

**Students**

**GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education (Board) believes that grades serve a valuable instructional purpose by helping students and parents/guardians understand performance expectations and identifying the student's areas of strength and those areas needing improvement. Parents/guardians and students have the right to receive course grades that represent an accurate evaluation of the student's academic performance.

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*

Teachers shall inform students and parents/guardians how academic performance will be evaluated in the classroom.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

At all grade levels, report cards may include reports of student progress on specific academic standards applicable to the course and grade level.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

48070 *Promotion and retention*

48205 *Excused absences*

48800-48802 *Enrollment of gifted students in community college*

48904-48904.3 *Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts*

49066 *Grades; finalization; physical education class*

49067 *Mandated regulations regarding student's achievement*

49069.5 *Students in foster care, grades and credits*

51242 *Exemption from physical education based on participation in interscholastic athletics*

69432.9 *Cal Grant program; notification of grade point average*

76000-76002 *Enrollment in community college*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10060 *Criteria for reporting physical education achievement, high schools*

30008 *Definition of high school grade point average for student aid eligibility*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

COURT DECISIONS

*Owasso Independent School District v. Falvo*, (2002) 534 U.S. 426

*Las Virgenes Educators Association v. Las Virgenes Unified School District*, (2001) 86 Cal.App.4th 1

*Swany v. San Ramon Valley Unified School District*, (1989) 720 F.Supp. 764

*Johnson v. Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education*, (1986) 179 Cal.App.3d 593

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Research-Supported Strategies to Improve the Accuracy and Fairness of Grades*, Governance Brief, July 2016

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS CORRESPONDENCE

*Report Cards and Transcripts for Students with Disabilities*, October 17, 2008

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Student Aid Commission: <http://www.csac.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>