

## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Governing Board desires to provide child care and development services which meet the developmental needs of children and offer a convenient child care alternative for parents/guardians in the community.

*(cf. [5148.2](#) - Before/After School Programs)*

*(cf. [5148.3](#) - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

*(cf. [6164.4](#) - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)*

*(cf. [6175](#) - Migrant Education Program)*

The Board shall enter into a contract with the California Department of Education (CDE) for the provision of child care and development services by the district.

*(cf. [3312](#) - Contracts)*

The district 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 supply information 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 Board shall approve for the district's child care and development program a written philosophical statement, goals, and objectives that reflect the cultural and linguistic characteristics of the families to be served and address the program components specified in 5 CCR [18272-18281](#) and the accompanying administrative regulation. (5 CCR [18271](#))

*(cf. [0000](#) - Vision)*

*(cf. [0100](#) - Philosophy)*

*(cf. [0200](#) - Goals for the School District)*

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### **Eligibility and Enrollment**

Child care admissions policies and procedures shall be in writing and available to the public. Such policies and procedures shall include criteria designating those children whose needs can be met by the child care center's program and services, the ages of children who will be accepted, program activities, any supplementary services provided, any field trip provisions, any transportation arrangements, food service provisions, and health examination requirements. (5 CCR [18105](#); 22 CCR [101218](#))

(cf. [0410](#) - *Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities*)

(cf. [3540](#) - *Transportation*)

(cf. [3550](#) - *Food Service/Child Nutrition Program*)

(cf. [5141.22](#) - *Infectious Diseases*)

(cf. [5141.3](#) - *Health Examinations*)

(cf. [5141.31](#) - *Immunizations*)

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 enrollment priorities in accordance with Education Code [8263](#) and 5 CCR [18106](#).

To the extent that space is available after the enrollment of children who are eligible for subsidized services, priority for admissions shall be given to district students, children of district students, and children of district employees.

(cf. [5111.1](#) - *District Residency*)

(cf. [5146](#) - *Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students*)

### **Staffing**

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.

(cf. [1240](#) - *Volunteer Assistance*)

(cf. [4112.2](#) - *Certification*)

(cf. [4112.4/4212.4/4312.4](#) - *Health Examinations*)

(cf. [4112.5/4212.5/4312.5](#) - *Criminal Record Check*)

(cf. [4131](#) - *Staff Development*)

(cf. [4231](#) - *Staff Development*)

(cf. [4331](#) - *Staff Development*)

## **Students**

**BP 5148(c)**

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### **Facilities**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board may approve any of the following for the provision of child care and development services:

1. The use of existing district facilities that have capacity
2. Renovation or improvement of district facilities to make them suitable for such services
3. Purchase of relocatable child care facilities
4. Inclusion of child care facilities in any new construction
5. Agreement with a public agency or community organization for the use of community facilities

(cf. [1330.1](#) - Joint Use Agreements)

(cf. [7110](#) - Facilities Master Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that facilities used for child care services meet all applicable health and safety standards. (5 CCR [18020](#); 22 CCR [101238-101239.2](#))

### **Complaints**

For a licensed child care center, any complaint alleging health and safety violations shall be referred to the California Department of Social Services. For a license-exempt facility, such complaints shall be referred to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator. Any other alleged violation of state or federal laws governing child care and development programs shall be investigated and resolved using the district's procedures in BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. [1312.3](#) - *Uniform Complaint Procedures*)

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### **Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually conduct an evaluation of the district's child care and development services in accordance with state requirements. The evaluation report shall be submitted to the Board and the CDE along with an action plan which establishes program goals and objectives for the coming year and addresses any areas identified as needing improvement. (5 CCR [18279-18281](#))

(cf. [0500](#) - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

[8200-8499.10](#) *Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:*  
[8200-8209](#) *General provisions for child care and development services*  
[8210-8216](#) *Resource and referral program*  
[8220-8226](#) *Alternative payment program*  
[8230-8233](#) *Migrant child care and development program*  
[8235-8239](#) *California state preschool program*  
[8240-8244](#) *General child care programs*  
[8250-8252](#) *Programs for children with special needs*  
[8263](#) *Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services*  
[8263.3](#) *Disenrollment of families due to reduced funding levels*  
[8263.4](#) *Enrollment of students ages 11-12 years*  
[8273-8273.3](#) *Fees*  
[8278.3](#) *Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund*  
[8360-8370](#) *Personnel qualifications*  
[8400-8409](#) *Contracts*  
[8482-8484.65](#) *After-school education and safety program*  
[8484.7-8484.8](#) *21st Century community learning centers*  
[8493-8498](#) *Facilities*  
[8499-8499.7](#) *Local planning councils*  
[49540-49546](#) *Child care food program*  
[49570](#) *National School Lunch program*  
[56244](#) *Staff development funding*

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**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**

[4610-4687](#) *Uniform complaint procedures*

[18000-18434](#) *Child care and development programs, especially:*

[18012-18122](#) *General requirements*

[18180-18192](#) *Federal and state migrant programs*

[18210-18213](#) *Severely handicapped program*

[18220-18231](#) *Alternative payment program*

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***Resource and referral program***

[18270-18281](#) *Program quality, accountability*

[18290-18292](#) *Staffing ratios*

[18295](#) *Waiver of qualifications for site supervisor*

[18300-18308](#) *Appeals and dispute resolution*

[80105-80125](#) *Commission on Teacher Credentialing, child care and development permits*

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22**

[101151-101239.2](#) *General requirements, licensed child care centers, especially:*

[101151-101163](#) *Licensing and application procedures*

[101212-101231](#) *Continuing requirements*

[101237-101239.2](#) *Facilities and equipment*

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**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42**

[1751-1769j](#) *National School Lunch Program*

[9831-9852](#) *Head Start programs*

[9858-9858q](#) *Child care and development block grant*

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7**

[210.1-210.31](#) *National School Lunch program*

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45**

[98.2-98.93](#) *Child care and development fund*

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