

PLUMAS COUNTY PLAN
FOR
EDUCATING EXPELLED STUDENTS

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And the

Plumas Unified School District

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INTRODUCTION

A Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Pupils between the Plumas County Superintendent of Schools and the Plumas Unified School District.

Educational programs within Plumas County provide numerous opportunities for students who are in need of traditional and/or alternative education programs. While the Plumas Unified School District offers a broad spectrum of services for students, the Plumas County Office of Education offers additional options. This combination provides a continuum of alternatives to expelled students.

A student whose behavior has resulted in expulsion is given a rehabilitation plan that is designed by the district of residence. This plan may involve one or more of the options outlined in this document. A student who is simply in need of an educational alternative may also access these programs through a District and/or County referral process.

THE PLUMAS COUNTY PLAN FOR EXPELLED YOUTH

Education Code -48926

Each county superintendent of schools in counties that operate community schools pursuant to Section 1980, in conjunction with superintendents of the school districts within the county, shall develop a plan for providing education services to all expelled pupils in that county. The plan shall be adopted by the governing board of each school district within the county and by the county board of education.

The plan shall enumerate existing educational alternatives for expelled pupils, identify gaps in educational services to expelled pupils, and strategies for filling those service gaps. The plan shall also identify alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in district community day school programs, but who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district pupils, as determined by the governing board.

Each county superintendent of schools, in conjunction with the superintendents of the school districts, shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the county plan for providing educational services to all expelled pupils in the county no later than June 30, 1997, and shall submit a triennial update to the plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including the outcome data pursuant to Section 48916.1, on June 30th thereafter.

Education Code -48916.1

- a) At the time an expulsion of a pupil is ordered, the governing board of the school district shall ensure that an educational program is provided to the pupil who is subject to the expulsion order for the period of the expulsion. Except for pupils expelled pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48915, the governing board of a school district is required to implement the provisions of this section only to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose in the annual Budget Act or other legislation, or both.

Overview

Plumas County is a single district county with four distinctly different communities that serve a large geographic area. The Plumas Unified School District, by virtue of size rural setting and low enrollment, has limited resources for providing educational alternatives to expelled youth.

There is no juvenile court school facility in Plumas County. Out of county facilities are accessed by contract. Small school districts now experience most of the student behaviors that were once attributed only to students who attended schools in large urban school districts. Small school districts; however, are not experiencing large numbers of students who are exhibiting behaviors which result in expulsion. The fact that large numbers of students are not being expelled from small school districts is naturally quite positive; however, it does create a situation where the development of either district or county specific classes or programs for such students is difficult financially and/or geographically.

Early intervention strategies or pro-active strategies are the major focus of the small district programs and the subsequent student success. Plumas Unified School District provides early intervention strategies which include, but are not limited to, one-on-one counseling, student study teams, educational and psychological assessments, parent support meetings, in-school suspension, off-campus suspension, special education services, after school activities, behavior support planning, Student Attendance Review Board, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, and coordination with other county agencies.

Existing Educational Alternative for Expelled Youth

The Plumas Unified School District located within Plumas County offers the following options for expelled youth:

- 1) Suspended expulsion with placement on the same school campus.
- 2) Suspended expulsion with placement on different school campus.
- 3) Suspended expulsion with placement on a contract for behavior.
- 4) Suspended expulsion with placement on district independent study or charter school program.
- 5) Expulsion with placement in a PCOE alternative education program.

The Plumas County Superintendent of Schools provides the following option for expelled youth. PCOE will run a traditional Community School program serving students in grades 9-12 in Quincy. The program will have an Independent Study Program that will be offered to students when deemed appropriate. PCOE will also run Opportunity School programs serving students in grades K-9. In Chester and Portola, students will be served in the Opportunity Program in grades K-9. In Greenville and Quincy, students will be served in the Opportunity Program in grades K-6.

Strategies for Addressing Identified Gaps in Service

The strategies for addressing the identified gaps in educational service for expelled youth are:

- 1) To continue to use existing district educational strategies to meet the needs of expelled students, including access to standards-based texts, and research-based supplemental programs when appropriate.
- 2) To refer expelled students to the Plumas County Community School or Plumas County Opportunity Schools (Grades K - 9). The County Community School will be an option for those students who have transportation available to the school site, and independent study could be an option for those students who cannot arrange for transportation.
- 3) Expelled youth with disabilities shall be ensured access to services identified by the current I.E.P., or a substantially comparable program.
- 4) Expelled youth who qualify for EL services shall be assured of access to these services.

Placement/Rehabilitation Plans

Students who are expelled will be provided with the following educational options: the school district continues to maintain responsibility for developing a rehabilitation plan for the student, referring the student to an appropriate educational setting, and ensuring that an education program is provided to the student. This may include enrollment in Plumas County Office of Education School.

Expelled students who are referred to a Plumas County Office of Education School shall be provided an Individual Learning Plan developed by staff and parent as appropriate. Part of this plan will include a review of what is needed to return to the school district. For those students who have difficulty meeting the terms and conditions of their district designed rehabilitation plan, Student Study Teams, alternative placements, and alternative strategies will be developed, with the County Office of Education staff. Documentation of planning shall include a transition plan for students returning to the traditional school program.

PLUMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AT RISK PLAN OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SITES:
Jr/Sr High Schools
Elementary Schools

DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE ON-SITE SCHOOL ALTERNATIVES:
In-school Suspension
Career Technical Education
Special Education Programs
Continuation Education Schools
Charter School Program

DISTRICT OFF-SITE SCHOOL ALTERNATIVES:
Independent Study Program
Charter School Program

PLUMAS COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM:
County Community School
Opportunity Schools (K - 9)