

PHILOSOPHY, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

SUBJECT: Quality Education Investment Schools

The County Office of Education believes that schools demonstrating the lowest performance on state indicators of student achievement should be assisted with additional resources and support focused on instructional improvement and student services. Such schools also need working conditions and learning environments that will attract and retain well-qualified teachers, administrators, and other staff. The County Office of Education desires to help such schools address their complex educational needs and achieve their annual growth targets.

Whenever the Superintendent of Public Instruction identifies a County Office of Education school as ranking in decile 1 or 2 on the Academic Performance Index (API) and notifies the County Office of Education that the school is eligible to participate in the state's Quality Education Investment program, the County Office of Education shall determine whether applying for this funding will help improve academic achievement at that school. The County Office of Education staff shall review the program requirements and recommend to the County Superintendent of Schools if it would be in the County Office of Education's best interest to apply to use alternative program requirements that would provide for a higher level of academic achievement. Based on this determination, the County Office of Education may submit an application, including an application for an alternative program, on behalf of the school in order to obtain additional state funding for school improvement.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each participating school uses program funds for the purposes expressed in law and administrative regulation. Activities carried out under this program shall be aligned with other school improvement efforts.

- (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
- (cf. 0520 - Intervention for Underperforming Schools)
- (cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)
- (cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
- (cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

The County Superintendent shall monitor the progress of participating schools to evaluate the effectiveness of school efforts in increasing student achievement, as measured by the API and other indicators, increasing student attendance, and, for secondary schools, increasing graduation rates. If the County Superintendent determines that sufficient progress is not being made at a particular school, the County Superintendent or designee shall determine what types of additional resources and support should be provided to the school so that progress in increasing student achievement can be made.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures
 - 44510-44517 Administrator training program
 - 44757.5 Reading instruction definitions
 - 52050-52059 Public Schools Accountability Act, including:
 - 52053-52055.55 Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program
 - 52055.600-52055.662 High Priority Schools Grant Program
 - 52055.700-52055.770 Quality Education Investment Act
 - 52120-52128.5 Class Size Reduction Program
 - 60640 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program
 - 60642.5 California standards tests
 - 64001 Single plan for student achievement
 - 99230-99242 Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program
- UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
- 6301-6578 Academic achievement of the disadvantaged, including:
 - 6316 Program improvement
 - 6319 Qualifications of highly qualified teachers
 - 6511-6518 Comprehensive School Reform Program

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
- California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>