

TITLE I PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT SCHOOLS

The Governing Board is committed to enabling all district students to meet state academic achievement standards and to narrowing the achievement gap among student groups. To that end, the Board shall assist all district schools, including those receiving federal Title I funds, to achieve adequate yearly progress, as defined by the State Board of Education.

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Whenever a district school is identified by the California Department of Education as in need of program improvement (PI), the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school improvement efforts are coordinated and aligned. He/she shall also revise the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement in accordance with law and as specified in administrative regulation.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)
(cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)
(cf. 0520.4 - Quality Education Investment Schools)

Depending on the length of time a district school has been identified for PI, the district shall provide opportunities for student transfers, supplemental educational services, other corrective actions, and/or restructuring in accordance with law.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Program Evaluation

The Board shall annually review the adequate yearly progress of each district school based on state academic assessments and other indicators specified in the state plan for the No Child Left Behind Act. The Superintendent or designee shall publicize and disseminate the results of this review to parents/guardians, principals, schools, and the community so that the instructional program can be continually refined to help all students meet state academic standards. (20 USC 6316)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The Board and Superintendent or designee also shall review the effectiveness of the actions and activities carried out by PI schools with respect to parental involvement, professional development, and other PI activities. (20 USC 6316)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

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As necessary based on the results of these evaluations, the Board may require the Superintendent or designee to review and revise any of the school's reform plans, including the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement, allocate additional resources toward the implementation of the plan, and/or require more frequent monitoring of the school's progress in order to raise student achievement.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35256 School accountability report card

60642.5 California Standards Tests

60850-60856 High School Exit Examination

64000 Categorical programs included in consolidated application

64001 Single school plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs

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11992-11994 Persistently dangerous schools, definition

13075-13075.4 Supplemental educational services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

6301 Title I program purpose

6311 Adequate yearly progress

6312 Local educational agency plan

6313 Eligibility of schools and school attendance areas; funding allocation

6316 School improvement

7912 Persistently dangerous schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

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200.45-200.47 Supplemental educational services

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2008 Adequate Yearly Progress Report Information Guide, August 2008

California's Accountability Workbook

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Final Rule and Supplementary Information, October 29, 2008. Vol. 73, No. 210, pages 64436-64513

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Public School Choice, January 14, 2009

Supplemental Educational Services, January 14, 2009

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Program Improvement:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ti/programimprov.asp>

U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind: <http://www.nclb.gov>

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Definitions

Adequate yearly progress (AYP) is a series of annual academic performance goals, as defined by the State Board of Education, that incorporate student participation levels on state assessments, minimum required percentages of students scoring at the proficient level or above on English language arts and mathematics state assessments, high school graduation rates, and growth on the state's Academic Performance Index (API).

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

Numerically significant subgroups include economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency, when the number of students in the subgroup is sufficient to yield statistically reliable results. (20 USC 6311)

Program improvement (PI) school is a school receiving federal Title I funds that has failed to make AYP for each of two consecutive school years in the same content area (i.e., English-language arts or mathematics) schoolwide or for any numerically significant subgroup, or has failed to make AYP on the same additional indicator (i.e., API for all schools or, for high schools, graduation rate) schoolwide.

Year 1 Program Improvement

When any Title I school is identified for Year 1 PI: (20 USC 6316)

1. The Superintendent or designee shall provide students enrolled in the school the option of transferring to another district school or charter school that has not been identified for PI, as described below under "Student Transfers."

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter Schools)

2. The principal and school community shall revise the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement in accordance with 20 USC 6316, and present it for approval by the Governing Board.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

3. Within 45 days of receiving the plan, the Board shall establish a peer review process to assist with the review of the plan, work with the school as necessary, and approve the plan if it meets the requirements of law. (20 USC 6316)

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4. The school shall implement the plan no later than the beginning of the next full school year following the school's identification for PI, or, if the plan has not been approved prior to beginning the school year, immediately upon approval of the plan. (20 USC 6316)
5. As the school develops and implements the school plan, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the school receives technical assistance either from the district, the California Department of Education (CDE), an institution of higher education, a private organization, an educational service agency, or another entity with experience in helping schools improve academic achievement, including assistance in: (20 USC 6316)
 - a. Analyzing data from state assessments and other examples of student work to identify and address problems in instruction and/or problems in implementing Title I requirements pertaining to parent involvement, professional development, or school and district responsibilities identified in the school plan
 - b. Identifying and implementing professional development, instructional strategies, and methods of instruction that are based on scientifically based research and that have proven effective in addressing the specific instructional issues that caused the school to be identified for PI
 - c. Analyzing and revising the school's budget so that the school's resources are more effectively allocated to the activities most likely to increase student achievement and remove the school from PI status

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Year 2 Program Improvement

For any Title I school that fails to make AYP by the end of the first full school year after being identified for PI, the Superintendent or designee shall: (20 USC 6316)

1. Continue to provide all students enrolled in the school the option of transferring to another district school or charter school that has not been identified for PI, as described below under "Student Transfers"
2. Arrange for the provision of supplemental educational services to eligible students from low-income families by a provider with a demonstrated record of effectiveness, as described below under "Supplemental Educational Services"
3. Continue to provide for technical assistance

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When a school continues to fail to make AYP by the end of the second full school year after identification for PI (four consecutive years of failure to make AYP), the Superintendent or designee shall continue to provide all elements of Year 1 and Year 2 PI. In addition, the Board shall take at least one of the following corrective actions: (20 USC 6316)

1. Replace school staff relevant to the failure

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

2. Implement a new curriculum and related professional development

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

3. Significantly decrease management authority at the school level

4. Appoint an outside expert to advise the school

5. Extend the school year or school day for the school

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

6. Restructure the internal organization of the school

Year 4 Program Improvement and Beyond: Restructuring

For any school that continues to fail to make AYP after one full year of corrective action, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to provide all students enrolled in the school with the option to transfer to another district school or charter school and continue to make supplemental educational services available to eligible students who remain in the school. In addition, the Board shall develop a plan and make necessary arrangements to implement one of the following options for alternative governance and restructuring, consistent with state law: (20 USC 6316)

1. Reopen the school as a charter school

2. Replace all or most of the school staff relevant to the failure

3. Enter into a contract with an entity with a demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate the school

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4. Turn the operation of the school over to the CDE
5. Institute any other major restructuring of the school's governance arrangements that makes fundamental reforms

Notifications

Whenever a school is identified for PI, corrective action, or restructuring, the Superintendent or designee shall promptly notify parents/guardians of students enrolled in that school. The notification shall include: (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.37)

1. An explanation of what the identification means, and how the school compares in terms of academic achievement to other elementary or secondary schools in the district and state
2. The reasons for the identification
3. An explanation of what the school is doing to address the problem of low achievement
4. An explanation of what the district or state is doing to help the school address the achievement problem
5. An explanation of how parents/guardians can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for PI
6. An explanation of the option to transfer to another district school or charter school as described below under "Student Transfers"
7. If the school is in Year 2 of PI or beyond, an explanation of how parents/guardians can obtain supplemental educational services for their child as described below under "Supplemental Educational Services"

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall disseminate information about corrective actions taken at any district school to the parents/guardians of each student in that school and to the public through such means as the Internet, the media, and public agencies. (20 USC 6316)

The Superintendent or designee shall promptly notify teachers and parents/guardians whenever a school is identified for restructuring and shall provide them adequate opportunities to comment before taking action and to participate in developing any plan for restructuring school governance. (20 USC 6316)

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All notifications pertaining to PI shall be written in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6316)

To the extent practicable, the district shall partner with outside groups, such as faith-based organizations, other community-based organizations, and business groups, to help inform eligible students and their families of the opportunities to transfer or to receive supplemental educational services. (34 CFR 200.48)

Student Transfers

All students enrolled in a school in Year 1 of PI or beyond shall be provided an option to transfer to another district school or charter school that: (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.44)

1. Has not been identified for PI, corrective action, or restructuring
2. Has not been identified by the CDE as a "persistently dangerous" school pursuant to 20 USC 7912 and 5 CCR 11992-11994

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

Among these students, priority shall be given to the lowest achieving students from low-income families, as defined by the district for purposes of allocating Title I funds. (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.44)

If two or more district schools are eligible to accept transfers based on criteria listed in items #1-2 above, the district shall provide a choice of more than one such school and shall take into account parent/guardian preferences among the choices offered. (34 CFR 200.44)

School capacity shall not be used to deny transfer opportunities to students. However, the Superintendent or designee may consider capacity in selecting schools that will be offered as alternatives for school choice. The Board may increase capacity in eligible district schools to accommodate all students who wish to transfer.

The transfer option shall be offered so that students may transfer in the school year following the school year in which the district administered the assessments that resulted in the identification of the school for PI, corrective action, or restructuring. In order to provide adequate time for parents/guardians to exercise their transfer option before the school year begins, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the available school choices sufficiently in advance of, but no later than 14 calendar days before, the start of the school year. (34 CFR 200.37, 200.44)

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Notice of the transfer option shall:

1. Inform parents/guardians that their child is eligible to attend another public school due to the identification of the current school as in need of improvement
2. Identify each public school or public charter school that the parent/guardian can select
3. Explain why the choices made available to the parents/guardians may have been limited
4. Provide information on the academic achievement of the school(s) to which the student may transfer (34 CFR 200.37)
5. Explain the provision of transportation to the new school (34 CFR 200.37)

The notice may include other information about the school(s) to which the student may transfer, such as a description of any special academic programs or facilities, the availability of before- and after-school programs, the professional qualifications of teachers in the core academic subjects, and a description of parent involvement opportunities. (34 CFR 200.37)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

In addition to mailing notices directly to parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee shall provide information about transfer options through broader means, such as the Internet, the media, and public agencies serving students and their families. (34 CFR 200.36)

To ensure that parents/guardians have current information, the district shall prominently display on its web site, in a timely manner each school year, the number of students who were eligible for and who participated in the student transfer option, beginning with data from the 2007-08 school year and each subsequent year thereafter, and a list of available schools to which eligible students may transfer in the current school year. (34 CFR 200.39)

The Superintendent or designee may establish reasonable timelines for parents/guardians to indicate their intent to transfer their child and for the district to notify parents/guardians of the school assignment.

The Superintendent or designee may require parents/guardians to rank-order their preferences from among schools that are eligible to receive transfer students. Parents/guardians may decline their assigned school and remain in their school of origin.

The district shall provide, or shall pay for the provision of, transportation for the student to the public school that student chooses to attend. (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.44)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

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Supplemental Educational Services

When required by law, supplemental educational services shall be provided outside the regular school day and shall be specifically designed to increase achievement of eligible students from low-income families on state academic assessments and to assist them in attaining state academic standards. (20 USC 6316)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

When a school is required to provide supplemental educational services, the Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians of: (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.37)

1. The availability of supplemental educational services
2. The identity of approved providers that are within the district or are reasonably available in neighboring local educational agencies
3. The identity of approved providers of technology-based or distance learning supplemental educational services
4. The services, qualifications, and demonstrated effectiveness of each provider, including an indication of those providers who are able to serve students with disabilities or limited English proficiency
5. The benefits of receiving supplemental educational services

In addition, the notification shall describe procedures and timelines that parents/guardians must follow to select a provider.

This notification shall be clearly distinguishable from other information sent to parents/guardians regarding identification of the school for PI, corrective action, or restructuring. (34 CFR 200.37)

To ensure that parents/guardians have current information, the district shall prominently display on its web site, in a timely manner each school year, the number of students who were eligible for and who participated in supplemental educational services, beginning with data from the 2007-08 school year and each subsequent year thereafter, a list of state-approved providers serving the district in the current year, and the location where services are provided. (34 CFR 200.39)

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The Superintendent or designee shall distribute sign-up forms for supplemental educational services directly to all eligible students and their parents/guardians and make them available and accessible through broad means of dissemination such as the Internet, other media, and communications through public agencies serving eligible students and their families. (34 CFR 200.48)

The district shall provide a minimum of two enrollment windows, at separate points in the school year, that are of sufficient length to enable parents/guardians of eligible students to make informed decisions about requesting supplemental educational services and selecting a provider. (34 CFR 200.48)

Eligible supplemental services providers shall be given access to school facilities, using a fair, open, and objective process, on the same basis as other groups that seek access to school facilities. (34 CFR 200.48)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

Within a reasonable period of time established by the Superintendent or designee, parents/guardians shall select a service provider from among those approved by the SBE. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall assist parents/guardians in choosing a provider. (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.46)

When the district is an approved service provider, the Superintendent or designee shall be careful to provide parents/guardians with a balanced presentation of the options available to them and shall ensure that they understand their right to select the district or any other service provider.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that eligible students with disabilities, students covered under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, and students with limited English proficiency receive appropriate supplemental educational services with any necessary accommodations or language assistance. (34 CFR 200.46)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

If no provider is able to make the services available to such students, the district shall provide these services with necessary accommodations or language assistance, either directly or through a contract. Supplemental educational services shall be consistent with a student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 services plan.

If available funds are insufficient to provide supplemental educational services to each eligible student whose parents/guardians request those services, priority shall be given to the lowest achieving eligible students. (20 USC 6316)

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If the number of parents/guardians selecting a particular provider exceeds the capacity of that provider, priority shall be given to the lowest achieving eligible students.

Once a provider has been selected by a parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall enter into an agreement with the provider. The agreement shall: (20 USC 6316)

1. Require the district to develop, in consultation with the parents/guardians and the provider, a statement of specific achievement goals for the student, how the student's progress will be measured, and a timetable for improving achievement. In the case of a student with disabilities, the statement shall be consistent with the student's IEP.
2. Describe how the student's parents/guardians and teacher(s) will be regularly informed of the student's progress.
3. Provide for the termination of the agreement if the provider is unable to meet such goals and timetables.
4. Contain provisions with respect to the district making payments to the provider.
5. Prohibit the provider, without written parent/guardian permission, from disclosing to the public the identity of any student eligible for or receiving supplemental educational services.

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN TRANSFER REQUEST BASED ON
SCHOOL'S PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT STATUS**

Instructions: To request a transfer for your child out of a school that has been identified for [program improvement, corrective action or restructuring], please complete the following form and return it by [date] to [the district office or to the principal at your child's school]. You will be notified by [date] regarding your child's school assignment for the next school year and your options if you decide to decline the school assignment at that time.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Signature: _____

School Child Currently Attends: _____
Please write numbers in the boxes below to rank your top [number] choices of available schools:

[] _____ [school name]

[] _____ [school name]

[] _____ [school name]

If you have any questions, please contact the [district office or principal] at [phone number].

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN SELECTION OF
SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Instructions: To select supplemental educational services for your child, please complete the following form and mail, fax, or deliver it to the principal of your child's school or to the district office by [date].

Student's Name: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please write numbers in the boxes below to indicate your top [number] choices of service providers:

[] _____ [name of service provider]

[] _____ [name of service provider]

[] _____ [name of service provider]

[] _____ [name of service provider]

Once a service provider has been determined for your child, the district will enter into a formal contract with the provider in accordance with law.

If you have any questions or need assistance selecting a provider, please contact [name] at [phone number].

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The Governing Board shall annually review and analyze the district's performance in making adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward student achievement standards, in accordance with criteria established by the State Board of Education (SBE). The Board's review shall include an evaluation of whether district improvement efforts are aligned and adequately focused on increasing achievement levels for all students. As necessary, the Board and the Superintendent or designee shall take steps to improve district operations and programs to enable students to achieve proficiency.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

Early Warning Program

In the event that the district is provided notice by the California Department of Education (CDE) that it is in danger of being identified for program improvement (PI) within two years under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the Board shall determine whether to participate in the voluntary Early Warning Program. If the Board elects to have the district participate in the program, the district shall conduct a voluntary self-assessment using research-based criteria provided by the CDE and may revise its Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan based on the results of that assessment. (Education Code 52055.57)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Year 1-2 PI: Revision and Implementation of LEA Plan

In the event that the district is identified for PI by the CDE, the Superintendent or designee shall, in accordance with law and administrative regulation, notify parents/guardians, administer a district self-assessment process, and revise the LEA plan. (20 USC 6316; Education Code 52055.57)

The revised LEA plan or plan addendum shall be approved by the Board and submitted to the CDE. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the implementation of the plan during Years 1 and 2 of the program.

The Superintendent or designee shall utilize available state and local resources to identify specific problems contributing to low student achievement and provide technical assistance and support to resolve those problems. He/she also shall work closely with individual school sites to raise student achievement in accordance with school plans.

(cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

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Year 3 PI: Corrective Action

If the district does not make AYP after two years of receiving program funding, the Board shall cooperate with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) and the SBE in the identification and implementation of appropriate corrective actions.

The Board shall enter into a contract with a district assistance and intervention team (DAIT) whenever the SPI and SBE determine this to be the most appropriate corrective action. Upon receiving a report of recommendations from the DAIT: (Education Code 52055.57, 52059)

1. The Board may, not later than 30 days after completion of the report, appeal to the SPI to be exempted from implementing one or more of the report's recommendations.
2. Not later than 60 days after completion of the report, the Board shall, at a regularly scheduled meeting, adopt the report recommendations, as modified by any exemptions granted by the SPI.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a district leadership team to collaborate with the DAIT in the development and implementation of an action plan to address high-priority needs. This team may include site and district administrators, teacher leaders, special education teachers, English learner experts, fiscal officers, and other key personnel, as appropriate.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall monitor the district's progress in implementing the DAIT's recommendations and shall continually use student performance data to determine whether additional district or school site changes are necessary to improve student achievement.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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52055.57-52055.59 Districts identified or at risk of identification for program improvement

52059 Statewide system of school support

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6301 Title I program purpose

6311 Adequate yearly progress

6312 Local educational agency plan

6316 School and district improvement

6321 Fiscal responsibilities

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200.13-200.20 Adequate yearly progress

200.30-200.35 Identification of program improvement schools

200.36-200.38 Notification requirements

200.52-200.53 District improvement

Management Resources:

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Blueprint for District Assistance and Intervention, 2008

2007 Adequate Yearly Progress Report Information Guide, August 2007

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U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind: <http://www.nclb.gov>

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Year 1-2 Program Improvement (PI): Revision and Implementation of LEA Plan

Whenever the district is notified that it has been identified for PI under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the district shall complete all of the following actions:

1. Promptly notify parents/guardians of each district student regarding the district's PI status, the reasons for the identification, and how parents/guardians can participate in upgrading the quality of the district's programs. The notification shall be in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6316)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

2. Conduct a self-assessment using materials and criteria based on current research and provided by the California Department of Education. (Education Code 52055.57)
3. Contingent upon state funding, contract with a county office of education or another external entity, no later than 90 days after the district is identified for PI and after working with the County Superintendent of Schools, for both of the following purposes: (Education Code 52055.57)
 - a. Verifying the fundamental teaching and learning needs in district schools as determined by the self-assessment and identifying the specific academic problems of low-achieving students, including a determination as to why the prior Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan failed to increase student academic achievement
 - b. Ensuring that the district receives intensive support and expertise to implement reform initiatives in the LEA plan

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

4. Within three months after the district's identification for PI, develop or revise the LEA plan in consultation with parents/guardians, school staff, and others. This plan shall reflect the findings of the self-assessment and shall: (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.52; Education Code 52055.57)
 - a. Incorporate scientifically based research strategies that will strengthen the core academic program in district schools
 - b. Identify actions that have the greatest likelihood of improving student achievement in meeting the state's academic achievement standards

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- c. Address the professional development needs of the instructional staff by committing to spending at least 10 percent of the district's allocation of Title I, Part A, funds for professional development

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

- d. Include specific measurable achievement goals and targets for each of the student subgroups identified pursuant to 20 USC 6311, especially those that did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP)
- e. Address the fundamental teaching and learning needs in the district's schools and the specific academic problems of low-achieving students, including a determination of why the district's prior plan failed to bring about increased student academic achievement
- f. Incorporate, as appropriate, student learning activities before school, after school, during the summer, and during any extension of the school year

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

- g. Specify the responsibilities of the district and the state under the plan, including the district's fiscal responsibilities under 20 USC 6321 and the technical assistance to be provided by the state
- h. Include strategies to promote effective parent/guardian involvement in district schools

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

- 5. Contingent upon state funding, after working with the County Superintendent or an external verifier, contract with an external provider to provide support and implement recommendations to assist the district in resolving shortcomings identified in the verified self-assessment (Education Code 52055.57)
- 6. Implement the LEA plan expeditiously, but not later than the beginning of the next school year after the school year in which the district administered the assessments that resulted in its PI identification (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.52; Education Code 52055.57)

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The district shall exit PI status when it makes AYP for two consecutive years. (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.53; Education Code 52055.57)

Year 3 PI: Corrective Action

If the district fails to make AYP by the end of the second year in PI, it shall be subject to corrective actions determined by the State Board of Education (SBE). (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.53; Education Code 52055.57)

If the SBE takes any corrective action other than, or in addition to, the appointment of a district assistance and intervention team (DAIT), the Superintendent or designee shall appear before the SBE within Year 3 of PI to review the district's progress. The Superintendent or designee, the DAIT, and/or the County Superintendent shall provide testimony and written data sufficient for the SBE to determine whether an alternative corrective action is needed. (Education Code 52055.57)

QUALITY EDUCATION INVESTMENT SCHOOLS

The Governing Board believes that schools demonstrating the lowest performance on state indicators of student achievement should be assisted with additional resources and support focused on instructional improvement and student services. Such schools also need working conditions and learning environments that will attract and retain well-qualified teachers, administrators, and other staff. The Board desires to help the district school address its complex educational needs and achieve its annual growth targets.

Whenever the Superintendent of Public Instruction identifies the district school as ranking in decile 1 or 2 on the Academic Performance Index (API) and notifies the district that the school is eligible to participate in the state's Quality Education Investment program, the Board shall determine whether applying for this funding will help improve academic achievement at the school. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall review the program requirements and recommend to the Board if it would be in the district's best interest to apply to use alternative program requirements that would provide for a higher level of academic achievement. Based on this determination, the Board may submit an application, including an application for an alternative program, on behalf of the school in order to obtain additional state funding for school improvement.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that the school uses program funds for the purposes expressed in law and administrative regulation. Activities carried out under this program shall be aligned with other school improvement efforts.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)
(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

The Board shall monitor the progress of the school to evaluate the effectiveness of school efforts in increasing student achievement, as measured by the API and other indicators, increasing student attendance, and, for secondary schools, increasing graduation rates. If the Board determines that sufficient progress is not being made at the school, the Board and Superintendent/Principal or designee shall determine what types of additional district resources and support should be provided to the school so that progress in increasing student achievement can be made.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35186 *Williams uniform complaint procedures*
44510-44517 *Administrator training program*
44757.5 *Reading instruction definitions*
52050-52059 *Public Schools Accountability Act, including:*
52053-52055.55 *Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program*
52055.600-52055.662 *High Priority Schools Grant Program*
52055.700-52055.770 *Quality Education Investment Act*
52120-52128.5 *Class Size Reduction Program*
60640 *Standardized Testing and Reporting Program*
60642.5 *California standards tests*
64001 *Single plan for student achievement*
99230-99242 *Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6301-6578 *Academic achievement of the disadvantaged, including:*
6316 *Program improvement*
6319 *Qualifications of highly qualified teachers*
6511-6518 *Comprehensive School Reform Program*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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The district school may expend funds received under the Quality Education Investment Act for any purpose identified in the school's single plan for student achievement established pursuant to Education Code 64001. (Education Code 52055.720)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

The school shall revise its single/LEA plan for student achievement to include funds from this program, describe the manner in which program requirements will be met, and focus on instructional improvement and on improving instructional conditions. (Education Code 52055.755)

The school shall be expected to achieve the following program requirements by the end of the third full year of funding: (Education Code 52055.740)

1. Maintain class sizes as follows:

- a. For grades K-3, no more than 20 students per class as set forth in the Class Size Reduction Program pursuant to Education Code 52120-52128.5
- b. For self-contained classrooms in grades 4-8 and classes in English language arts, reading, mathematics, science, or history/social science in grades 4-8:
 - (1) An average class size, calculated pursuant to Education Code 52055.740, that is either at least five students fewer per classroom than was the average in 2006-07 or an average of 25 students per classroom, whichever is lower
 - (2) No more than 27 students in any such classroom, regardless of the average class size
- c. For any other class, a class size that is no higher than the class size in the 2005-06 school year
- d. For a low-enrollment innovative class, a class size that does not exceed the schoolwide average, even if the number of students in the class is increased

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)

2. In a high school, have a student-to-counselor ratio of no more than 300 to 1 and ensure that each counselor hold a services credential with a specialization in pupil personnel services

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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3. Ensure that each teacher in the school, including interns, meets the qualifications of a "highly qualified" teacher in accordance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act pursuant to 20 USC 6319

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

4. Have an average experience level of classroom teachers in the school equal to or exceeding the average for this type of school, based on a uniform index established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI)
5. Exceed the API growth target for the school averaged over the first three full years of funding and meet its annual API growth targets beginning in the fifth year of participation

In addition, the school shall be expected to meet the following interim program requirements: (Education Code 52055.740)

1. Be at least one-third of the way toward meeting the program requirements in items #1-5 above by the end of the first full year of funding
2. Be at least two-thirds of the way toward meeting the program requirements in items #1-5 above by the end of the second full year of funding
3. Annually provide professional development to at least one-third of teachers and instructional paraprofessionals in the school
 - a. For teachers in a subject-specific classroom or teaching covered subjects, each teacher shall participate in professional development that is made available by the district, is developed in a collaborative process with interested parties, and is articulated in an improvement plan. The professional development may include collaboration time for teachers to develop new instructional lessons or analyze student data, mentoring projects for new teachers, or extra support for teachers to improve practice. At a minimum, professional development shall be part of a coherent plan that combines school activities within the school, including, but not limited to, lesson study or co-teaching and external learning opportunities that meet all of the following criteria: (Education Code 52055.750)

- (1) Are related to the academic subjects taught

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- (2) Provide time to meet and work with other teachers
 - (3) Support instruction and student learning to improve instruction in a manner that is consistent with academic content standards
 - (4) Include an average of 40 hours per teacher per year
- b. For teachers teaching in a self-contained classroom, professional development shall include, at a minimum, content regarding mathematics, science, English language arts, reading, and English language development. Professional development for teachers teaching subject-specific courses shall include the specific subject and English language development. To the extent appropriate, the professional development shall be similar in quality and rigor to the training provided under the Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program pursuant to Education Code 99230-99242. (Education Code 52055.750)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

4. Meet all the requirements of the settlement agreement in *Williams v. State*, including, but not limited to, requirements regarding teachers, instructional materials, and school facilities, by the end of the first full year of funding and in each subsequent year

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 4113 - Assignment)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

Whenever the school receives approval from the SPI to use alternative program requirements, it shall be expected to achieve all alternative requirements. By the end of the third full year of funding, the school shall also be expected to exceed the API growth target for the school averaged over the first three full years of funding, and meet its annual API growth targets annually thereafter. (Education Code 52055.760)