

Riverside County Office of Education
Board Policy 5111 Admission

STUDENTS

SUBJECT: Admission

The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools encourage the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The County Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of children seeking admission to a district school at any grade level about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures.

The County Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures which provide for the verification of all entrance requirements specified in law and in County Office of Education policies and regulations.

- (cf. 5111.11 - Residency of Students in Foster Care)
- (cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)
- (cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

All appropriate staff shall receive training on County Office of Education admission policies and procedures, including information regarding the types of documentation that can and cannot be requested.

The County Office of Education's enrollment application shall include information about the health care options and enrollment assistance available to families served by the County Office. The County Office of Education shall not discriminate against any child for not having health care coverage and shall not use any information relating to a child's health care coverage or his/her interest in learning about health care coverage in any manner that would harm the child or his/her family. (Education Code 49452.9)

Verification of Admission Eligibility

Before enrolling any child in a County Office of Education school, the County Superintendent or designee shall verify the child's age, residency, immunization, and other applicable eligibility criteria specified in law, the accompanying administrative regulation, or other applicable County Board policy or administrative regulation.

- (cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
- (cf. 5125 - Student Records)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

The County Office of Education shall not inquire into or request documentation of a student's

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social security number or the last four digits of the social security number or the citizenship or immigration status of the student or his/her family members. (Education Code 234.7, 49076.7)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
 (cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)
 (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

However, such information may be collected when required by state or federal law or to comply with requirements for special state or federal programs. In any such situation, the information shall be collected separately from the school enrollment process and the County Superintendent or designee shall explain the limited purpose for which the information is collected. Enrollment in a County Office of Education school shall not be denied on the basis of any such information of the student or his/her parents/guardians obtained by the County Office, or the student's or parent/guardian's refusal to provide such information to the County Office.

School registration information shall list all possible means of documenting a child's age for grades K-1 as authorized by Education Code 48002 or otherwise prescribed by the County Board. Any alternative document allowed by the County Office of Education shall be one that all persons can obtain regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin and shall not reveal information related to citizenship or immigrant status.

The County Superintendent or designee shall immediately enroll a homeless student, foster youth, student who has had contact with the juvenile justice system, or a child of a military family regardless of outstanding fees or fines owed to the student's last school, lack of clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms, or his/her inability to produce previous academic, medical, or other records normally required for enrollment. (Education Code 48645.5, 48850, 48852.7, 48853.5, 49701; 42 USC 11432)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
 (cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
 (cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)
 (cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status
 46300 Computation of average daily attendance, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten
 46600 Agreements for admission of students desiring interdistrict attendance
 48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)
 48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade
 48010 Minimum age of admission (first grade)
 48011 Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age
 48050-48053 Nonresidents
 48200 Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)

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48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act
 48645.5 Enrollment of former juvenile court school students
 48850-48859 Educational placement of homeless and foster youth
 49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order
 49076.7 Student records; data privacy; social security numbers
 49408 Information of use in emergencies
 49452.9 Health care coverage options and enrollment assistance
 49700-49703 Education of children of military families
 HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
 120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements
 121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students
 CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
 200 Promotion from kindergarten to first grade
 201 Admission to high school
 CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
 6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements
 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 5
 552a Note Refusal to disclose social security number
 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
 11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
 COURT DECISIONS
 Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Guidance on Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status, February 2017

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS JOINT PUBLICATIONS

Dear Colleague Letter: School Enrollment Procedures, May 8, 2014

Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, May 8, 2014

Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School: Questions and Answers for States, School Districts and Parents, May 8, 2014

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Health Care Coverage and Enrollment Assistance:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hc>

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov>