

CONTINUATION EDUCATION

Minimum Attendance Requirement

Each student in the continuation education program shall attend classes for not less than four 60-minute hours per week for the regular school term. The requirement may be met by attendance in a continuation education class and/or regional occupational center or program. (Education Code 48400)

If a student subject to compulsory attendance in continuation education classes cannot give satisfactory proof of regular employment, the student shall attend continuation education classes and/or a regional occupational center or program for not less than 15 hours per week. (Education Code 48402)

Students Exempted

Minors may be exempted from compulsory continuation education if they have regular work and present evidence that they attend adult classes at least four full hours a week.

Voluntary Enrollment

With the consent of the Superintendent or designee, any high school student may enroll in continuation classes in order to receive special attention, such as individualized instruction. (Education Code 48432.5) Students so enrolled may return to the regular high school at the beginning of the following year, or at any time the Superintendent or designee gives consent.

Re-enrollment

Any person 16 or 17 years old who left school after obtaining a certificate of proficiency may re-enroll in the District without prejudice. If the student leaves a second time, the District may deny re-enrollment until the beginning of the next semester. (Education Code 48414)

Involuntary Transfer

1. Grounds

A decision to transfer the student involuntarily shall be based on a finding that the student 1) committed an act enumerated in Education Code 48900, or 2) has been habitually truant or irregular in legally required school attendance. High school

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students under age 16 may be so transferred when they have used up 20 days of suspension at their school of attendance.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

2. Limitation

Involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall be made only when other means fail to bring about student improvement. However, a student may be involuntarily transferred the first time he/she commits an act enumerated in Education Code 48900 if the principal determines that the student's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48432.5)

3. Duration

No involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall extend beyond the end of the semester following the semester when the acts leading to the involuntary transfer occurred. (Education Code 48432.5)

4. Notice and Hearing

The student and parent/guardian shall be given written notice that they may request a meeting with the Superintendent or designee prior to an involuntary transfer.

At the meeting, the student and/or parent/guardian shall be told specific facts and reasons for the proposed transfer. The student or parent/guardian shall have the opportunity to inspect all documents relied upon, and to present evidence on the student's behalf. The student may designate one or more representatives and witnesses to be present with him/her at the meeting.

The persons making the final decision for involuntary transfer shall not be members of the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled at the time. (Education Code 48432.5)

A written decision to transfer, stating the facts and reasons for the decision, shall be sent to the student and to the parent/guardian. If the decision is subject to annual review, the letter shall explain the procedure involved.