

CSBA Sample Board Policy

Instruction

BP 6176(a)

WEEKEND/SATURDAY CLASSES

Note: The following **optional** policy is for use by districts that choose to offer classes on Saturday and/or Sunday as authorized by Education Code 37223, **and may be subject to collective bargaining agreements.**

Pursuant to Education Code 44824, a teacher cannot be assigned to work on a Saturday or Sunday if he/she objects in writing that the assignment would conflict with his/her religious beliefs or practices. In addition, Education Code 44824 provides that full-time teachers employed by the district prior to the implementation of weekend classes cannot be required to teach for more than 180 full days during a school year or for more than the number of full days that district schools were maintained during the year preceding implementation of weekend classes, whichever is greater. See AR 4113 – Assignment.

The Governing Board desires to increase educational opportunities outside the regular school week in order to meet student needs and promote academic achievement. When staffing, facilities, and other resources are available, the Board may approve the provision of classes on Saturday and/or Sunday that support and are integrated with other learning opportunities.

~~(cf. 4113 - Assignment)~~

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

Note: Education Code 37223 authorizes weekend classes of any of the types listed in items #1-4 below or other classes identified by the district. The following list should be revised or expanded to reflect those weekend classes approved by the Governing Board.

Weekend classes may include, but are not limited to:

1. Continuation classes (Education Code 37223)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 37223, voluntary attendance in special weekend activities for mentally gifted minors (item #2 below) cannot be included in the district's average daily attendance computation.

2. Special day classes for mentally gifted minors (Education Code 37223)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

Note: AB 2659 (Ch. 186, Statutes of 2016) amended Education Code 37223 to authorize weekend makeup classes for excused absences as well as unexcused absences.

3. Makeup classes for unexcused absences occurring during the week (Education Code 37223)

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(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

4. The programs of an **regional occupational center or program (ROC/P)** (Education Code 37223)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

Note: Items #5-6 below are **optional**. Although Education Code 37252-37253 provide that specified supplemental instructional programs may be offered on Saturday, AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) redirected the funding for those programs into the local control funding formula; see BP 6179 Supplemental Instruction. In addition, AB 97 eliminated the Pupil Retention Block Grant (Education Code 41505-41506), which allowed funding to be used for the purposes of intensive reading or algebra programs, including Saturday programs. At its discretion, the district may continue to offer weekend classes for these purposes.

5. Supplemental instruction for students who need additional assistance to meet academic standards or requirements

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

6. Enrichment classes in core academic subjects

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

Except in ROC/Ps and as otherwise provided by law, any class offered on a Saturday or Sunday pursuant to Education Code 37223, except in ROC/Ps, shall be one offered during the regular Monday through Friday during the regular school week. (Education Code 37223)

Except in ROC/Ps, weekend attendance shall not result in crediting any student with more than five days of attendance per week. (Education Code 37223)

Attendance at weekend classes offered pursuant to Education Code 37223 shall be voluntary, except that truants, as defined in Education Code 48260, may be required to attend classes on one day of a weekend in order to make up lost instructional time. (Education Code 37223)

Note: Education Code 48205 specifies reasons that students must be excused from school, including observance of a holiday or ceremony of their religion. The reasons specified in Education Code 48205 are also applicable during weekend classes.

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A student shall be excused from a weekend class if **the student's parent/guardian notifies the school in writing that** such attendance would be in conflict with his/her religious beliefs. Such students shall be given priority for enrollment in any other available supplemental instruction offered at a time other than during the weekend.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

A teacher shall not be assigned to work on a Saturday or Sunday if he/she objects in writing that the assignment would conflict with his/her religious beliefs or practices. In addition, a full-time teacher employed by the district prior to the implementation of weekend classes shall not be required, without his/her consent, to teach for more than 180 full days during a school year or for more than the number of full days that district schools were maintained during the year preceding implementation of weekend classes, whichever is greater. (Education Code 44824)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

Note: Education Code 49550 requires that districts provide at least one nutritionally adequate meal each school day (breakfast and/or lunch) for students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals; see BP/AR 3553 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals. If the school participates in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program, it must make meals available to all students in attendance.

According to the California Department of Education's (CDE) Management Bulletin NSD-SNP-03-2013, this requirement extends to Saturday classes unless the district or school receives a waiver. The CDE will consider a waiver when any two of the following criteria exist: (1) serving meals during the Saturday session would result in a financial loss to the district equal to one-third of the food service's net cash resources; (2) the Saturday session at the school is less than four hours and is completed by noon allowing students to go home during the lunch period; (3) less than 10 percent of the needy students attending the Saturday session are at the school for more than three hours per day; and/or (4) the school does not have proper refrigeration facilities to enable meals to be prepared on Friday and served on Saturday.

Unless the requirement is waived by the California Department of Education, the district shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate meal during the weekend session in accordance with Education Code 49550.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37223 Weekend classes

~~37252 37253 Supplemental instruction~~

~~41505 41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant~~

41601 Reports of average daily attendance

44824 Weekend classes, assignment of certificated employees

48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention, supplemental instruction

48205 Excused absence for personal reasons

48260 Truants, definition

49550 Meals for needy students

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Requesting a Summer School Meal Waiver and/or a Saturday School Meal Waiver, Nutrition Services

Division Management Bulletin NSD-SNP-03-2013, February 2013

WEB SITES

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

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