



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
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Alternative Education Program**

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## INTRODUCTION

As Required by AB 922 (Chapter 974, Statutes of 1995; E.C. 48926), the County Superintendent, in conjunction with district superintendents, developed a plan for providing education services to all expelled students in the county. The plan was adopted by the governing board of each school district and the County Board of Education. The original plan was subsequently submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the deadline of June 30, 2009. Updates to the plan are due triennially.

The plan enumerates existing alternatives for expelled students, identifies gaps in educational services to expelled students, and provides strategies for filling those service gaps. The plan also identifies alternative placements for students who were expelled and placed in district community day school programs, but who failed to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or posed a danger to other district students.

Educational programs within Riverside County provide numerous opportunities for students who are in need of traditional and/or alternative educational programs. Individual school districts offer a broad spectrum of services and the county superintendent of schools offers additional options. Thus, between the local school districts and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools a continuum of alternatives is provided for expelled students.

A student whose behavior has resulted in expulsion is given a rehabilitation plan by the school district of residence. This rehabilitation plan may involve one or more of the options outlined in the following plan. A student who is simply in need of an educational alternative may also access these programs through an established school district and/or county referral process as required by statute.

Education programs within Riverside County provide numerous opportunities for students who are in need of traditional and/or alternative education programs. School districts within the county offer a broad spectrum of educational alternatives, and Riverside County Office of Education offers additional options via its Court and Community School Specialized Academic Instruction provided for special education students served in Riverside County Office of Education Court and Community School Programs. Other services, such as Designated Instruction and Services (DIS) are provided per the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). In some cases the districts provide the special education services directly. Other specialized services required by 504 Plans or for English Learners are also made available by either the District or the County Office. Working in partnership, the districts and Riverside County Office of Education provide a wide range of services for expelled students.

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\* Education Code §48926 requires a county-wide plan which shall:

- enumerate existing educational alternatives for expelled pupils;
- identify gaps in educational services to expelled pupils;
- identify strategies for filling those gaps in services;
- identify alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in district community day school programs, but who fail to meet terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan.

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS**

School districts located within Riverside County offer the following options for expelled youth, depending on the specific offense and education code violation. The alternatives are:

1. Expulsion, suspended order, with placement on the same school campus. (Education Code §48917(a).
2. Expulsion, suspended order, with placement on a different school campus within the District (Education Code §48917(a).
3. Expulsion, suspended order, with voluntary enrollment in District Independent Study, if the parent and student consent. (Classroom instruction must be available upon parent or student request).
4. Expulsion, suspended order, with subsequent transfer to another district.
5. Expulsion with referral to a District Community Day School Program if available.
6. Expulsion with subsequent transfer to charter school.
7. Expulsion with referral to Riverside County Office of Education Court and Community School Program.

Parents may also elect to enroll their student in a charter school or private school. Costs for private school or charter school, if any, are the responsibility of the parent. School Districts will offer a public school option for expelled students.

Actual referral to a district community day school program or a county community school program is made by the school district governing board with recommendations from the district discipline review board, School Attendance Review Board (SARB), or by another established district referral process as required by statute.

## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools will continue to provide an educational option for expelled students. Most districts use the county community schools for students who are expelled and pose a danger to campus safety or to other students or employees of the district. The philosophy of each individual school district affects how the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools community school program will meet the needs of that particular school district. Some school districts use the Riverside County program as an educational option for expelled students, while others use the program as an additional alternative program to provide the student with another avenue of success.

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools community school program offers the following options for expelled youth at 16 locations throughout the county:

1. Daily educational programs that meet in county community school classrooms; for a minimum of 240 minutes per day.
2. Contracted study programs known as Independent Study (IS) that require students to complete a minimum of 20 hours of education product per week are available for students whose needs can be met through this form of instruction.

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICE GAPS AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THESE SERVICE GAPS**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, the Riverside County Probation Department, and Riverside County local school districts have been working collaboratively to provide a community-based school program for students since 1972. The community-based programs have been in operation in Riverside County for over 34 years, most service gaps have been addressed and appropriate strategies have been implemented to meet the needs of the student population.

A potential service gap exists for expelled elementary students since they must be served in programs separated from expelled students in grades seven through twelve. Due to the small number of expelled elementary students, programs for elementary students are provided regionally.

A second potential service gap exists in the case of students expelled by small school districts who present a wide variation in terms of age, grade level, and seriousness of expulsion offense. That wide range of age, grade level, and seriousness of offense make it difficult to provide appropriate programs for these students within those districts. Again, the strategy for addressing this potential gap in service is for the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to provide regional community school programs to serve those students.

In Riverside County, services to students who have been expelled are provided through a continuum of services. The district-operated community day schools are an option for expelled students in those districts which provide community day schools. The county-operated community schools remain an option for students expelled from their local school district. When the enforcement of the expulsion is suspended, students may have several options available within their local district. When the enforcement of a student's expulsion is not suspended, the district-operated community day school program is the only option available for the student within the district. If the student fails the district-operated community day school program, the student will then be referred to the county-operated community school. The county-operated community schools remain the final option for expelled students.

### **Expelled Students Who Commit Subsequent Violation(s)**

The placement of expelled students who commit subsequent expellable violations will be placed in one of the following options:

- If the student commits a subsequent violation of Education Code §48900, the student may be referred to another district alternative program or to the Riverside County Office of Education.
- If the expelled student commits another violation of the Education Code §43915 while enrolled in the Riverside County Office of Education, the student may be placed at another community school site within the coordinator/principal area or transferred to another region operated by the Riverside County Office of Education, in accordance with Board Policy.

## **Expelled Students Who Fail District Community Day School**

An expelled student who fails his/her placement in a district community day school program may be placed in one of the following options:

- Other existing district educational alternatives
- Riverside County Office of Education, Alternative, Community and Correctional Education Schools and Services

### **REFERRAL PROCESS**

The school district of residence maintains the responsibility for developing a rehabilitation plan for the expelled students and referring students to an appropriate educational setting. For students with an identified disability, a local education agency representative must consult with a representative from the Riverside County Office of Education Alternative Education Program, if this program may be considered as a placement option by the IEP team. A representative from the Alternative Education Program must be in attendance at the IEP team meeting when placement decisions are made for the Alternative Education Program. All psychological assessments for referred students must have been conducted within the past 18 months. Expelled students who complete their rehabilitation plan obligations are reviewed by the district for possible return to regular district programs. Expelled students who fail to meet the terms and conditions of the district rehabilitation plan may be referred to a different district school, another district program, district community day school program, if available, or the Riverside County Office of Education Community School.

Many expelled students will be referred to a Riverside County Office of Education Community School. An Individual Learning Plan (ILP) will be developed with the student, the student's parents, and county office staff. Part of this plan includes a goal of returning the student to the school district of residence after the district expulsion term.

Referrals from the districts to the county-operated community school programs may be made directly to the community school, or to Riverside County Office of Education attention:

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