

**PRESCHOOL/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

The Governing Board recognizes that high-quality preschool experiences help children ages 3-4 years to develop knowledge, skills, abilities, and attributes necessary for a successful transition into the elementary education program. Early education programs should provide developmentally appropriate activities in a safe, adequately supervised, and cognitively rich environment.

**Collaboration with Community Programs**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information about preschool options in the community to parents/guardians upon request.

**District Preschool Programs**

The district's preschool program shall provide appropriate services to support the needs of English learners and children with disabilities.

*(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)*

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*

The district shall encourage volunteerism in the program and shall communicate frequently with parents/guardians of enrolled children regarding their child's progress.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals in district preschool programs possess the appropriate permit(s) issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, meet any additional qualifications established by the Board, and participate in professional development opportunities designed to continually enhance their knowledge and skills.

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

*(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)*

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

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Preschool admissions policies and procedures shall be in writing and available to the public. Such policies and procedures shall include criteria designating those children whose needs can be met by the program and services, the ages of children who will be accepted, program activities, any supplementary services provided, any field trip provisions, any transportation arrangements, food service provisions, and a health examination requirement. (CCR 18105; 22 CCR 101218)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that subsidized preschool is provided to eligible families to the extent that state and/or federal funding is available and shall establish enrollment priorities in accordance with Education Code 8263 and 5 CCR 18106.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

8200-8499.10 *Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:*  
 8200-8209 *General provisions for child care and development services*  
 8230-8233 *Migrant child care and development program*  
 8235-8239 *California State Preschool Program*  
 8240-8244 *General child care and development programs*  
 8250-8252 *Programs for children with special needs*  
 8263 *Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services*  
 8263.3 *Disenrollment of families due to reduced funding levels*  
 8300-8303 *Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee*  
 8360-8370 *Personnel qualifications*  
 8400-8409 *Contracts*  
 8493-8498 *Facilities*  
 8499.3-8499.7 *Local child care and development planning councils*  
 48000 *Transitional kindergarten*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.70-1596.895 *California Child Day Care Act*  
 1596.90-1597.21 *Day care centers*  
 120325-120380 *Immunization requirements*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

18000-18434 *Child care and development programs, especially:*  
 18130-18136 *California State Preschool Program*  
 18295 *Waiver of qualifications for site supervisor*  
 80105-80125 *Permits authorizing service in child development programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311-6322 *Title I, relative to preschool*  
 6371-6376 *Early Reading First*  
 6381-6381k *Even Start family literacy programs*  
 6391-6399 *Education of migratory children*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

9831-9852 *Head Start programs*

*Legal Reference continued: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference: (continued)*

9858-9858q *Child Care and Development Block Grant*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

101151-101239.2 *General requirements, licensed child care centers, including:*

101151-101163 *Licensing and application procedures*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22 (continued)

101212-101231 *Continuing requirements*

101237-101239.2 *Facilities and equipment*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

1301-1310 *Head Start*

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Programs, 2008

California Preschool Learning Foundations

14-02 Enrolling and Reporting Children in California State Preschool Programs, April 2014

12-08 Disenrollment Due to 2012-13 Budget Reduction for California State Preschool Programs, Management Bulletin, July 2012

Dream Big for Our Youngest Children: Final Report of the California Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee, 2010

Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning, 2nd ed., 2009

Prekindergarten Learning Development Guidelines, 2000

First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Good Start, Grow Smart, April 2002

WEB SITES

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

California Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.caeyc.org>

California Children and Families Commission: <http://www.cafc.ca.gov>

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Head Start Association: <http://caheadstart.org>

California Preschool Instructional Network: <http://www.cpin.us>

Child Development Policy Institute: <http://www.cdpi.net>

Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

First 5 Association of California: <http://www.f5ac.org>

National Institute for Early Education Research: <http://nieer.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

Preschool California: <http://www.preschoolcalifornia.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>