Policy 5020: Parent Rights And Responsibilities

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The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of district students have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their children.

The Board believes that the district's relationship with parents/guardians is one of mutual support and respect. The Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians of English learners, to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of their students, including the means by which the district and parents/guardians can help their students achieve academic and other standards of the district.

Within this framework, the district's primary responsibility shall be to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations of the district.

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their children succeed in school. (Education Code 51100)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district staff understand the rights of parents/guardians afforded by law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, and follow acceptable practices that respect those rights.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive notification regarding their rights, including, but not limited to, their rights in accordance with 20 USC 1232g and 34 CFR 99.1-99.8, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and as specified in Board Policy/Exhibit (1) 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications.

When required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, the district shall notify parents/guardians that they may request to opt their student out of certain instruction. Students for whom the district has approved the opt out shall be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all parents/guardians who speak a language other than English are properly notified in English, and in their home language, of the rights and opportunities available to them pursuant to Education Code 48985. (Education Code 51101.1)

The Superintendent or designee may establish a parent center at a school with a substantial number of students with a home language other than English, to encourage parent/guardian understanding of, and participation in, their children's educational programs. (Education Code 51101.1)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
Ed. Code 220.3	Prohibition of requiring employee or contractor to disclose information related to student's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression
Ed. Code 243	Refusal of approval or prohibition of instructional materials
Ed. Code 33126	School accountability report card
Ed. Code 35291	Rules
Ed. Code 48070.5	Promotion and retention of students
Ed. Code 48985	Notices to parents/guardians in language other than English
Ed. Code 49091.10-49091.19	Parental review of curriculum and instruction
Ed. Code 49602	Counseling and confidentiality of student information
Ed. Code 51100-51140	Parent/guardian rights
Ed. Code 51204.5	History of California; contributions of people of all genders, ethnic, and cultural groups to development of state and nation
Ed. Code 51240	Excuse from health instruction due to conflicts with religious beliefs
Ed. Code 51501	Prohibited means of instruction; continued use of appropriately adopted materials
Ed. Code 51513	Personal beliefs
Ed. Code 51930-51939	California Healthy Youth Act
Ed. Code 60510	Disposal of surplus instructional materials

Federal	Description
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
20 USC 1232h	Privacy rights
34 CFR 99.1-99.8	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Management Resources	Description
Court Decision	Mahmoud v. Taylor (2025) 606 U.S. ____ (2025 WL 1773627)
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education
Website	CSBA

Cross References

Code	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
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1100	Communication With The Public
1240	Volunteer Assistance
1240	Volunteer Assistance
1250	Visitors/Outsiders
1250	Visitors/Outsiders
1340	Access To District Records
1340	Access To District Records
1700	Relations Between Private Industry And The Schools
3260	Fees And Charges
3260	Fees And Charges
4131	Staff Development
5021	Noncustodial Parents
5022	Student And Family Privacy Rights
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5113	Absences And Excuses
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5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5117	Interdistrict Attendance

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5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
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5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
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5125	Student Records
5125	Student Records
5125.1	Release Of Directory Information
5125.1	Release Of Directory Information
5125.1-E(1)	Release Of Directory Information
5125.3	Challenging Student Records
5131	Conduct
5131.6	Alcohol And Other Drugs
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5132	Dress And Grooming
5132	Dress And Grooming
5141.3	Health Examinations
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5142	Safety
5142	Safety
5144	Discipline
5144	Discipline
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5148.3	Preschool/Early Childhood Education
5148.3	Preschool/Early Childhood Education
6000	Concepts And Roles
6020	Parent Involvement
6020	Parent Involvement
6120	Response To Instruction And Intervention

6141.2	Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs
6141.2	Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs
6142.1	Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
6142.1	Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education
6154	Homework/Makeup Work
6161.1	Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials
6161.1	Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials
6161.1-E(1)	Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials
6173.2	Education Of Children Of Military Families
6173.2	Education Of Children Of Military Families
6174	Education For English Learners
6174	Education For English Learners
9200	Limits Of Board Member Authority