

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD**

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to inform parents/guardians and the community about the conditions, needs, and progress at each district school and to provide data by which parents/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between schools. The process of gathering and analyzing data also provides opportunities for school and district staff to review achievements and identify areas for improvement.

The Board shall annually issue a school accountability report card (SARC) for each school site. (Education Code 35256)

In preparing the district's report cards, the Superintendent or designee may choose to use or adapt the model template provided by the California Department of Education. If the model template is not used, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that data are reported in a manner that is consistent with the definitions for school conditions as provided in the template. At least every three years, the Board shall compare the content of the district's report cards to the state's model template, recognizing that variances are allowed by law as necessary to meet local needs. (Education Code 33126.1, 35256)

The Board shall annually approve the SARCs for all district schools and shall evaluate the data contained in the SARCs as part of the Board's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*  
*(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)*  
*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for communicating the information contained in the SARCs to all stakeholders, including opportunities for staff and the community to discuss their content.

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)*  
*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

**Notification and Dissemination of SARCs**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually publicize the issuance of the SARCs and notify parents/guardians that a paper copy will be provided upon request. On or before February 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall make the SARCs available in paper copy and on the Internet. (Education Code 35256)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

1240 County superintendent, general duties  
17002 Definition, including good repair  
17014 Plan for building maintenance  
17032.5 Portable classroom maintenance  
17070.15 School Facilities Act; definitions  
17089 Portable classroom maintenance  
33126 School Accountability Report Card  
33126.1 School Accountability Report Card model template  
33126.15 School Accountability Report Card template  
33126.2 Secretary of Education school accountability report card study  
35256 School Accountability Report Card  
35256.1 Information required in the School Accountability Report Card  
35258 Internet access to the School Accountability Report Card  
41409 Calculation of statewide averages  
41409.3 Salary information required in the School Accountability Report Card  
46112 Minimum school day for grades 1 through 3  
46113 Minimum school day for grades 4 through 8  
46117 Minimum kindergarten school day  
46141 Minimum school day (high school)  
51225.3 Requirements for graduation  
52052 Academic performance index  
52053 Immediate intervention/underperforming schools program  
52056 Meeting growth targets  
60119 Textbook sufficiency  
60600-60618 General provisions  
60640-60648 Standardized testing and reporting program  
60800 Physical fitness testing  
60850 High school exit examination  
60851 High school exit examination  
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION  
Article 16, Section 8.5(e) Allocations to State School Fund  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
6311 State plans, including local educational agency report cards

*Management Resources:*

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WEB SITES

CSBA, SARC Select: <http://www.csba.org/Services/Services/DistrictServices/SARC.aspx>

California Department of Education, School Accountability Report Card:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa>

U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind Act: <http://www.nclb.gov>