

Policy 5148.3: Preschool/Early Childhood Education

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Collaboration with Community Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information about preschool options in the community to parents/guardians upon request.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish partnerships with feeder preschools to facilitate articulation of the preschool curriculum with the district's elementary education program.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

District Preschool Programs

On a case-by-case basis, the Board shall determine whether the district shall directly administer a preschool program or contract with a public or private provider to offer such a program.

Facilities for preschool classrooms shall be addressed in the district's facilities master plan, including an assessment as to whether adequate and appropriate space exists on school sites. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall provide information to the Board regarding facilities financing options for preschool classrooms and/or facilities available through partnering organizations.

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

(cf. 7210 - Facilities Financing)

To encourage participation in the district's preschool program and meet the child care needs of parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend strategies to link the district's preschool program with other available child care and development programs in the district or community.

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.1 - Child Care Services for Parenting Students)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

Because parents/guardians are essential partners in supporting the development of their children, the Superintendent or designee shall involve them in program planning. Program

staff shall encourage volunteerism in the program and shall communicate frequently with parents/guardians of enrolled children regarding their child's progress.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The district's program shall be aligned with preschool learning foundations and curriculum frameworks developed by the CDE which identify the knowledge, skills, and competencies that children typically attain as they complete their first or second year of preschool. Program components shall address social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development in key areas that are necessary for kindergarten readiness.

The district's preschool program shall provide appropriate services to support the needs of English learners and children with disabilities.

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

To maximize the ability of children to succeed in the preschool program, program staff shall support children's health through proper nutrition and physical activity and shall provide or make referrals to available health and social services as needed.

(cf. 3550 - Food Services/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals in district preschool programs possess the appropriate permit(s) issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, meet any additional qualifications established by the Board, and participate in professional development opportunities designed to continually enhance their knowledge and skills.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an annual plan of evaluation which conforms to state requirements. (5 CCR 18279)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding enrollments in district preschool programs and the effectiveness of the programs in preparing preschoolers for transition into the elementary education program.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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 board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
22 CCR 101151-101191	Licensing and application procedures
22 CCR 101151-101239.2	<u>General requirements; licensed child care centers</u>
22 CCR 101212-101231	<u>Continuing requirements</u>
22 CCR 101237-101239.2	<u>Facilities and equipment</u>
5 CCR 14001-14036	School housing
5 CCR 17700-17833	California State Preschool Program
5 CCR 17701-17711	General Program Requirements
5 CCR 17746-17748	Enrollment priorities
5 CCR 18295	Waiver of qualifications for site supervisor
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
5 CCR 4690-4694	Complaints regarding health and safety issues in license-exempt preschool programs
5 CCR 80105-80125	Commission on Teacher Credentialing; child care and development permits
Ed. Code 17375	California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program
Ed. Code 44065	Issuance of and functions requiring credentials
Ed. Code 44256	Authorization for teaching credentials
Ed. Code 48000	Transitional kindergarten
Ed. Code 48985	Notices to parents in language other than English
Ed. Code 8200-8340	California State Preschool Program
Ed. Code 8203.5	Contracts to provide preschool services
Ed. Code 8205	Definitions

State	Description
Ed. Code 8207	California State Preschool Program administration
Ed. Code 8208	Eligibility of three- or four-year-old child for state preschool program
Ed. Code 8209	Physical examination and immunizations
Ed. Code 8210	Priority for part-day programs
Ed. Code 8211	Priority for full-day programs
Ed. Code 8212	Complaints related to preschool health and safety issues
Ed. Code 8213	Income eligible; definition
Ed. Code 8214	Order of disenrollment
Ed. Code 8217	Enrollment of three- and four-year-old children in state preschool programs
Ed. Code 8220-8221	Family literacy services
Ed. Code 8241	Staffing ratios for center-based program
Ed. Code 8252-8254	Early childhood education family fees
Ed. Code 8298	Program director qualifications
Ed. Code 8322	California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program
Ed. Code 8489-8489.1	Expulsion and Suspension Procedures
H&S Code 120325-120380	Immunization against communicable diseases
H&S Code 1596.70-1596.895	California Child Day Care Act
H&S Code 1596.90-1597.21	Day care centers
W&I Code 10207-10215	General provisions
W&I Code 10207-10490	Child Care and Development Services Act
W&I Code 10217-10224.5	Resource and referral programs
W&I Code 10225-10234	Alternative payment programs
W&I Code 10235-10238	Migrant child care and development programs
W&I Code 10240-10243	General child care and development programs
W&I Code 10250-10252	Family child care home education networks
W&I Code 10260-10263	Child care and development services for children with special needs
W&I Code 10480-10487	Local planning councils

State	Description
Federal	
20 USC 1400-1482	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
20 USC 6311-6322	Title I, relative to preschool
20 USC 6391-6399	Education of migratory children
42 USC 9831-9852c	Head Start programs
42 USC 9857-9858r	Child Care and Development Block Grant
45 CFR 1301.1-1305.2	Head Start

Management Resources

	Description
California Department of Education Publication	Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning, 2nd ed., 2009
California Department of Education Publication	Prekindergarten Learning Development Guidelines, 2000
California Department of Education Publication	First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Learning Foundations
California Department of Education Publication	Dream Big for Our Youngest Children: Final Report of the California Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee, 2010
California Department of Education Publication	First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999
CSBA Publication	What Boards of Education Can Do About Kindergarten Readiness, Governance Brief, May 2016
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Good Start, Grow Smart, April 2002
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Policy Statement on Expulsion and Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings, 2016
Website	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>
Website	<u>National Institute for Early Education Research</u>
Website	<u>California Head Start Association</u>
Website	<u>California Preschool Instructional Network</u>
Website	<u>Child Development Policy Institute</u>

Management Resources	Description
Website	<u>California Association for the Education of Young Children</u>
Website	<u>First 5 California</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Social Services</u>
Website	<u>California County Superintendents Educational Services Association</u>
Website	<u>Cities Counties and Schools Partnership</u>
Website	<u>CSBA</u>
Website	<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Education</u>

Cross References

Code	Description
0415	<u>Equity</u>
0470	<u>COVID-19 Mitigation Plan</u>
0500	<u>Accountability</u>
1240	<u>Volunteer Assistance</u>
1240	<u>Volunteer Assistance</u>
1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1330	<u>Use Of School Facilities</u>
1330	<u>Use Of School Facilities</u>
1330-E PDF(1)	<u>Use Of School Facilities</u>
1340	<u>Access To District Records</u>
1340	<u>Access To District Records</u>
1400	<u>Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</u>
1700	<u>Relations Between Private Industry And The Schools</u>
3260	<u>Fees And Charges</u>
3260	<u>Fees And Charges</u>
3280	<u>Sale Or Lease Of District-Owned Real Property</u>
3523	<u>Electronic Signatures</u>

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3523	<u>Electronic Signatures</u>
3541	<u>Transportation Routes And Services</u>
3550	<u>Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</u>
3550	<u>Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</u>
3580	<u>District Records</u>
3580	<u>District Records</u>
4112	<u>Appointment And Conditions Of Employment</u>
4112.4	<u>Health Examinations</u>
4112.5	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4112.5-E PDF(1)	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4112.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4131	<u>Staff Development</u>
4212.4	<u>Health Examinations</u>
4212.5	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4212.5-E PDF(1)	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4212.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4222	<u>Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals</u>
4222	<u>Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals</u>
4231	<u>Staff Development</u>
4312.4	<u>Health Examinations</u>
4312.5	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4312.5-E PDF(1)	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4312.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4331	<u>Staff Development</u>
5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>
5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>
5030	<u>Student Wellness</u>
5030	<u>Student Wellness</u>
5030-E PDF(1)	<u>Student Wellness</u>
5111	<u>Admission</u>

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5111	<u>Admission</u>
5125	<u>Student Records</u>
5125	<u>Student Records</u>
5141.23	<u>Asthma Management</u>
5141.23	<u>Asthma Management</u>
5141.23-E PDF(1)	<u>Asthma Management - Infectious Disease Prevention</u>
5141.26	<u>Tuberculosis Testing</u>
5141.31	<u>Immunizations</u>
5141.31	<u>Immunizations</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5145.6	<u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u>
5145.6-E PDF(2)	<u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u>
5148	<u>Child Care And Development</u>
5148	<u>Child Care And Development</u>
6011	<u>Academic Standards</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6159	<u>Individualized Education Program</u>
6159	<u>Individualized Education Program</u>
6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>
6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>
6171	<u>Title I Programs</u>
6171	<u>Title I Programs</u>
6173	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173-E PDF(1)	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>

Code	Description
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</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>
6175	<u>Migrant Education Program</u>
6175	<u>Migrant Education Program</u>
6200	<u>Adult Education</u>
6200	<u>Adult Education</u>
7110	<u>Facilities Master Plan</u>
7210	<u>Facilities Financing</u>