

JUVENILE COURT SCHOOLS

The Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) shall provide for the administration and operation of a Juvenile Court School that meets the needs of students who are under the protection or authority of the county juvenile justice system and have been placed in juvenile halls or comparable facilities. [Education Code 48645]

It shall be the policy of the County Board to have the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) responsible for the administration and operation of Juvenile Court Schools.

The County Superintendent, in performing these functions, is expected to:

1. Cooperate with other County agencies as needed to operate the educational program.
 - a. The County Superintendent may, in accordance with Education Code 48646, enter into a memorandum of understanding or other agreement with the County Chief Probation officer to establish a process for communication, decision making, mutual goals, and conflict resolution to support the needs of students who are receiving their education in Juvenile Court Schools. [Education Code (EC) 48646]
 - b. The Monterey County Office of Education and the Monterey County Department of Probation should consider having a joint transition agreement regarding dates of release and educational needs of the students, coordinating immediate school placement and enrollment, and ensuring that probation officers have the information they need to support the return of pupils to public schools in their communities. [EC 48647(b)]
2. Hire adequate staff for the educational program.
3. Develop and carry out a Course of Study that has been adopted by the County Board.
 - a. Students who are in Juvenile Court Schools shall be provided a course of study that leads to a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate and meets the California standards-based curriculum, including educational assessment tests required of all public school students. The County Board shall adopt a course of study for Juvenile Court Schools as presented by the County Superintendent and shall regularly evaluate the educational program

established. The prescribed courses of study shall be kept on file for public inspection. [EC 48645.3; 51040]

- b. Any student who completes the graduation requirements of his or her school district of residence while attending juvenile court school shall receive a diploma from the school they last attended in their district of residence or from the County Superintendent. [EC 48645.5]
 - c. The County Board shall adopt an annual school calendar identifying holidays and staff in-service days for Juvenile Court Schools as presented by the County Superintendent. [EC 48645.3]
 - d. Unless otherwise provided by law, the minimum school day shall be 240 minutes. [EC 48645.3]
4. Carry out any additional requirements that may arise in the proper operation of Juvenile Court Schools.

School Facilities

Any plans for the construction of juvenile court school classrooms, offices, or any other school structures in any juvenile hall, juvenile home, day center, juvenile ranch, or juvenile camp shall be approved by the County Board. Upon the approval of the County Board and the County Board of Supervisors, the cost of such construction shall be charged against county funds. [EC 48645.6]

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 48645-48646 *Juvenile court schools*
- 51040 *Prescribed courses*
- 51041 *Educational program*
- 51220 *Areas of study*
- 51222 *Physical education*
- 51241 *Exemptions from physical education*
- 60200 *Adoption of instructional materials*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

- 602 *Minors violating law; ward of court*
- 880-893 *Wards and dependent children; juvenile homes, ranches and camps*

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