

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Note: The district should revise the following administrative regulation to reflect the before and/or after school program(s) it offers and the grade levels at which the programs are offered. In addition to the program requirements described below, before-school and after-school programs may be subject to other district policies such as BP/AR 5148 - Child Care and Development, AR 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management, and BP/AR 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program. The district should consult legal counsel if it has questions regarding the applicability of other laws to the district's programs.

Grades K-9

Note: The following section is for use by districts providing before-school and/or after-school programs funded by the state After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) (Education Code 8482-8484.65) or the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center program (21st CCLC) (Education Code 8484.7-8484.9; 20 USC 7171-7176). Both ASES and 21st CCLC programs serve students who are in grades K-9 in an elementary, middle, or junior high school. Pursuant to Education Code 8484.75, programs funded through the 21st CCLC program are generally subject to the same program requirements applicable to ASES programs, with the exception of specified provisions primarily related to allocation of funds.

The following section applies to both ASES and 21st CCLC programs except where otherwise noted, and should be revised to reflect the program(s) offered by the district.

The district's After School Education and Safety (ASES) program or 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) program shall serve students in any of grades K-9 as the district may determine based on local needs. (Education Code 8482.3, 8484.7, 8484.75, 8484.8)

The district's 21st CCLC program shall primarily serve students in Title I schoolwide programs. (Education Code 8484.8; 20 USC 7173)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Note: The remainder of this section applies to both ASES and 21st CCLC programs.

The district's ASES and 21st CCLC program(s) shall be operated in accordance with the following:

1. Program Elements
 - a. The program shall include an educational and literacy element in which tutoring or homework assistance is provided in language arts, mathematics, history and social science, computer training, and/or science. (Education Code 8482.3)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

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Note: Education Code 8482.3 requires that the program include an educational enrichment component which may include physical fitness. Pursuant to Education Code 8483.55 and 8484.8, the California Department of Education (CDE) has developed voluntary California After School Physical Activity Guidelines which are available on its web site.

- b. The program shall include an educational enrichment element which may include, but is not limited to, fine arts, career technical education, recreation, technology, physical fitness, and prevention activities. (Education Code 8482.3)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8482.3, after-school programs may offer snacks or meals that conform to applicable state or federal nutrition standards. Reimbursement for providing snacks is available through the National School Lunch Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for participating districts. Pursuant to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (42 USC 1766-1766a), after-school programs participating in the at-risk after-school care component of the CACFP may be reimbursed for serving full meals. Further information is available on the web sites of the CDE and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

2. Nutrition

- a. If snacks or meals are made available in the program, they shall conform to nutrition standards specified in Education Code 49430-49434 or 42 USC 1766 as applicable. (Education Code 8482.3; 42 USC 1766-1766a; 7 CFR 226.17)
- b. The district's before-school program shall offer a breakfast meal as described in Education Code 49553 for all program participants. (Education Code 8483.1)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

Note: Education Code 8482.3 provides that a program may be offered at one or multiple school sites. Program applications and U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) nonregulatory guidance, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, state that programs may be located off campus as long as the facility is as available and accessible to students as if it were located at a school.

3. Location of Program

- a. The program may be offered at one or multiple school sites and/or at an easily available and accessible off-campus facility. (Education Code 8482.3)

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- b. When there is a significant barrier to student participation in either the before-school or after-school component of a program at the school of attendance, the Superintendent or designee may, with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, provide services at another school site. Such transfer of services shall occur only if the school to which the program will be transferred agrees to receive students from the transferring school and has an existing grant of the same type as the transferring school, or does not have a 10-percent lower percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals than the transferring school. A significant barrier includes any of the following: (Education Code 8482.8)
- (1) Fewer than 20 students participating in the program component
 - (2) Extreme transportation constraints, including, but not limited to, desegregation busing, busing for magnet or open enrollment schools, or student dependence on public transportation
 - (3) A reduction in the program grant of an existing school due to its merging into a new school opened by the district or the splitting of its students with a new school

In such cases, the district shall arrange for safe, supervised transportation between school sites; ensure communication among staff in the regular school program, staff in the before-school or after-school program, and parents/guardians; and ensure alignment of the educational and literacy elements with the regular school program of participating students. (Education Code 8482.8)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

4. Staffing

- a. All staff members who directly supervise students shall, at a minimum, meet the qualifications for an instructional aide. (Education Code 8483.4, 45330, 45344, 45344.5)

(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8483.4, program staff and volunteers are required to meet health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements. Education Code 49024 provides that the requirement to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate prior to beginning a paid or volunteer position is satisfied by clearing a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check.

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- b. All program staff and volunteers shall be subject to the health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements in law and Board policy. (Education Code 8483.4)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

- c. The student-to-staff ratio shall be no more than 20 to 1. (Education Code 8483.4)

5. Hours of Operation

- a. A before-school program shall not operate for less than one and one-half hours per regular school day. (Education Code 8483.1)
- b. An after-school program shall begin immediately upon the conclusion of the regular school day and shall operate a minimum of 15 hours per week and at least until 6 p.m. on every regular school day. (Education Code 8483)

6. Admissions

- a. Every student attending a school operating a program is eligible to participate in the program, subject to program capacity. (Education Code 8482.6)

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

- b. If the number of students wishing to participate in the program exceeds program capacity, students shall be selected for enrollment based on the following guidelines:

- (1) First priority for enrollment shall be given to students who are identified as homeless youth, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11434a), at the time they apply for enrollment or at any time during the school year and to students who are identified by the program as being in foster care. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1)

The district is not required to disenroll a current student in order to secure the enrollment of a student who has priority for enrollment. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1)

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The district shall inform the parent/guardian of a homeless or foster youth of the right of the child to receive priority enrollment and how to request priority enrollment. (Education Code 8483)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Note: Item # (2) below is for use by districts that maintain middle or junior high schools.

- (2) Second priority for enrollment of middle or junior high school students shall be given to students who attend daily. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1)

Note: Items # (3)-(5) are **optional** and may be revised or expanded to include enrollment priorities established by the district.

- (3) Third priority for enrollment shall be given to students identified as in need of academic remediation or support in accordance with Board policy or administrative regulation.

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

- (4) Any remaining capacity shall be filled by students selected at random.
- (5) A waiting list shall be established to accommodate additional students if space becomes available.

7. Attendance/Early Release

Note: Education Code 8483 and 8483.1 express legislative intent that elementary students attend the full program day of either the before-school or after-school program every day in which they participate. Education Code 8483 and 8483.1 allow districts to implement a flexible attendance schedule for students in middle or junior high school. Education Code 8483.1 specifies that, for before-school programs, students who attend less than one-half of the daily program hours may not be counted for attendance purposes.

Pursuant to Education Code 8483, districts offering an after-school program are **mandated** to establish a policy regarding reasonable early daily release of students from the after-school program. Education Code 8483.1 **mandates** districts offering a before-school program to establish a policy regarding reasonable late daily arrival of students. The following items should be revised to reflect district practice.

- a. Each student admitted into a district program shall be expected to attend the full number of hours that the program is in operation every day that he/she participates.

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- b. When necessary, a student's parent/guardian may request, in writing, that the Superintendent or designee approve the reasonable late daily arrival of his/her child for the before-school program or the reasonable early daily release of his/her child from the after-school program. The Superintendent or designee shall not approve such a request if the student would be attending less than one-half of the daily program hours.

Note: Item #8 below is for use by districts that offer a program during summer, intersession, or vacation periods. Pursuant to Education Code 8483.76, a school that establishes a before-school or after-school program is eligible to receive a supplemental grant to operate the program in excess of 180 regular school days or during any combination of summer, weekends, intersession, or vacation periods for a maximum of 30 percent of the total grant amount awarded, per school year, to the school.

8. Summer/Intersession/Vacation Programs

- a. A before-school program operating during summer, intersession, and/or vacation days shall be offered for a minimum of two hours per day. An after-school program offered during summer, intersession, and/or vacation days may be operated for either three hours or six hours per day in accordance with Education Code 8483.76. When both before-school and after-school programs are offered for the same students on such days, they shall be operated for a minimum of four and one-half hours per day. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1, 8483.2, 8483.76)
- b. A program offered during summer, intersession, and/or vacation periods may open eligibility to every student attending a school in the district, with priority for enrollment given to students enrolled in the school that received the grant. (Education Code 8483.76)
- c. To address the needs of students and school closures, the program may be conducted at an off-site location or an alternate school site. The program shall notify the California Department of Education (CDE) of the change of location and shall include a plan to provide safe transportation pursuant to Education Code 8484.6. (Education Code 8483.76)
- d. Any program operating for six hours per day shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal to each eligible student during each program day. (Education Code 8483.76)

Note: Education Code 8483.76 **mandates** that a district operating a six-hour program adopt an attendance and early release policy for the program that is consistent with the district's early release policy for the regular school day; see item #7 above. This policy must be included in the program plan submitted to the CDE.

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- e. For any program operating six hours per day, district procedures pertaining to student attendance and early release as specified in item #7 above shall apply. (Education Code 8483.76)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

Grades 9-12

Note: The following section is for use by districts providing before-school and/or after-school programs funded through 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program (Education Code 8420-8428; 20 USC 7171-7176).

The district's 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program shall serve students in any of grades 9-12 as the district may determine based on local needs. (Education Code 8421)

The program shall be operated in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Program Elements

Note: Education Code 8421 requires that the ASSETs program include an academic assistance element, as provided below. AB 830 (Ch. 641, Statutes of 2017) amended Education Code 8421 to delete the requirement that the program include preparation for the California High School Exit Examination, as that exam has been eliminated.

- a. The program shall include an academic assistance element that is coordinated with the regular academic program and includes, but is not limited to, at least one of the following: (Education Code 8421)
 - (1) Tutoring
 - (2) Career exploration, including activities that help students develop the knowledge and skills that are relevant to their career interests and reinforce academic content
 - (3) Homework assistance
 - (4) College preparation, including information about the Cal Grant program pursuant to Education Code 69430-69460
- b. The program shall include an enrichment element that may include, but is not limited to: (Education Code 8421)
 - (1) Community service

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- (2) Career and technical education
- (3) Job readiness
- (4) Opportunities for mentoring and tutoring younger students
- (5) Service learning
- (6) Arts
- (7) Computer and technology training
- (8) Physical fitness
- (9) Recreation activities

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

Note: Education Code 8423 requires the ASSETs program to include a physical activity element. See the CDE's California After School Physical Activity Guidelines , available on its web site.

- c. The program shall include a nutritional snack and/or meal and a physical activity element. (Education Code 8423)
 - d. The program shall provide for access to, and availability of, computers and technology. (Education Code 8423)
 - e. The Superintendent or designee shall assess students' preferences for program activities. (Education Code 8423)
2. Location of Program
 - a. The district's program may operate on one or multiple school sites or at another location approved by the CDE. (Education Code 8421)
 - b. If applying for a location off school grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that safe transportation is available for students, if necessary, and the program is at least as available and accessible as similar programs conducted on school sites. (Education Code 8421)
 3. Hours of Operation

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- a. The district's program shall operate for a minimum of 15 hours per week. (Education Code 8421)
- b. The district's program may be operated either after school only or for any combination of after school, before school, weekends, summer, intersession, and vacations. (Education Code 8422)

Volunteers

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that choose to create a registry of volunteer after-school physical recreation instructors or other volunteers pursuant to Education Code 35021.3, and may be used by districts that provide an ASES, 21st CCLC, ASSETs, or any other local program. When the district opts to use a registry created by a county office of education pursuant to Education Code 35021.3 rather than develop its own, the following section may be revised to inform district staff about the county registry and encourage its use.

Pursuant to Education Code 35021.3, after-school instruction in physical recreation provided by a volunteer does not count toward satisfaction of physical education requirements pertaining to the number of instructional minutes or course completion for high school graduation; see BP/AR 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity and BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements.

The Superintendent or designee may establish a registry of volunteer after-school physical recreation instructors and other before-school and after-school program volunteers. (Education Code 35021.3)

Note: Education Code 35021.3 requires volunteers to submit to a criminal background check and authorizes, but does not require, the district to contribute funds to pay for all or part of the background check. Pursuant to Education Code 35021.3, the district may expand the following paragraph to impose additional requirements on volunteers (e.g., certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

To be included in the registry, a volunteer shall submit to a criminal background check pursuant to Education Code 45125. He/she also shall submit current contact information to the district and shall update that information whenever the information changes. (Education Code 35021.3)

The Superintendent or designee may use a volunteer registered with the district or may select another person to provide physical recreation to students after school hours or to provide other services. (Education Code 35021.3)

Reports

Note: The following section applies to ASES, 21st CCLC, and ASSETs programs.

Pursuant to Education Code 8426 and 8484, the CDE may terminate a grant if, for three consecutive years, the program fails to demonstrate measurable program outcomes or fails to attain 75 percent of its proposed attendance levels. For this purpose, the CDE may consider a comparison of participating and nonparticipating students at the same school site or other factors.

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The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit to the CDE outcome-based data, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 8427, 8482.3, 8484)

1. For participating students, school day attendance on an annual basis and program attendance on a semi-annual basis

Note: Education Code 8427 requires programs to submit evidence of a program quality improvement process that is based on standards developed by the CDE. The CDE's program quality standards, <u>Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California: Creating and Implementing a Shared Vision of Quality</u> , are available on its web site.

2. Evidence of a program quality improvement process that is data driven and based on CDE program quality standards

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)