

WORK-BASED LEARNING

The Governing Board desires to facilitate the preparation of secondary school students for college and career by providing work-based learning opportunities which link classroom learning with real-world experiences. The district's work-based learning program shall be designed to teach students the skills, attitudes, and knowledge necessary for successful employment and to reinforce mastery of both academic and career technical education (CTE) standards.

(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

The district's work-based learning program may offer opportunities for paid and/or unpaid work experiences, including, but not limited to:

1. Work experience education as defined in Education Code 51764
2. Cooperative CTE or community classrooms as defined in Education Code 52372.1
3. Job shadowing experience as defined in Education Code 51769
4. Student internships
5. Apprenticeships
6. Service learning
7. Employment in social/civic or school-based enterprises
8. Technology-based or other simulated work experiences

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

The Superintendent or designee may provide students employment opportunities with public and private employers in areas within or outside the district, including in any contiguous state. (Education Code 51768)

Any district plan for work-based learning shall be submitted to the Board for approval. When required, the plan shall be submitted to the California Department of Education or other state agency or official.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve local businesses or business organizations in planning and implementing work-based learning opportunities that support the district's vision and

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goals for student learning and local workforce development efforts. He/she also may work with postsecondary institutions, community organizations, and others to identify opportunities for work-based learning.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

When required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a written training agreement with the employer that describes the conditions and requirements to be met by all parties and shall develop an individual training plan for each student which outlines the objectives or competencies that the student is expected to accomplish at the work site. (5 CCR 10070-10071, 10087, 10108)

To ensure appropriate guidance and supervision of participating students and maximize the educational benefit from placement in any work-based learning program, district staff shall coordinate with the workplace supervisors or mentors.

A minor student shall be allowed employment through a paid work-based learning program only if he/she has been issued a work permit, in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 49113, 49160)

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)

All laws or rules applicable to minors in employment relationships shall be applicable to students enrolled in work-based learning programs. (Education Code 51763)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any student participating in a work-based learning program off school grounds is covered under the employer's or district's insurance, as applicable, in the event the student is injured.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any teacher/-coordinator of a work-based learning program possesses the appropriate credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. (5 CCR 10075, 10080, 10100)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records related to each student's participation in the district's work-based learning program, including, but not limited to, the student's individualized training plan, employment hours and job site, work permit if applicable, employer's report of

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student's attendance and job performance, the teacher/-coordinator's consultations and observations, and reports of the student's grade and credits earned.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding program implementation and effectiveness, including, but not limited to, rates of student participation in work-based learning programs and assessment results of participating students, participation of community business and demographic information on student participants.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35208 Liability insurance
46144 Minimum school day for work experience program
46147 Exception for minimum day; students in last semester or quarter of grade 12
46300 Method of computing ADA
48402 Enrollment in continuation education, minors not regularly employed
49110-49119 Permits to work
49160 Permits to work, duties of employer
51760-51769.5 Work-based learning
52300-52499.66 Career technical education
54690-54697 Partnership academies
56026 Students with exceptional needs
52372.1 Community classrooms and cooperative career technical education programs

LABOR CODE

1285-1312 Employment of minors
1391-1394 Working hours for minors
3070-3099.5 Apprenticeship
3200-6002 Workers' compensation and insurance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1635 Credit for work experience education
10070-10075 Work experience education
10080-10090 Community classrooms
10100-10111 Cooperative career technical education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

2301-2414 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

570.35a Work experience programs

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Work Experience Education Guide

California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, 2013

Multiple Pathways to Student Success: Envisioning the New California High School, 2010

2008-2012 California State Plan for Career Technical Education, 2008

Career Technical Education Framework for California Public Schools: Grades Seven Through Twelve, 2007

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

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Child Labor Laws, 2000

WEST ED PUBLICATIONS

Work-Based Learning in California: Opportunities and Models for Expansion, 2009

WEB SITES

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

California Association of Work Experience Educators: <http://www.cawee.org>

California Department of Education, Work Experience Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/we>

California Department of Industrial Relations: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

Linked Learning Alliance: <http://www.linkedlearning.org>

WestEd: <http://www.wested.org>

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Work Experience Education

The district's work experience education (WEE) program shall consist of one or more of the following types of unpaid and paid on-the-job experiences: (5 CCR 10071)

1. Exploratory WEE which provides students with a combination of related classroom instruction in WEE and unpaid opportunities to observe and sample systematically a variety of conditions of work for the purpose of ascertaining their interest and suitability for the occupation they are exploring

The length of exploratory WEE assignments may vary depending on the aptitude of the student, the occupation being explored, the facilities of the work station, and the job classification. A student may not participate in an exploratory WEE assignment if he/she receives pay for like work at the same work station or similar job outside of the WEE program.

2. General WEE which has as its purpose the application of basic skills of reading, writing, and computation and which provides students an opportunity to acquire general and specific occupational skills through a combination of supervised paid employment in any occupational field and related classroom instruction in WEE
3. Career technical WEE which reinforces and extends career learning opportunities for students through a combination of related classroom instruction in WEE and supervised paid or unpaid employment in the occupation for which their career technical course in school prepares them

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

The student-teacher ratio in the WEE program shall not exceed 125 students per full-time equivalent certificated teacher-coordinator. (Education Code 46300)

The minimum day for students enrolled in a WEE program shall be four periods totaling at least 180 minutes in duration, unless the school or student meets one of the conditions specified in Education Code 46144 or 46147. (Education Code 46144, 46147)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

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A WEE program offered during the summer shall be conducted in the same time period as the regular summer school program and shall conform to all appropriate laws and regulations applicable to WEE.

(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

Each WEE program shall operate under the supervision of a teacher-coordinator. The teacher-coordinator shall make at least two on-site contacts per semester with each work supervisor or at least one on-site contact during summer school to evaluate student performance. (Education Code 51764; 5 CCR 10074)

Any student who is age 16 years or older and who satisfactorily completes a WEE program with a minimum of one instructional period per week of related classroom instruction or counseling by a certificated employee, in sessions scheduled intermittently throughout the semester shall be granted up to 40 semester periods of credit for WEE within the following limits: (Education Code 51760.3; 5 CCR 1635)

1. For exploratory WEE, the student may earn 10 semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of 20 semester periods earned in two semesters.
2. For either general or career technical WEE, the student may earn 10 semester periods for each semester, with a maximum of 40 semester periods.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

Any student who satisfies the above requirements but is under age 16 may be granted credit under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 51760.3)

1. The student is enrolled in grade 11 or higher.
2. The principal certifies that the student is in need of immediate work experience education in order to pursue employment opportunities.
3. The principal certifies that, without being provided an opportunity to enroll in the WEE program, there is a high probability that the student will no longer be enrolled as a full-time student.

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

4. The student is age 14 years or older and the principal certifies that such credit is necessary for the student's participation in a career technical education (CTE) program.

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5. The student has an individualized education program (IEP) which prescribes the type of training for which participation in a WEE program is deemed appropriate.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Cooperative Career Technical Education Program/Community Classrooms

To be eligible for program participation, a student shall be concurrently enrolled in a CTE course or program approved by the California Department of Education and shall meet other criteria specified in 5 CCR 10103 as applicable. (5 CCR 10082, 10103)

At least one instructional period per week of formal CTE classroom instruction shall be provided to participating students. Each CTE instructional period shall be equivalent to a minimum of three regular classroom instructional periods, of at least 50 minutes each week. (5 CCR 10086, 10107)

Teachers assigned to the program shall locate and select training stations to provide participating students with unpaid on-the-job learning experiences in the specific occupation related to the approved course or program. (5 CCR 10086, 10107)

Cooperative CTE Program

The cooperative CTE program teacher shall make at least one visitation every four weeks to each employer to ensure that the provisions of the training agreement are being met and that students are acquiring the competencies identified in their individual training plans. One out of every two visits to the training station shall include an observation of the student engaged in on-the-job training experiences. (5 CCR 10109)

Community Classrooms

The community classroom teacher shall make at least one visitation every three weeks to consult with the work supervisor, observe students at the training station, provide instruction, and ensure that students are acquiring the competencies identified in their individual training plans. Each visitation shall include an observation of the student engaged in on-the-job training experiences. (5 CCR 10088)

Students shall be granted academic credit for satisfactory completion of the program. The teacher shall be responsible for evaluating the student's performance in the CTE course and, with the assistance of the employer, the student's participation at the training station. (5 CCR 10081, 10102)

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Job Shadowing

The program coordinator shall identify job shadowing placements with the goal of providing students with exposure to a broad range of career options and employment settings.

The program coordinator shall supervise job shadowing activities, including the coordination of the student's and employer's schedules and consultation with the student's other teachers when necessary.

Participating students may attend job shadowing opportunities for up to 25 hours but no less than three hours in one semester, intersession, or summer school session. However, a student may be permitted to participate for up to 40 hours in one semester, intersession, or summer school session, if the principal certifies that it is necessary for the student's participation in a CTE program. (Education Code 51769)