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COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

Involuntary Transfer

A student may be assigned to a community day school only upon meeting one or more of the following conditions: (Education Code 48662)

1. The student is expelled for any reason.

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

- 2. The student is probation-referred pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300 and/or 602.
- 3. The student is referred by a school attendance review board (SARB).

(cf. 5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy)

4. Other district-level referral process.

The first priority for assignment to a community day school shall be given to students expelled pursuant to Education Code 48915(d). Second priority shall be given to students expelled for other reasons, and third priority shall be given to students referred according to items above. These priorities are applicable unless the district has an agreement that the County Superintendent of Schools shall serve any of the above students. (Education Code 48662)

In the case of any student who has been identified as eligible for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, assignment to a community day school shall be first approved by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team or school site committee (e.g., student study team) as required by law.

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion (Students with Disabilities)) (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program) (cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students) (cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

At least 10 calendar days prior to the involuntary transfer of a student as a result of a district-level referral process, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice of the transfer to the student's parent/guardian or to the adult student age 18 or older. The notice shall contain a statement of the facts and circumstances upon which the transfer is based, its duration, and the conditions for readmission. The notice shall advise the student's parent/guardian or adult student of the opportunity to inspect and obtain copies of all documents supporting the transfer. In addition, the notice shall also state that the parent/guardian or adult student has five school days to request a meeting with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the transfer.

If the Superintendent designates an individual to represent the district at the meeting, the individual so designated shall not be a member of the staff of the school at which the student is currently enrolled.

At the meeting, the reason for the transfer shall be reviewed with the parent/guardian or adult student and the parent/guardian or adult student may present evidence on the student's behalf.

The Superintendent or designee shall send the parent/guardian or adult student written notice of the decision to transfer or not transfer within three school days of the meeting.

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If the parent/guardian or adult student desires to appeal the Superintendent's decision to the Board, he/she shall file written notice of the intent to appeal within five school days of receiving the decision. The Board shall determine whether or not to hear the appeal within 15 calendar days. If the Board desires to hear the appeal, the Board shall decide the appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of the notice of the appeal. The Board's decision shall be final.

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Academic programs offered in the community day school shall be comparable to those available to students of a similar age in the school district. (Education Code 48663)

The minimum school day for community day school students shall be 360 minutes of classroom instruction provided by a certificated employee of the district reporting attendance for apportionment purposes. Independent study shall not be used as a means of providing any part of this minimum day. (Education Code 48663)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)