

INTERVENTION FOR UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS

The Governing Board desires that all schools provide a high-quality educational program that maximizes the achievement of each district student. The district shall provide assistance to schools to support the continuous improvement of student performance within the priorities identified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and to enhance the achievement of low-performing student groups.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

At its discretion, the Board may submit a request to the County Superintendent of Schools for technical assistance regarding the following: (Education Code 52071)

1. Identifying the district's strengths and weaknesses in regard to state priorities addressed in the LCAP, including collaboration between the district and County Superintendent to review performance data on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard and other relevant local data and to identify effective, evidence-based programs or practices that address any areas of weakness
2. Securing assistance from an academic, programmatic, or fiscal expert, or team of experts, to identify and implement effective programs and practices that are designed to improve performance in any areas of weakness identified by the district

In the event that the County Superintendent requires the district to receive technical assistance based on a determination that one or more numerically significant student subgroups in a district school meet the performance criteria established pursuant Education Code 52064.5, the Board shall work with the County Superintendent and shall provide the County Superintendent timely documentation of the district's completion of the activities listed in items #1-2 above or substantially similar activities. (Education Code 52071)

With the approval of the County Superintendent, the district may, at its own expense, engage another service provider, including, but not limited to, another school district, the county office of education, or a charter school, to act as a partner to the district in filling the district's need for technical assistance. (Education Code 52071)

If referred to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence by either the County Superintendent or the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the district shall implement the recommendations of that agency in order to accomplish the goals set forth in the district's LCAP. (Education Code 52071, 52074)

If the SPI identifies the district as needing intervention, the district shall cooperate with any action taken by the SPI or any academic advisor appointed by the SPI, which may include one or more of the following: (Education Code 52072)

1. Revision of the district's LCAP

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2. Revision of the district's budget, in conjunction with changes in the LCAP, that would allow the district to improve the outcomes for all student subgroups in regard to state and local priorities
3. A determination to stay or rescind any district action that would prevent the district from improving outcomes for all student subgroups, provided that action is not required by a collective bargaining agreement

In addition, any school identified by the California Department of Education for comprehensive support and improvement, targeted support and improvement, or additional targeted support and improvement shall develop and implement a school plan in accordance with 20 USC 6311. Such schools may be required to partner with an external entity, agency, or individual with demonstrated expertise and capacity to identify and implement more rigorous interventions.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0520.1 - Comprehensive and Targeted Support and Improvement)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52052 Numerically significant student subgroups

52059.5 Statewide system of support

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

64001 School plan for student achievement

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311-6322 Improving basic programs for disadvantaged students, especially:

6311 State plans

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California School Dashboard

CSI/TSI/ATSI Frequently Asked Questions

California ESSA Consolidated State Plan, 2017

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Non-Regulatory Guidance: Using Evidence to Strengthen Education Investments, 2016

WEB SITES

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

California School Dashboard: <http://www.caschooldashboard.org>

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

Policy

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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