

Annual Parent Notification

Education Code Sections 35291, 48900.1, 48980, subdivisions (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), and 58501
Chapter 448, Statutes of 1975, Chapter 36, Statutes of 1977, Chapter 965, Statutes of 1977, Chapter 236,
Statutes of 1979, Chapter 975, Statutes of 1980, Chapter 469, Statutes of 1981
Chapter 459, Statutes of 1985, Chapter 87, Statutes of 1986, Chapter 97, Statutes of 1986,
Chapter 1452, Statutes of 1987, Chapter 65, Statutes of 1988, Chapter 1284, Statutes of 1988
Chapter 10, Statutes of 1990, Chapter 403, Statutes of 1990
Chapter 906, Statutes of 1992, Chapter 1296, Statutes of 1993

Mandate Summary

Eligible Claimants

School districts and county offices of education

Basis For Mandate

Section 35291 requires the school district governing board to annually notify the parent or guardian of all pupils of the availability of rules of the district pertaining to student discipline.

Section 48980, as of January 1, 1975 required school districts to notify, at beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the parent or guardian of its minor pupils regarding the right of the parent or guardian under the sections specified therein. Numerous statutes enacted after January 1, 1975, added or amended subdivisions and thereby increased the number of items about which the parent or guardian was to be annually notified.

Section 48900.1 requires the governing board of school districts to prepare and distribute to all parents the written notice of the governing board's policy authorizing teachers to provide that the parent or guardian of a pupil who has been suspended by a teacher pursuant to section 48910, for reasons specified in subdivision (i) or (k) of section 48900, attend a portion of a school day in his or her child's or ward's classroom. All other reimbursable activities for section 48900.1, such as preparation of policy and procedures, notice to parents to attend class, follow-up contact, and parent meeting remain the subject of separate parameters and guidelines, CSM-4474, adopted by the Commission on June 27, 1996.

Section 58501 requires school districts to provide parents or guardians with a prescribed annual written notice on the alternative schools program; requires school districts and county offices of education to make available the alternative schools law at the principal's office, county superintendent of schools' office and district administrative office for anyone who requests this information; and requires school districts and county offices of education to annually post the alternative schools program notice in at least two places at each school site for the entire month of March.

The Commission on State Mandates determined that the subject Education Code sections and Chapters listed above require school districts and county offices of education to:

1. review and modify the content of both the parent notification and the alternative attendance application in order to incorporate changes required by state law;
2. have the notification and application approved by the governing board; print and distribute in a cost effective manner to each pupil's parent or guardian a copy of the notification and alternative attendance application;
3. include in the parent notification the district's policy concerning required parent classroom visits following a pupil's classroom suspension;
4. and include in the parent notification the notice on the alternative schools program prescribed in section 5850I;
5. make available the alternative schools law at the principal's office, county superintendent of schools' office and district administrative office for anyone who requests this information; and
6. annually post the alternative schools program notice in at least two places at each school site for the entire month of March.

Statewide Cost Estimate

The following formula was adopted to determine total cost:

Appropriate per page rate X *specified* number of pages of notification/application material X one of the following: the sets of notifications/applications distributed; actual district enrollment at the time of distribution; or the district's annual average daily attendance (ADA)

The following is a fiscal year breakdown of the statewide costs:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
1992/93	\$ 38,085
1993/94	480,811
1994/95	1,584,920
1995/96	1,710,043
1996/97	1,772,501
1997/98	<u>1,813,269</u>
Total	\$7,400,000(R) ¹

A copy of the Commission's adopted statements of decision is available upon request.

¹ At its April 24, 1997 hearing, the Commission adopted a Statewide Cost Estimate in the amount of \$5,586,000(R) for fiscal years 1992/93 - 1996/97, inclusive. The Department of Finance included its estimate in the amount of \$1,813,269 for fiscal year 1997/98 in the May revision, bringing the total to \$7,400,000(R) for inclusion in the 1997/98 claims bill.