

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

School Accountability Report Card

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to inform parents/guardians and the community about the conditions, needs, and progress at each district school and to provide data by which parents/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between schools. The process of gathering and analyzing data also provides opportunities for school and district staff to review achievements and identify areas for improvement.

The Board shall annually issue a school accountability report card (SARC) for each school site. (Education Code 35256)

In preparing the district's report cards, the Superintendent or designee may choose to use or adapt the model template provided by the California Department of Education. If the model template is not used, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that data are reported in a manner that is consistent with the definitions for school conditions as provided in the template. At least every three years, the Board shall compare the content of the district's report cards to the state's model template, recognizing that variances are allowed by law as necessary to meet local needs. (Education Code 33126.1, 35256)

The Board shall annually approve the SARCs for all district schools and shall evaluate the data contained in the SARCs as part of the Board's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for communicating the information contained in the SARCs to all stakeholders, including opportunities for staff and the community to discuss their content.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Notification and Dissemination of SARCs

The Superintendent or designee shall annually publicize the issuance of the SARCs and notify parents/guardians that a paper copy will be provided upon request. On or before February 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall make the SARCs available in paper copy and on the Internet. (Education Code 35256)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

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 CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
 Article 16, Section 8.5(e) *Allocations to State School Fund*
 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
 6311 *State plans, including local educational agency report cards*

*Management Resources:**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE**Report Cards, September 12, 2003**WEB SITES**CSBA, SARC Select: <http://www.csba.org/Services/Services/DistrictServices/SARC.aspx>**California Department of Education, School Accountability Report Card:**<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa>**U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind Act: <http://www.nclb.gov>**(11/03 3/05) 3/08*

