

STUDENTS

Dropout Prevention

The County Office of Education is deeply concerned about the many students who leave school without graduating. The County Office of Education particularly desires to provide a learning environment conducive to keeping in school those "high-risk" students who are susceptible to frequent absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness, or who have the potential to drop out because of pregnancy or marriage, financial needs, dislike of school, classes, or teachers, lack of basic skills, disciplinary problems, low self-esteem, emotional or physical problems, or feelings of alienation.

The County Office of Education sees every student as a valuable individual to be carefully nurtured and equipped to become a productive citizen. Because children all differ, variations of pace, topic and activity are needed to challenge and interest them. Besides seeking continual improvement in the quality and relevancy of our educational programs, the County Office of Education encourages the use of appropriate dropout prevention strategies. Further, the County Office of Education supports SARB to reduce absenteeism and tardiness of students within all schools throughout the county, including charter schools.

The County Office of Education will implement this policy with parental and community involvement.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1040 Duties of boards

1240 General duties

54690-54697 Partnership academics