

JUVENILE COURT SCHOOLS

The Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) shall provide for the administration and operation of juvenile court school that meet the needs of students who are under the protection or authority of the county juvenile justice system and have been placed in juvenile hall or the Monterey County Youth Center. [Education Code (EC) 48645]

Court School Administrator

It shall be the policy of the Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) to have the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) establish, administer and operate the Juvenile Court Schools and comparable facilities. [Education Code 48645.2]

The County Superintendent is expected to:

1. Cooperate with other County agencies as needed to operate the educational program.
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.
4. Carry out any additional requirements that may arise in the proper operation of Juvenile Court Schools.

The Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) and the Monterey County Probation Department are encouraged to develop a joint transition planning policy for the purpose of improving communication regarding dates of release and educational needs of students who have had contact with the juvenile justice system, to coordinate immediate school placement and enrollment, and to ensure that probation officers in the community have the information they need to support the return of pupils who are being transferred from juvenile court schools to public schools in their communities. [Education Code 48647(b)]

School Calendar

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. Unless otherwise provided by law, the minimum school day shall be 240 minutes. [EC 48645.3]

Educational Programs

Students who are receiving their education 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 California standards-based curriculum, including educational assessment tests required of all students in the state's public schools. 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]

Students enrolled in a juvenile court school located in a juvenile home, ranch, or camp may be exempt from physical education courses when they are otherwise scheduled for recreation and exercise. [EC 51241]

When applicable, educational records of any student transferring from juvenile court schools shall be immediately transferred to his/her new school to allow for immediate enrollment. [EC 48647]

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]

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 and the Monterey 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 programs
- 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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