

JUVENILE COURT SCHOOLS

The County Board of Education shall provide for the administration and operation of a juvenile court school that meets the needs of students who are under the protection or authority of the county juvenile justice system and have been placed in juvenile hall.

The County Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for the administration of juvenile court schools.

School Calendar

The County Board shall adopt an annual school calendar identifying holidays and staff in-service days for juvenile court schools as presented by the County Superintendent. Unless otherwise provided by law, the minimum school day shall be 240 minutes.

Educational Programs

Juvenile court schools shall offer a curriculum that meets state academic standards and a course of study that prepares students for a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate, career entry, and college admission. The County Board shall adopt a course of study for juvenile court schools as presented by the County Superintendent and shall regularly evaluate the educational program established.

The prescribed courses of study shall be kept on file for public inspection. Students enrolled in a juvenile court school shall participate in physical education courses unless exempted by law.

School Facilities

Any plans for the construction of juvenile court school classrooms, offices, or any other school structures in any juvenile hall, juvenile home, day center, juvenile ranch, or juvenile camp shall be approved by the County Board and the County Board of Supervisors. The cost of such construction shall be charged against county funds.

Joint Transition Planning

The County Board shall ensure that the county office of education (COE) and the county department of probation have a joint transition planning policy for the purposes of improving communication regarding dates of release and educational needs of students who have had contact with the juvenile justice system, coordinating immediate school placement and enrollment, and ensuring that probation officers in the community have the information they need to support the return of students who are being transferred from juvenile court schools to public schools in their communities. The transition planning

policy shall include the assignment of transition oversight responsibilities to COE personnel who will work in collaboration with the county probation department, as needed, and relevant local educational agencies to facilitate:

1. The transfer of complete and accurate education records, including the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan, if applicable, when a student enters the juvenile court school.
2. Access to information about postsecondary academic and vocational opportunities, including college financial aid programs.
3. The implementation of the student's transition plan, if one exists.
4. The transition of a student from a juvenile court school to a public school in the community, including procedures for the student's immediate enrollment, transfer of course credits, placement in appropriate courses based on completed coursework, and the transfer of complete and accurate education records, including any IEP or Section 504 plan, within 72 hours of the student's release from the juvenile detention facility.

Individualized Transition Plan

As needed, each student detained for more than 20 consecutive school days shall have an individualized transition plan developed by the COE in collaboration with the county probation department in accordance with Education Code 48647.

For any student detained for 20 consecutive school days or fewer, a copy of the student's individualized learning plan, if one exists, shall be made available by the COE to the student upon the student's release, if possible.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48645-48647 Juvenile court schools

51040 Prescribed courses

51041 Educational program

51220 Areas of study

51222 Physical education

51241 Exemptions from physical education

60200 Adoption of instructional materials

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

602 Minors violating law; ward of court

880-893 Wards and dependent children; juvenile homes, ranches and camps

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Juvenile Court Schools:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/jc>