

WESTMORLAND UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5017: ATTENDANCE BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF PUPIL AT PUPIL'S CLASSROOM IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE PUPIL HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE PUPIL'S TEACHER

- A. This Board Policy is adopted pursuant to Education Code section 48900.1.
- B. A teacher may require that a parent or legal guardian of a pupil attend a portion of a school day in the teacher's classroom only if all the following conditions are met:
1. The pupil has been suspended by the teacher pursuant to Education Code section 48910 (and Board Policy 5014) for reasons specified in subdivision (i) or (k) of Education Code section 48900.
 2. The suspension of the pupil by the teacher is either for (1) the "commission of an obscene act or engagement in habitual profanity or vulgarity," or (2) for the "disruption of school activities or willful defiance of the valid authority of the teacher or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties."
 3. The teacher has reported the suspension of the pupil to the Superintendent or designee and has asked the parent or legal guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension by the teacher.
 4. The teacher and/or Superintendent or designee have made reasonable efforts to have the parent or legal guardian visit the teacher's classroom on a voluntary basis.
 5. The teacher considered other options, including informing the parent and or legal guardian of available resources to assist in developing more effective parental skills, but has determined that the required attendance of the parent or legal guardian is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the pupil and the parent or legal guardian and to improve classroom behavior.
 6. The teacher, Superintendent or designee has verified that the parent or legal guardian of the pupil actually lives with the pupil.
 7. Written notice is sent or hand-delivered by the Superintendent or designee to the parent or legal guardian of the pupil advising that: attendance is required by law; that reasonable factors will be considered if the parent or legal guardian in good faith believes that compliance is prevented; and of the dates or times available for the attendance. Reasonable factors shall include, but are not be limited to, loss of

income, lack of child care, disability, and lack of transportation. The written notice shall include a copy of Education Code section 48900.1 and a copy of this Board Policy.

- C. The required attendance of the parent or legal guardian shall be limited to the class from which the pupil was suspended and to the parent or legal guardian who is actually living with the pupil.
- D. A teacher shall apply this Board Policy uniformly to all pupils in the classroom.
- E. The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate steps to do all of the following:
 - 1. Ensure that any parent or legal guardian required to attend a classroom pursuant to this Board Policy shall meet with the Superintendent or designee after completing the classroom visitation and before leaving the school site.
 - 2. Contact parents or guardians who do not respond to the request to attend school pursuant to this Board Policy.
 - 3. Send the written notice to the parent or guardian that attendance is pursuant to law.
 - 4. Require the attendance on a day in which the pupil is scheduled to return to class, or within a reasonable period of time thereafter.

Legal Reference:

Education Code section 48900.1

Labor Code section 230.7

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