

COUNTYWIDE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO EXPELLED STUDENTS IN LASSEN COUNTY

Triennial Update
December 2015

The Lassen County Office of Education (LCOE) and Lassen County school districts continue to work together on an ongoing basis to assure that this special population of students' educational experience is viable and that students are successful. The strategies and options below have been implemented during the past three academic years, 2012-2015.

1. What strategies were successful and what additional strategies were implemented?
 - a. The Lassen Union High School District (LUHSD) reopened a Community Day School in January 2014 for expelled students.
 - b. Individual district contracts with the Lassen County Probation Department have been successful in improving attendance in local schools.
2. Enumerate the educational services that are currently available, and outline strategies for improvement during the next three years.
 - a. What are the current educational alternatives for expelled students?
 - Suspend expulsion – return to same site
 - Suspend expulsion – assign to different site
 - Suspend expulsion – placement on a contract for behavior
 - Expulsion – assign to Lassen Union High School District (grades 7-12)
 - Expulsion – inform parents of Charter or private school placement
 - b/c. Identified gaps in educational services to expelled students and corresponding strategies:

Gap 1.0

- Instructional programs for expelled students in grades 6 and under continue to be limited. The practice of placing students in this grade level on an independent study contract is not the preferred method.

Strategies

- Explore feasibility of a strategic placement in the county in a classroom(s) for students in grades 4-6. This could be either district-operated or COE-operated.

Gap 2.0

- Districts that are remotely located from the central community of Susanville have very few options for expelled students because of long drive times to transport students (up to two hours one-way).

Strategies

- Explore the possibility of creating district-operated Community Day Schools in the remote areas.
3. Specifically, identify alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in the district community day school/community school programs but who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district pupils, as determined by the governing board.

Districts utilize the Community Day School programs for students to continue their education while imposing additional conditions that can improve a student's/family's understanding of what really must happen to meet the conditions of readmission. Students are not permitted to return to their sending district until all conditions of the rehabilitation plan are met.

4. The countywide plan requires a regional perspective. Discuss the articulation and coordination between school districts and with the county office of education in providing educational placements for expelled students

District Superintendents meet with the County Superintendent monthly. Time is set aside to discuss the articulation and coordination of programs for expelled students as needed.

BOARD APPROVAL VERIFICATIONS

**Lassen County Joint Plan
Educational Alternatives for Expelled Youth**

The Boards of Trustees for the following districts have approved Lassen County's Joint Plan, Educational Alternatives for Expelled Youth, as verified by signature of the District Superintendent/Secretary of the Board, on the dates specified below:

<p>Big Valley Joint Unified School District</p> <p>by <u>Paula A. Silva</u> Paula Silva, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>Feb. 17, 2016</u></p>	<p>Ravendale-Termo Elem. School District</p> <p>By <u>Jason Waddell</u> Jason Waddell, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>4/20/16</u></p>
<p>Fort Sage Unified School District</p> <p>by <u>Pat Condon</u> Pat Condon, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>9/21/16</u></p>	<p>Richmond Elementary School District</p> <p>By <u>Vicky Letaker</u> Vicky Letaker, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>Feb. 9, 2016</u></p>
<p>Janesville Union School District</p> <p>by <u>Zach Thurman</u> Zach Thurman, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>2/16/16</u></p>	<p>Shaffer Elementary School District</p> <p>By <u>Terri Daniels</u> Terri Daniels, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>Feb. 16, 2016</u></p>
<p>Johnstonville Elementary School District</p> <p>by <u>Donald Scheerschmidt</u> Donald Scheerschmidt, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>2/10/16</u></p>	<p>Susanville School District</p> <p>By <u>Jason Waddell</u> Jason Waddell, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>4/20/16</u></p>
<p>Lassen Union High School District</p> <p>by <u>Bill McCabe</u> Bill McCabe, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>9/13/16</u></p>	<p>Westwood Unified School District</p> <p>By <u>Randy Bobby</u> Randy Bobby, Superintendent</p> <p>Date of Approval: <u>2/17/16</u></p>
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