

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Governing Board desires to provide child care and development services which meet the developmental needs of children, and offer a convenient child care alternative for parents/guardians in the community.

The Superintendent or designee will work cooperatively with the local child care and development planning council, public and private agencies, parents/guardians, and other community members to assess child care needs in the community, establish program priorities, obtain ongoing feedback on program quality, and inform parents/guardians about child care options.

The Board shall enter into a contract with the California Department of Education (CDE) for the provision of child care and development services by the district.

The Board shall approve a written philosophical statement, goals, and objectives for the district's child care and development program that reflect the cultural and linguistic characteristics of the families to be served and address the program components specified in 5 CCR 18272-18281 and administrative regulation.

As needed, the Superintendent or designee may identify district facilities that have capacity to provide child care and development services and/or may recommend that the Board enter in an agreement with a public agency or community organization to use community facilities for the purpose of providing such services.

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 child care center's 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 medical assessment requirement.

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that subsidized child care 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.

When all families eligible for subsidized services have been served, priority for admissions shall be given to district students and children of district employees.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that individuals working in child care and development programs have the necessary qualifications and have satisfied all legal requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually conduct an evaluation of the district's child care and development services in accordance with state requirements. The evaluation report shall be submitted to the Board and the CDE along with an action plan which establishes program goals and objectives for the coming year and addresses any areas identified as needing improvement.

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