

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BP 6117(a)

Instruction

Year-round Schedules

The Governing Board believes that a year-round school schedule can reduce loss of student learning over vacations as well as enable the District to address overcrowding in schools through more efficient use of school facilities. The feasibility of establishing year-round schedules shall be considered as the Board monitors current and projected enrollments, facilities needs and instructional needs. (cf. 6111 - School Calendar) (cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Before approving a year-round program in any District school, the Board shall consult with certificated and classified employees of the school, parents/guardians of students who would be affected by the change, and the community at large. Such consultation shall include at least one public hearing. (Education Code 37616)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a year-round schedule for any school selected or approved by the Board for year-round schedule. The schedule shall specify the number of tracks or groups into which students and staff shall be divided and the number and length of instructional and vacation periods.

Assignment to Year-round Tracks

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an unbiased process for determining assignment of students to tracks based on the following criteria:

1. Students of the same family shall be placed in the same group or track unless one or more of such students are enrolled in a special education class or unless the parent/guardian requests that the students be placed in different groups or unless with permission of the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 37617) (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program) (cf. 6164.4 - Identification of Individuals for Special Education)
2. Assignment based on ability level shall be minimized except when necessary to accommodate special education needs or other specialized programs.

After assignment based on the above priorities, remaining students shall be chosen on a lottery basis when the number of students requesting a particular track exceeds spaces available. Second preferences shall be accommodated to the extent possible.

The Superintendent or designee shall give parents/guardians adequate notice regarding their child's schedule.

Once students are assigned to a track, priority shall be placed on keeping students on the same track each year unless the parent/guardian requests a change.

Alternate track assignments (e.g. track assignment by grade level) shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17017.5	Approval of applications; year-round education program
17017.7	Priority for funding new construction
17071.40	Exemption from increase in school building capacity
37600-37672	Continuous school programs
41420	Minimum number of instructional days per year
42250.1	Funding for air conditioning
42260-42269	Year-Round School Grant Program
46200-46206	Incentives for longer instructional day and year

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

855	Testing schedules for year-round schools
866	Testing schedules for year-round schools
884	Primary language testing in year-round schools
896	Primary language testing in year-round schools
1021	Achievement testing in year-round schools, grades 1, 3 and 6
14030	School housing standards for multi-track programs

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CDE: www.cde.ca.gov/facilities/yearround

National Association for Year-Round Education: www.nayre.org

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