

Relations Between Other Government Agencies and the Schools

The Yolo County Board of Education ("County Board") and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools ("Superintendent") recognize that agencies at all levels of government share its concern and responsibility for the welfare, health, and safety of youth. The County Board and Yolo County Office of Education ("YCOE") staff shall take every opportunity to work cooperatively with these agencies for the benefit of our students. The Superintendent or designee shall initiate and maintain good working relationships with representatives of these agencies in order to help our schools and students make use of the resources which governmental agencies can provide.

The Superintendent may enter into agreements with other agencies which involve the exchange of funds or reciprocal services. Such agreements shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee and executed in writing.

The Superintendent and County Board may initiate or participate in collaborative relationships with city and county elected officials to design and coordinate multi-agency programs that respond to the needs of children and families and provide more efficient use of resources. To further such collaborations, the Superintendent and County Board may establish or participate in formal structure for governance teams to regularly meet and discuss issues of mutual concern.

The Superintendent and County Board may cooperate with government and public agencies in the planning and implementation of joint projects or activities within the community. The Superintendent may designate a staff to ensure effective implementation of the Superintendent's responsibilities in any such collaborative project.

In order to identify priorities for services, the Superintendent and County Board may encourage periodic assessment of children's needs within the community, which may include, but not be limited to, needs based on poverty, child abuse and neglect, poor physical or mental health, substance abuse, violence, homelessness, placement in foster care, or lack of access to child care. The needs assessment may also examine the extent to which those needs are being met through existing services, the costs of providing those services, and any gaps, delay, or duplication of services.

In order to facilitate delivery or determination of eligibility for services, the Superintendent may share information with appropriate agencies so long as the parent/guardian consents and the information is shared in accordance with laws pertaining to confidentiality and privacy.

The Superintendent and County Board may communicate with the community about their collaborative efforts and the conditions of children within the schools. The Superintendent and

County Board may advocate for local, state, and national policies, programs, an initiatives designed to improve the conditions of children and youth.

Legal References:

Education Code, 10900-10914.5, 12400, 12405, 35160, 35160.1, 48902, 48909, 49305, 49402, 49403, 49073, 49075, 49557.2, 51202

Welfare and Institutions Code, 828, 828.1

Health and Safety Code, 120440, 130100-130158

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