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**

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

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