

**CLOVIS UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT****INSTRUCTION****Alternative/Specialized Programs****COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL**

**PURPOSE:** To establish and maintain community day schools for students who are expelled, referred pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 300 or 602, or referred by a school attendance review board or through another formal District process.

The Board recognizes the need to provide an appropriate alternative educational option for expelled students who are prohibited from attending regular schools in the District, students referred by probation pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 300 or 602, and students referred by a school attendance review board or another District-level referral process. The District's community day school program shall be designed to meet the needs of these students and ensure academic progress necessary for their success when returned to a regular school environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the county superintendent of schools and, as appropriate, other districts within the county to develop, for Board adoption, a plan for providing education services and appropriate placements to all expelled students in the county. (Education Code 48926)

The Clovis Community Day Elementary School (grades 4 through 6) and Clovis Community Day Secondary Schools (grades 7 through 12) serve special at-risk students who have not been successful in a comprehensive school setting nor benefited from on-site intervention programs. Academic curriculum and course of study requirements are consistent with the District's course of study for all schools. Each student in grades 4 through 8 and some students in grades 9 through 12 will develop an individualized learning plan identifying their academic and social building goals and objectives. Students with such a plan must successfully complete the program before returning to their home school. Other 9-12 grade students may petition for a transfer to an alternate site as provided in the administrative regulation. The school's responsibility is to provide emotional support, academic instruction, and behavioral skill building for every student. Students have the opportunity to return to the comprehensive school, transfer to another alternative school, or graduate from Clovis Community Day Secondary School.

The District's community day school program shall be designed to give students substantial individual help with their problems. To the extent possible, the program shall include:

1. Cooperation with the county office of education, law enforcement, probation, and human services agencies personnel who work with at-risk youth.
2. Low student-teacher ratio.
3. Individualized instruction and assessment.

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4. Maximum collaboration with District support service resources, including, but not limited to, school counselors and psychologists, academic counselors, and student discipline personnel.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the involuntary transfer of students to a community day school in accordance with law. (Education Code 48662)

A community day school shall not be situated on the same site as a regular District elementary, middle, junior high, comprehensive senior high, opportunity, or continuation school, except when allowed by law and when the Board certifies by a two-thirds vote that no satisfactory alternative facilities are available for the community day school. Such Board certification shall be valid for not more than one school year and may be renewed by a subsequent two-thirds vote of the Board. (Education Code 48661)

Community day schools shall be operated in safe, well-maintained facilities that meet the requirements of Education Code section 17292.5.

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**EDUCATION CODE**

1980-1986 County community schools  
17085-17096 Emergency portable facilities  
17280-17316 Field Act, approvals  
17365-17374 Field Act, fitness of occupancy  
48260-48273 Truants  
48660-48666 Community day schools  
48900-48926 Suspension or expulsion  
52052 Accountability  
52064.5 Program evaluation; state evaluation rubrics

**WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE**

300 Minors subject to jurisdiction  
602 Minors violating laws defining crime; ward of court

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

1068-1074 Alternative schools accountability systems

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29**

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34  
104.35 Evaluation and placement of students with disabilities

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