

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Instruction
EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that they are accountable to students, parents/guardians, and the community for the effectiveness of the County Superintendent/County Board educational program in meeting goals for student learning. The County Superintendent or designee shall conduct a continual evaluation of the curriculum and the instructional program in order to identify strategies for improving student achievement.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide the County Board and the community with regular reports on student achievement. The reports shall include data for each school/program and for each numerically significant student subgroup, as defined in Education Code 52052, including, but not limited to, school and subgroup performance on statewide achievement indicators and progress toward goals specified in the County Superintendent's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

In addition, the County Superintendent or designee shall conduct an evaluation of any new instructional program implemented in County Superintendent/County Board programs and shall regularly assess progress toward increasing student achievement in all subject areas taught in the County Superintendent/County Board schools and programs. The findings of such evaluations and assessments shall be reported to the County Board.

Annual Evaluation of Consolidated Application Programs

The County Superintendent or designee shall annually determine whether the categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application are effective in meeting the needs of the students they are intended to serve. As a basis for this evaluation, the County Superintendent shall adopt the specific, measurable criteria that shall be used at each school and at the County program level. These criteria may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the progress of all students participating in the program and of each numerically significant subgroup toward goals contained in the County Superintendent's LCAP, the school's single plan for student achievement, and/or other applicable program or school plans.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation

The County Superintendent believes that accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) can foster excellence and ongoing academic improvement in the County Superintendent's schools. The results of the accreditation process also may demonstrate to parents/guardians and the community that the schools are meeting their goals and objectives and the WASC criteria for school effectiveness through a viable instructional program.

The County Superintendent or designee shall undertake procedures whereby schools may achieve and maintain full WASC accreditation status. The schools shall conduct a self-study in accordance with WASC requirements, cooperate with the WASC committee during a site visit, and develop and review action plans to increase the effectiveness of the instructional program

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for students. The County Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the County Board on the status of County Superintendent schools and any WASC recommendations for school improvement.

Not later than 60 days after receiving the results of an inspection of a school by WASC or any other accrediting agency, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in writing of the inspection results and/or shall post the information on the County Superintendent's web site. (Education Code 35178.4)

If any County Superintendent/County Board school loses its accreditation status, the County Board shall give official notice at a regularly scheduled County Board meeting. The County Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to each parent/guardian of a student in the school that the school has lost its accreditation status, including the potential consequences of the loss of accreditation status. This notice shall also be posted on the County Superintendent's web site. (Education Code 35178.4)

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Legal ReferenceEducation Code

33400-33407 Educational evaluations

35178.4 Notice of accreditation status

44662 Evaluation and assessment guidelines, certificated employee performance

48985 Compliance with translation of parental notifications

51041 Education program, evaluation and revisions

51226 Model curriculum standards

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

62005.5 Failure to comply with purposes of funds

64000-64001 Consolidated application process

Code of Regulations, Title 5

3930-3937 Program requirements

3942 Continuity of funding

United States Code, Title 20

6311 State plans

Management ResourcesWestern Association of Schools and Colleges Publications

Focus on Learning: Joint ACS WASC/CDE Process Guide, 2017

Web Sites

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

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

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Accrediting Commission for Schools:

<http://www.acswasc.org>

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