

Instruction

Elementary School Promotion/Standards of Proficiency

Eighth grade students who have completed the district's prescribed course of study shall be eligible for a diploma of promotion.

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

The Governing Board shall adopt district standards of proficiency in reading comprehension, writing and computational skills and in other areas the Board deems appropriate. Students shall be assessed for these basic skills and receive remedial instruction when needed.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's standards of proficiency are developed with the active involvement of teachers, administrators, counselors and parents/guardians and that they are articulated with standards adopted by the local high school district. (Education Code 51215)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the periodic screening of assessment instruments for racial, cultural or sexual bias.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51215-51219.5 Student progress, elementary and secondary schools

51225.4 Elementary school district certification of sufficient preparation

52510 Requirements for eighth grade graduation (adult school)

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NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bakersfield, California

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Student progress towards proficiency in basic skills shall be assessed in English at least once during grades four through six and at least once during grades seven through eight. (Education Code 51216)

When a student does not meet the district's prescribed standards of proficiency in basic skills, the principal or designee shall arrange a conference in which the student, the parent/guardian and a certificated employee familiar with the student's progress shall discuss the assessment results and steps to be taken to assist him/her toward the mastery of basic skills. (Education Code 51216)

The principal or designee shall send a written notice requesting the student and parent/guardian to attend the conference. The notice shall be written in the primary language of the parent/guardian, when practicable, and shall request a response from the parent/guardian. (Education Code 51216)

If the conference is to be held on a group basis, the notice shall specify the parent/guardian's right to an individual conference without having to attend the group conference. (Education Code 51216)

If a response to the notice is not received by ten days before the conference, the principal or designee shall make reasonable efforts to contact the parent/guardian and to provide the information contained in the notice. (Education Code 51216)

The student shall attend the conference unless the principal or designee and the student's parent/guardian agree that the student's presence would not be in his/her best interest. (Education Code 51216)

If the parent/guardian does not attend the conference, the principal or designee shall inform him/her about the student's remedial program within ten days after the conference. (Education Code 51216)