, medical, or other records normally required for enrollment. (Education Code 48645.5, 48850, 48852.7, 48853.5, 49701; 42 USC 11432)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)

Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

46300 Computation of average daily attendance, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten

46600 Agreements for admission of students desiring interdistrict attendance

48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)

48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade

48010 Minimum age of admission (first grade)

48011 Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age

48050-48053 Nonresidents

48200 Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)

48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act

48645.5 Enrollment of former juvenile court school students

48850-48859 Educational placement of homeless and foster youth

49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

49076.7 Student records; data privacy; social security numbers

49408 Information of use in emergencies

49700-49703 Education of children of military families

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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 5

552a Note Refusal to disclose social security number

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

COURT DECISIONS

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Guidance on Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status, February 2017

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS JOINT PUBLICATIONS

Dear Colleague Letter: School Enrollment Procedures, May 8, 2014

Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, May 8, 2014

Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School: Questions and Answers for States, School Districts and Parents, May 8, 2014

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Health Care Coverage and Enrollment Assistance:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hc>

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov>