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Child Care and Development

The Governing Board desires to provide child care and development services on or near school campuses which meet the developmental needs of children and offer a convenient child care alternative for parents/guardians in the community. The Board anticipates that these services also will generate increased parental and community involvement in the schools, provide an opportunity for parenting students to receive assistance while continuing their education, and provide work experience as part of the CalWORKs program.

The district shall provide a quality child care and development program located on or near the school site for the children of teen parents enrolled in the district's Cal-SAFE program for parenting teens. Such services shall be available whenever enrolled teen parents are participating in a school-approved activity during or outside the school day. Children shall be eligible for enrollment from birth to age five years or until they enroll in kindergarten, whichever occurs first, as long as the teen parent is enrolled in the Cal-SAFE program. (Education Code 54743, 54745, 54746)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

The Superintendent or designee shall work cooperatively with the local Child Care and Development Planning Council, public and private agencies, parents/guardians and other community members to assess child care needs in the community, establish program priorities, obtain ongoing feedback on program quality and inform parents/guardians about child care options.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services) (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools) (cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

The district's child care and development services shall be designed to support the cognitive, physical, social and emotional development of children in a safe, healthy environment. Activities and services shall be age and developmentally appropriate and shall consider the cultural, linguistic, economic and other special needs of children and families being served. The program shall be consistent with and support the district's regular educational program and shall provide access to essential support services.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan) (cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program) (cf. 5141.6 - School-Based Health and Social Services)



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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that individuals working in child care and development programs have the necessary qualifications and have satisfied all legal requirements as specified in Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

The Superintendent or designee shall identify locations in both current and future facilities where child care programs might be placed without adverse impact on the district's instructional program.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities) (cf. 3280 - Sale, Lease, Rental of District-Owned Real Property) (cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

To the extent possible, child care and development services shall be made available during the regular school day, before and after school hours, during school vacations and on weekends.

These services shall be available to infants and children up to age 14.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that subsidized child care is provided to eligible families to the extent that state and/or federal funding is available, and shall establish priorities in accordance with law. In addition to priorities for subsidized care, priority shall be given to district students and children of district employees.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency) (cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)

To the extent that space is available, the Superintendent or designee may allow children residing outside the district to enroll in the district's child care and development program.



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Legal Reference:

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