

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD**

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to inform parents/guardians and the community about the conditions, needs, and progress at the district school and to provide data by which parents/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between the district school and other schools. The process of gathering and analyzing data also provides opportunities for district staff to review achievements and identify areas for improvement.

The Board shall annually issue a school accountability report card (SARC) for the school. (Education Code 35256)

In preparing the school's report card, the Superintendent/Principal or designee may choose to use or adapt the model template provided by the California Department of Education (CDE). If the model template is not used, the Superintendent/Principal 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 Board shall compare the content of the school's report card 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 Board shall annually approve the SARC for the district school and shall evaluate the data contained in the SARC as part of the Board's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*  
*(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)*  
*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

The Superintendent/Principal 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.

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)*  
*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

**Notification and Dissemination of SARCs**

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall annually publicize the issuance of the SARC and notify parents/guardians that a paper copy will be provided upon request. On or before February 1 of each year, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall make the SARC available in paper copy and on the Internet. (Education Code 35256)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*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
  - 52053 Immediate intervention/underperforming schools program
  - 60119 Textbook sufficiency
  - 60600-60618 General provisions
  - 60800 Physical fitness testing
- 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:*

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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>, No Child Left Behind Act: <http://www.nclb.gov>