

TITLE I PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT SCHOOLS

The Governing Board is committed to enabling all district students to meet state academic achievement standards and to narrowing the achievement gap among student groups. To that end, the district shall provide support and assistance to increase student achievement in any school that receives federal Title I funding and has been identified by the California Department of Education as a program improvement (PI) school.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school improvement strategies developed for any PI school are coordinated, aligned, and effectively implemented in accordance with administrative regulation and the Board-approved school improvement plan.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

As necessary, the Board shall determine corrective actions for schools in Year 3 of PI and/or restructuring options for schools in Year 4 of PI or beyond.

Whenever a school is identified for Year 4 PI but is not identified as a "persistently lowest achieving school" pursuant to Education Code 53201, the parents/guardians of students attending that school may petition the Board to implement an intervention for the purpose of improving academic achievement or student safety, provided that the state limit on the number of such schools has not yet been reached. To be considered by the Board, the petition shall contain all required content and signatures and specify one of four intervention models (i.e., turnaround model, restart model, school closure, or transformation model) or an alternative governance arrangement, as described in 5 CCR 4803-4807. The district shall implement the option requested by the parents/guardians unless, at a regularly scheduled public hearing, the Board makes a finding in writing stating the reason it cannot implement the recommended option and instead designates one of the other options to be implemented. (Education Code 53300-53303; 5 CCR 4800-4808)

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall develop an annual report card that includes the information specified in 20 USC 6311 for each district school and for the district as a whole. The required information may be incorporated into each school's school accountability report card. (20 USC 6311)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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The report card shall be concise, presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents/guardians can understand. It shall be made accessible to the public on the district's web site. (20 USC 6311)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

As necessary based on the results of this evaluation, the Board may require the Superintendent or designee to review and revise any of the school's reform plans, including the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement, allocate additional resources toward the implementation of the plan, and/or require more frequent monitoring of the school's progress in order to raise student achievement.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35256 School accountability report card

53200-53203 Persistently lowest achieving schools

53300-53303 Parent Empowerment Act

64000 Categorical programs included in consolidated application

64001 Single school plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11992-11994 Persistently dangerous schools, definition

4800-4808 Parent Empowerment petitions

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

6301 Title I program purpose

6311 State plan; state and local educational agency report cards

6312 Local educational agency plan

6313 Eligibility of schools and school attendance areas; funding allocation

7912 Persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

200.49-200.51 State responsibilities

200.52-200.53 District improvement

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Every Student Succeeds Act 2016-17 School Year Transition Plan, April 2016

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Final Rule and Supplementary Information, October 29, 2008. Vol. 73, No. 210, pages 64436-64513

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Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Frequently Asked Questions, rev. May 4, 2016

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Program

Improvement: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ti/programimprov.asp>

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

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SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Definitions

Year 1 Program Improvement

For any district school in its first year of program improvement (PI), the Superintendent or designee shall implement a school improvement plan that was approved by the Governing Board.

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the school receives technical assistance from the district, California Department of Education (CDE), an institution of higher education, a private organization, an educational service agency, or another entity with experience in helping schools improve academic achievement, including assistance in:

1. Analyzing data from state assessments and other examples of student work to identify and address problems in instruction and/or problems in implementing Title I requirements pertaining to parent involvement, professional development, or school and district responsibilities identified in the school plan.
2. Identifying and implementing professional development, instructional strategies, and methods of instruction that are derived from scientifically based research and that have proven effective in addressing the specific instructional issues that caused the school to be identified for PI.
3. Analyzing and revising the school's budget so that the school's resources are more effectively allocated to the activities most likely to increase student achievement and remove the school from PI status.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Year 2 Program Improvement

For any district school in its second year of PI, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to implement the school improvement plan and to provide for technical assistance in accordance with the section "Year 1 Program Improvement" above.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the provision of alternative supports to eligible students from low-income families, as described below in the section "Alternative Supports."

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Year 3 Program Improvement: Corrective Action

After the second full school year after identification for PI, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to implement all elements of Year 1 and Year 2 PI specified above, as well as the corrective action(s) determined by the Board, which may include:

1. Replacing school staff relevant to the failure.

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 4114 - Transfers)

(cf. 4314 - Transfers)

2. Implementing a new curriculum and related professional development.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

3. Significantly decreasing management authority at the school level.

4. Appointing an outside expert to advise the school.

5. Extending the school year or school day for the school.

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

6. Restructuring the internal organization of the school.

Year 4 Program Improvement and Beyond: Restructuring

For any school in Year 4 of PI or beyond, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to implement all elements of Year 1 and Year 2 PI specified above, as well as one of the following options for alternative governance and restructuring, as determined by the Board:

1. Reopening the school as a charter school.

2. Replacing all or most of the school staff relevant to the failure.

3. Entering into a contract with an entity with a demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate the school.

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4. Turning the operation of the school over to the CDE.
5. Instituting any other major restructuring of the school's governance arrangements that makes fundamental reforms.

Alternative Supports

In any school identified for Year 2 PI or beyond, eligible students from low-income families shall be offered district-selected alternative supports designed to improve their academic achievement. Alternative supports may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

1. Academic support offered during school hours, before school, after school, during intercession, and/or during summer learning programs.

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

2. Small group instruction and/or pull-out interventions offered during the regular school day.
3. Interventions offered during After School Education and Safety or 21st Century Community Learning Center programs.
4. High quality academic tutoring.
5. Provision of supplemental materials that support alternative support services.
6. Provision of a crisis, intervention, and/or academic counselor to meet with eligible students.
7. Services and programs that remove barriers to promote academic achievement of eligible students.

The types of alternative supports and the criteria used to identify eligible students may be included in the district's local control and accountability plan and shall be consistent and aligned with local priorities.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

If the district contracts with outside entities or community partners to provide alternative supports to eligible students, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that no electronic device or other items of value are given, retained, or used as an incentive or achievement award and that funds are expended only on direct services to eligible students.

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The district shall set aside a reasonable amount of Title I, Part A funds for alternative supports. Whenever the district does not have sufficient funds to serve all eligible students, it may give priority to the lowest achieving PI schools or the lowest achieving eligible students attending a PI school. The Superintendent or designee may identify the lowest achieving eligible students based on assessment scores, grades, teacher evaluations, or another locally defined measure.