

DROPOUT PREVENTION

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools are deeply concerned about the many students who leave school without graduating. The County Board and County Superintendent particularly desire to provide a learning environment conducive to keeping in school those “at-risk” students who are susceptible to frequent absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness, or who have the potential to drop out because of substance use and abuse, pregnancy or marriage, financial needs, dislike of school, classes, or teachers, lack of basic skills, disciplinary problems, low self-esteem, emotional or physical problems, feelings of alienation, or other causes.

The County Board and County Superintendent see every student as a valuable individual to be carefully nurtured and equipped to become a productive citizen. Because children all differ, variations of pace, topic and activity are needed to challenge and interest them. Besides seeking continual improvement in the quality and relevancy of our educational programs, the County Board and County Superintendent encourage the use of appropriate dropout prevention strategies.

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**1040 Duties of boards**1240 Duties of superintendent**35160 Authority of governing board commencing 1/1/76*