

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Students  
PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that parents/guardians of students of County Superintendent/County Board schools have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their children.

The County Superintendent and County Board believe that the education of the students County Superintendent/County Board schools is a shared responsibility. The County Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians of English learners, to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians, school staff and students for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development and well-being of students at each school site, including the means by which the schools and parents/guardians can help students achieve academic and other standards of the school.

Within this framework, the school's primary responsibility shall be to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations of the school.

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their children succeed in school. (Education Code 51100)

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that County Superintendent staff understand the rights of parents/guardians afforded by law and County Superintendent and County Board policy and follow acceptable practices that respect those rights.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive notification regarding their rights in accordance with law.

When required by law, County Superintendent and County Board policy, or administrative regulation, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that they may request to opt their student out of certain instruction. Students for whom the County Superintendent or designee has approved the opt out shall be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value.

The County Superintendent or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all parents/guardians who speak a language other than English are properly notified in English, and in their home language of the rights and opportunities available to them pursuant to Education Code 48985. (Education Code 51101.1)

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**Legal Reference**

Education Code

220.3 Prohibition of requiring employee or contractor to disclose information related to student's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression  
243 Refusal of approval or prohibition of instructional materials  
33126 School accountability report card  
35291 Disciplinary rules  
48070.5 Promotion and retention of students  
48985 Notice to parent in language other than English  
49091.10-49091.19 Parental review of curriculum and instruction  
49602 Confidentiality of pupil information  
51100-51140 Parent/guardian rights  
51204.5 History of California; contributions of people of all genders, ethnic, and cultural groups to development of state and nation  
51240 Excuse from health instruction due to conflicts with religious beliefs  
51501 Prohibited means of instruction; continued use of appropriately adopted materials  
51513 Personal beliefs  
51930-51939 California Healthy Youth Act  
60510 Disposal of surplus instructional materials

United States Code, Title 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
1232h Protection of pupil rights

Court Decision

Mahmoud v. Taylor (2025) 606 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2025 WL 1773627)

**Management Resources**

Websites

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