

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

Students

BP 5148.3

PRESCHOOL/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Governing Board recognizes that high-quality preschool experiences help children ages 3-4 years to develop knowledge, skills, abilities, and attributes necessary for a successful transition into the elementary education program. Such programs should provide developmentally appropriate activities in a safe, adequately supervised, and cognitively rich environment.

(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

Collaboration with Community Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with other agencies, organizations, the county office of education, and/or private preschool providers to assess the availability of preschool programs in the community and the extent to which the community's preschool needs are being met. The Board encourages the development of a community-wide plan to increase children's access to high-quality preschool programs.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

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 community 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

When the Board determines that it is feasible, the district may contract with the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide preschool services in facilities at or near district schools.

The Board shall set priorities for establishing or expanding services as resources become available. In so doing, the Board shall give consideration to the benefits of providing early education programs for at-risk children and/or children residing in the attendance areas of the lowest performing district schools.

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 0520.4 - Quality Education Investment Schools)

(cf. 6171 - Title I 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)
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(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)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8200-8499.10 Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:
8200-8209 General provisions for child care and development services
8230-8233 Migrant child care and development program
8235-8239 California State Preschool Program
8240-8244 General child care and development programs
8250-8252 Programs for children with special needs
8263 Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services
8300-8303 Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee
8360-8370 Personnel qualifications
8400-8409 Contracts
8493-8498 Facilities
8499.3-8499.7 Local child care and development planning councils
54740-54749 Cal-SAFE program for pregnant/parenting students and their children

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.70-1596.895 California Child Day Care Act
1596.90-1597.21 Day care centers
120325-120380 Immunization requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

18000-18434 Child care and development programs
80105-80125 Permits authorizing service in child development programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311-6322 Title I, relative to preschool
6319 Qualifications for teachers and paraprofessionals
6371-6376 Early Reading First
6381-6381k Even Start family literacy programs
6391-6399 Education of migratory children

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

9831-9852 Head Start programs
9858-9858q Child Care and Development Block Grant

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

101151-101239.2 General requirements, licensed child care centers, including:
101151-101163 Licensing and application procedures

101212-101231 Continuing requirements
101237-101239.2 Facilities and equipment
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45
1301-1310 Head Start

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Programs: A Resource and Policy Guide for School Leaders, 2005

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California Preschool Learning Foundations

12-08 Disenrollment Due to 2012-13 Budget Reduction for California State Preschool Programs,

Management Bulletin, July 2012

Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning, 2nd ed., 2009

Prekindergarten Learning Development Guidelines, 2000

First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Good Start, Grow Smart, April 2002

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.caeyc.org>

California Children and Families Commission: <http://www.ccfcc.ca.gov>

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Head Start Association: <http://caheadstart.org>

California Preschool Instructional Network: <http://www.cpin.us>

Child Development Policy Institute: <http://www.cdpi.net>

Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

First 5 Association of California: <http://www.f5ac.org>

National Institute for Early Education Research: <http://nieer.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

Preschool California: <http://www.preschoolcalifornia.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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