

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

The County Board of Education (CBE) 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 CBE 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 CBE 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 CBE shall annually approve the SARCs for all Santa Cruz County Office of Education (SCCOE) schools and shall evaluate the data contained in the SARCs as part of the CBE's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

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.

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)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1240 County superintendent, general duties
 17002 Definition, including good repair
 17014 Plan for building maintenance
 17032.5 Portable classroom maintenance
 17070.15 School Facilities Act; definitions
 17089 Portable classroom maintenance
 33126 School Accountability Report Card
 33126.1 School Accountability Report Card model template
 33126.15 School Accountability Report Card template
 33126.2 Secretary of Education school accountability report card study
 35256 School Accountability Report Card
 35256.1 Information required in the School Accountability Report Card

35258 Internet access to the School Accountability Report Card
41409 Calculation of statewide averages
41409.3 Salary information required in the School Accountability Report Card
46112 Minimum school day for grades 1 through 3
46113 Minimum school day for grades 4 through 8
46117 Minimum kindergarten school day
46141 Minimum school day (high school)
51225.3 Requirements for graduation
52052 Academic performance index
60119 Textbook sufficiency
60600-60618 General provisions
60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
60800 Physical fitness testing
60850 High school exit examination
60851 High school exit examination

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: <http://www.ed.gov>

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