

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

The Governing Board desires to provide before-school and/or after-school academic and enrichment programs that support the regular education program and provide safe alternatives for students. In order to increase academic achievement of participating students, the content of such programs shall be coordinated with the district's vision and goals for student learning, its curriculum, and district and state academic standards.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*  
*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*  
*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*  
*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)*  
*(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)*  
*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

The district's program shall be planned through a collaborative process that includes parents/guardians, students, and representatives of participating schools, governmental agencies including city and county parks and recreation departments, local law enforcement, community organizations, and, if appropriate, the private sector. (Education Code 8422, 8482.5)

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

The establishment of any program shall be approved by the Board and the principal of each participating school. (Education Code 8421, 8482.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all staff who directly supervise students in the district's before-school and/or after-school program possess appropriate knowledge and experience. As needed, staff and volunteers shall receive ongoing training related to their job responsibilities. (Education Code 8483.4)

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*  
*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

The program shall include academic and enrichment elements in accordance with law and administrative regulation. In addition, the program may include support services that reinforce the educational component and promote student health and well-being.

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*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*

No fee shall be charged for participation in the program.

Eligible students ages 11-12 years shall be placed in a before-school or after-school program, as space is available, rather than subsidized child care and development services. During the time that the before-school or after-school program does not operate, students ages 11-12 years may be provided the option of enrolling in child care and development services in accordance with the priorities established in AR 5148 - Child Care and Development. (Education Code 8263.4)

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall monitor student participation rates and shall identify multiple measures that shall be used to evaluate program effectiveness. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, student outcome data; program self-assessments; feedback from staff, participating students, and parents/guardians; and observations of program activities.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

Every three years, the program shall review its after-school program plan, including program goals, program content, and outcome measures. Documentation of the program plan shall be maintained for a minimum of five years. (Education Code 8482.3)

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

8263 *Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services*  
8263.4 *Enrollment of students ages 11-12 years*  
8273.1 *Family fees, exemptions*  
8350-8359.1 *Programs for CalWORKS recipients*  
8360-8370 *Personnel qualifications*  
8420-8428 *21st Century After-School Program for Teens*  
8482-8484.65 *After School Education and Safety Program*  
8484.7-8484.9 *21st Century Community Learning Centers*  
8490-8490.7 *Distinguished After School Health Recognition Program*  
17264 *New construction; accommodation of before- and after-school programs*  
35021.3 *After-school physical recreation instructors*

*Legal Reference: (continued on next page)*

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*Legal Reference (continued)*

45125 Criminal record check  
45330 Paraprofessionals; instructional aides  
35340-45349 Paraprofessionals; instructional aides  
49024 Criminal background check; Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate  
49430-49434 Nutrition standards  
49553 Free or reduced-price meals  
69530-69547.9 Cal Grant program  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
6314 Title I schoolwide programs  
6319 Program improvement  
7171-7176 21st Century Community Learning Centers  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42  
1766-1766a Child and Adult Care Food Program  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7  
226.17 Nutrition standards

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS  
A Crosswalk Between the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning and Program Quality Assessment Tools, 2014  
Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California: Creating and Implementing a Shared Vision of Quality, 2014  
California After School Physical Activity Guidelines, 2009  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS  
21st Century Community Learning Centers, Nonregulatory Guidance, February 2003  
WEB SITES  
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>  
California Department of Education, Before and After School: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ba>  
California Healthy Kids Survey: <https://chks.wested.org>  
California School-Age Consortium: <http://calsac.org>  
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>  
Partnership for Children and Youth: <http://partnerforchildren.org>  
U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/afterschool.htm>  
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>  
California Afterschool Network (CAN): [californiaafterschoolnetwork.org](http://californiaafterschoolnetwork.org)

Policy **VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Grades K-9**

The district's After School Education and Safety (ASES) program or 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) program may serve students in grades K-9. (Education Code 8482.3, 8484.8)

Consistent with state funding priorities, the district shall, to the extent feasible, give priority to establishing ASES programs that serve students in schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

The district's 21st CCLC program shall primarily serve students in Title I schoolwide programs or serve a high percentage of students from low-income families. (Education Code 8484.8; 20 USC 7173)

*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*

Consistent with federal funding priorities, the district shall, to the extent feasible, give priority to establishing 21st CCLC programs in schools that are identified for program improvement under 20 USC 6316 and/or programs that will provide year-round expanded learning opportunities.

*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*

The district's ASES and 21st CCLC program(s) shall be operated in accordance with the following:

1. Program Elements

- a. The program shall include an educational and literacy element in which tutoring or homework assistance is provided in language arts, mathematics, history and social science, computer training, and/or science. (Education Code 8482.3)

*(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)*

*(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)*

*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*

*(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)*

*(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)*

- b. The program shall include an educational enrichment element which may include, but is not limited to, fine arts, career technical education, recreation, technology, physical fitness, and prevention activities. (Education Code 8482.3)

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*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*  
*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*  
*(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

2. Nutrition

- a. If snacks or meals are made available in the program, they shall conform to state nutrition standards specified in Education Code 49430-49434 or 42 USC 1766 as applicable. (Education Code 8482.3; 42 USC 1766-1766a; 7 CFR 226.17)
- b. The district's before-school program shall offer a breakfast meal as described in Education Code 49553 for all program participants. (Education Code 8483.1)

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

3. Location of Program

- a. The program may be offered at one or multiple school sites and/or at an easily available and accessible off-campus facility. (Education Code 8482.3)
- b. When there is a significant barrier to student participation in either the before-school or after-school component of a program at the school of attendance, the district may, with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, provide services at another school site. A significant barrier includes either of the following: (Education Code 8482.8)
  - (1) Fewer than 20 students participating in the program component
  - (2) Extreme transportation constraints, including, but not limited to, desegregation busing, busing for magnet or open enrollment schools, or student dependence on public transportation

In such cases, the district shall arrange for safe, supervised transportation between school sites; ensure communication among staff in the regular school program, staff in the before-school or after-school program, and parents/guardians; and ensure alignment of the educational and literacy elements with the regular school program of participating students. (Education Code 8482.8)

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*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

4. Staffing

- a. All staff members who directly supervise students shall, at a minimum, meet the qualifications for an instructional aide. (Education Code 8483.4; 20 USC 6319)

*(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)*

- b. All program staff and volunteers shall be subject to the health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements in law and Board policy. (Education Code 8483.4)

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)*

- c. The student-to-staff ratio shall be no more than 20 to 1. (Education Code 8483.4)

5. Hours of Operation

- a. A before-school program shall not operate for less than one and one-half hours per regular school day. (Education Code 8483.1)
- b. An after-school program shall begin immediately upon the conclusion of the regular school day and shall operate a minimum of 15 hours per week and at least until 6 p.m. on every regular school day. (Education Code 8483)

6. Admissions

- a. Every student attending a school operating a program is eligible to participate in the program, subject to program capacity. (Education Code 8482.6)

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

- b. If the number of students wishing to participate in the program exceeds program capacity, students shall be selected for enrollment based on the following guidelines:
  - (1) Priority for enrollment of middle or junior high school students shall be given to students who attend daily. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1)

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- (2) Priority for enrollment shall be given to students identified as in need of academic remediation or support in accordance with Board policy or administrative regulations.

*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

- (3) Any remaining capacity shall be filled by students selected at random.
- (4) A waiting list shall be established to accommodate additional students if space becomes available.

**7. Attendance/Early Release**

- a. Each student admitted into a district program shall be expected to attend the full number of hours that the program is in operation every day that he/she participates.
- b. When necessary, a student's parent/guardian may request, in writing, that the Superintendent or designee approve the reasonable late daily arrival of his/her child for the before-school program or the reasonable early daily release of his/her child from the after-school program.

**8. Summer/Intersession/Vacation Programs**

- a. A before-school program operating during summer, intersession, and/or vacation days shall be offered for a minimum of two hours per day. An after-school program offered during summer, intersession, and/or vacation days may be operated for either three hours or six hours per day in accordance with Education Code 8483.76. When both before-school and after-school programs are offered for the same students on such days, they shall be operated for a minimum of four and one-half hours per day. (Education Code 8483, 8483.1, 8483.2, 8483.76)
- b. A program offered during summer, intersession, and/or vacation periods may open eligibility to every student attending a school in the district, with priority for enrollment given to students enrolled in the school that received the grant. (Education Code 8483.76)
- c. To address the needs of students and school closures, the program may be conducted at an off-site location or an alternate school site. The program shall notify the California Department of Education (CDE) of the change of location and shall include a plan to provide safe transportation pursuant to Education Code 8484.6. (Education Code 8483.76)

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- d. Any program operating for six hours per day shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal to each eligible student during each program day. (Education Code 8483.76)
- e. For any program operating six hours per day, district procedures pertaining to student attendance and early release as specified in item #7 above shall apply. (Education Code 8483.76)

*(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)*

**Grades 9-12**

The district's 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program may serve students in grades 9-12. (Education Code 8421)

When feasible, priority shall be placed on establishing programs that serve students in schools that are identified as in need of improvement pursuant to 20 USC 6316.

The program shall be operated in accordance with the following:

- 1. Program Elements
  - a. The program shall include an academic assistance element that is coordinated with the regular academic program and includes, but is not limited to, at least one of the following: (Education Code 8421)
    - (1) Preparation for the high school exit examination
  - (2) Tutoring
  - (3) Career exploration, including activities that help students develop the knowledge and skills that are relevant to their career interests and reinforce academic content
  - (4) Homework assistance
  - (5) College preparation, including information about the Cal Grant program pursuant to Education Code 69430-69460
- b. The program shall include an enrichment element that may include, but is not limited to: (Education Code 8421)

*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*



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- (1) Community service
- (2) Career technical education
- (3) Job readiness
- (4) Opportunities for mentoring and tutoring younger students
- (5) Service learning
- (6) Arts
- (7) Computer and technology training
- (8) Physical fitness
- (9) Recreation activities

*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

- c. The program shall include a nutritional snack and/or meal and a physical activity element. (Education Code 8423)
  - d. The Superintendent or designee shall assess students' preferences for program activities. (Education Code 8423)
2. Location of Program
- a. The district's program may operate on one or multiple school sites or at another location approved by the CDE. (Education Code 8421)
  - b. If applying for a location off school grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that safe transportation is available for students, if necessary, and the program is at least as available and accessible as similar programs conducted on school sites. (Education Code 8421)
3. Hours of Operation
- a. The district's program shall operate for a minimum of 15 hours per week. (Education Code 8421)

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- b. The district's program may be operated either after school only or for any combination of after school, before school, weekends, summer, intersession, and vacations. (Education Code 8422)

**Volunteers**

The Superintendent or designee may establish a registry of volunteer after-school physical recreation instructors and other before-school and after-school program volunteers. (Education Code 35021.3)

To be included in the registry, a volunteer shall submit to a criminal background check pursuant to Education Code 45125. He/she also shall submit current contact information to the district and shall update that information whenever the information changes. (Education Code 35021.3)

The Superintendent or designee may use a volunteer registered with the district or may select another person to provide physical recreation to students after school hours or to provide other services. (Education Code 35021.3)

**Reports**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit to the CDE outcome-based data, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 8427, 8482.3, 8484)

1. For participating students, school day attendance on an annual basis and program attendance on a semi-annual basis
2. Evidence of a program quality improvement process that is data driven and based on CDE program quality standards

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

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