

Regulation 5020: Parent Rights And Responsibilities

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Parent/Guardian Rights

The rights of parents/guardians of district students include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To observe, within a reasonable period of time after making the request, the classroom(s) in which their child is enrolled or for the purpose of selecting the school in which their child will be enrolled (Education Code 51101)

Parents/guardians may observe instructional and other school activities that involve their child in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations adopted to ensure the safety of students and staff, prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school staff, and provide reasonable accommodation to parents/guardians. Upon written request by a parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for parental observation of a class or activity in a reasonable time frame and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations. (Education Code 49091.10)

2. To meet, within a reasonable time of their request, with their child's teacher(s) and the principal (Education Code 51101)
3. Under the supervision of district employees, to volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher (Education Code 51101)
4. To be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission (Education Code 51101)
5. To receive the results of their child's performance and the school's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests (Education Code 51101)

For parents/guardians of English learners, this right shall include the right to receive the results of their child's performance on the English language development test. (Education Code 51101.1)

6. To request a particular school for their child and to receive a response from the district (Education Code 51101)
7. To have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning (Education Code 51101)
8. To examine the curriculum materials of the class(es) in which their child is enrolled (Education Code 51101; 20 USC 1232h)

Parents/guardians may inspect, in a reasonable time frame, all primary supplemental instructional materials and assessments including textbooks, teacher's manuals, films, audio

and video recordings, and software, stored by the classroom teacher. (Education Code 49091.10)

Each school site shall make available to parents/guardians and others, upon request, a copy of the prospectus for each course, including the titles, descriptions and instructional aims of the course. (Education Code 49091.14)

The school may charge an amount not to exceed the cost of duplication if a hardcopy is created. (Education Code 49091.14)

9. To be notified of the opportunity to opt their child out of certain instruction, as required by law (Education Code 51240, 51938)
10. To be informed of their child's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child (Education Code 51101)
11. For parents/guardians of English learners, to support their child's advancement toward literacy (Education Code 51101.1)

The Superintendent or designee may make available, to the extent possible, surplus or undistributed instructional materials to parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 60510. (Education Code 51101.1)

12. For parents/guardians of English learners, to be informed, through the school accountability report card, about statewide and local academic standards, testing programs, accountability measures, and school improvement efforts (Education Code 51101.1)
13. To have access to the student records of their child (Education Code 51101)
14. To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their child is expected to accomplish (Education Code 51101)
15. To be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures in accordance with Education Code 48980, attendance policies, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school (Education Code 51101)
16. To be notified, as early in the school year as practicable pursuant to Education Code 48070.5, if their child is identified as being at risk of retention, and of their right to consult with district personnel responsible for a decision to promote or retain their child and to appeal such a decision (Education Code 51101)
17. To receive notice and information about and to opt out of any psychological testing involving their child (Education Code 51101)
18. To receive notice and information about and to opt out of any assessment, analysis, evaluation, or monitoring of the quality or character of the student's home life, any form of parent/guardian screening or testing, any nonacademic home-based counseling program, parent/guardian training, or any prescribed family education service plan, and to inspect any survey collecting personal information (Education Code 49091.18; 20 USC 1232h)
19. To participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school site council, or site-based management leadership team in accordance with any rules and regulations governing membership in these organizations (Education Code 51101)

For parents/guardians of English learners, this right shall include the right to participate in school and district advisory bodies in accordance with federal and state law and regulations. (Education Code 51101.1)

20. To question anything in their child's student record that the parent/guardian feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school (Education Code 51101)

21. To provide informed, written parental consent before their child is tested for a behavioral, mental, or emotional evaluation

A general consent, including medical consent used to approve admission to or involvement in a special education or remedial program or regular school activity, shall not constitute written consent for these purposes. (Education Code 49091.12)

22. For parents/guardians of English learners, to be given any required written notification, under any applicable law, in English and the student's home language pursuant to Education Code 48985 (Education Code 51101.1)

These rights shall be exercised in accordance with applicable Board policy and administrative regulation.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents/guardians may support the learning environment of their child by: (Education Code 51101)

1. Monitoring attendance of their child
2. Ensuring that homework is completed and turned in on time
3. Encouraging their child to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities
4. Monitoring and prohibiting or regulating the use of social media and other forms of online entertainment viewed by their child
5. Working with their child at home in learning activities that extend the classroom learning
6. Volunteering in their child's classroom(s) or for other school activities
7. Participating in decisions related to the education of their own child or the total school program, as appropriate

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

Ed. Code 220.3

Description

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

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
5022	Student And Family Privacy Rights
5113	Absences And Excuses
5113	Absences And Excuses
5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5117	Interdistrict Attendance
5117	Interdistrict Attendance
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

5125	<u>Student Records</u>
5125	<u>Student Records</u>
5125.1	<u>Release Of Directory Information</u>
5125.1	<u>Release Of Directory Information</u>
5125.1-E(1)	<u>Release Of Directory Information</u>
5125.3	<u>Challenging Student Records</u>
5131	<u>Conduct</u>
5131.6	<u>Alcohol And Other Drugs</u>
5131.6	<u>Alcohol And Other Drugs</u>
5132	<u>Dress And Grooming</u>
5132	<u>Dress And Grooming</u>
5141.3	<u>Health Examinations</u>
5141.3	<u>Health Examinations</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5142	<u>Safety</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5144	<u>Discipline</u>
5145.6	<u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u>
5145.6-E(1)	<u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u>
5148.3	<u>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</u>
5148.3	<u>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</u>
6000	<u>Concepts And Roles</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6120	<u>Response To Instruction And Intervention</u>
6141.2	<u>Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</u>
6141.2	<u>Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</u>
6142.1	<u>Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction</u>
6142.1	<u>Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction</u>
6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>

6142.8	<u>Comprehensive Health Education</u>
6154	<u>Homework/Makeup Work</u>
6161.1	<u>Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials</u>
6161.1	<u>Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials</u>
6161.1-E(1)	<u>Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6174	<u>Education For English Learners</u>
6174	<u>Education For English Learners</u>
9200	<u>Limits Of Board Member Authority</u>