

**YUBA COUNTY
PLAN FOR PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES TO EXPELLED STUDENTS**

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OVERVIEW

Educational programs within Yuba County provide excellent opportunities for students who are in need of traditional and/or alternative education programs. Local school districts offer a broad spectrum of service augmented by Yuba County Office of Education programs, providing a continuum of services to expelled youth.

Early intervention strategies on comprehensive school sites, alternative programs on and off comprehensive school sites, and/or referral to the Yuba County Office of Education programs respond to student diversity and community needs providing opportunity for academic success for all kindergarten-twelfth grade public school students living in Yuba County.

Each district provides intervention strategies which include, but are not limited to, counseling, student study teams, academic and emotional assessments, parent trainings, in-school suspensions, off-campus suspensions, Special Education services, after school activities, and student/parent/school contracts.

There are students whose behavior constitutes grounds for discipline and possible referral for expulsion from school. The District may, and in some cases is required to, recommend expulsion to the Governing Board for those students whose behavior endangers other students and/or staff. In addition, each district and the County Office of Education participate with law enforcement agencies to provide Probation Officers on school campuses throughout the county. These officers act as intervention specialists to work with student behavior to avoid suspension and expulsion.

The Yuba County Office of Education, the local school districts, and the Yuba County Probation Office have entered into a variety of agreements in which partnerships between the organizations supply a network of support for students at-risk of truancy, expulsion, and in violation of the law. Through this referral system, all students are guaranteed school placement at all times.

Each student whose behavior has resulted in expulsion is given a Rehabilitation Plan that is designed by the District explaining the conditions the expelled student must meet in order to return to the District.

Education Code 48926

Each county superintendent of schools in counties that operate community schools pursuant to Section 1980, in conjunction with superintendents of the school districts within the county, shall develop a plan for providing

educational services to all expelled pupils in that county. The plan shall be adopted by the governing board of each school district within the county and by the County Board Of Education.

The plan shall enumerate existing educational alternatives for expelled pupils, identify gaps in educational services to expelled pupils, and strategies for filling those service gaps. The plan shall also identify alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in district community day 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.

Each county superintendent of schools, in conjunction with the superintendents of the school districts, shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the county plan for providing educational services to all expelled pupils in the county no later than June 30, 1997, and shall submit a triennial update to the plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including the outcome data pursuant to Section 48916.1, on June 30th thereafter.

Education Code 48916.1

(a) At the time an expulsion of a pupil is ordered, the governing board of the school district shall ensure that an educational program is provided to the pupil who is subject to the expulsion order for the period of the expulsion, but only to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose in the annual Budget Act or other legislation, or both.

The approval of the Yuba County Board of Education and submission of the plan to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to June 30, 1997, 2000, and 2003 satisfies requirements associated with the "county plans for provision of educational services to expelled students." In addition, this plan shall be distributed to every district superintendent in Yuba County and updated prior to June 30, 2006, as required by law.

County and District Alternative Placements

Students who are expelled will be referred to an educational program deemed appropriate by the District Governing Board. The District continues to maintain responsibility for developing a Rehabilitation Plan for the student and ensuring that an educational program is provided.

The Yuba County Community School and Charter Prep School Programs maintain a standing policy of accepting students who have been expelled by their district of residence. Expelled students who are referred to the Yuba County Office of Education Programs will have an Individual Learning Plan developed including the student, parents and school staff. Part of this plan may include a goal of returning to the district of residence. Each District is responsible to provide each student with a district expulsion plan clearly defining what the student must do before returning to the District. Alternative strategies may be developed for those students who have difficulty meeting the terms and conditions of their District designed rehabilitation plan.

Expelled students who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan after their expulsion is over, may continue to be enrolled in the Yuba County Office of Education alternative education programs. Students can continue in those programs until accepted back into their district or until they graduate.

Wheatland School Districts place expelled students in the Academy for Career Education (ACE) (9-12) and the Opportunity Classroom (K-8) located at the Bear River Elementary School. Students are sometimes referred to Plumas School District or are directly referred to the Yuba County Career Preparatory Charter School.

Camptonville School District refers students to YCOE programs. The new Plumas School District refers students to either the Wheatland alternative programs or YCOE alternative programs.

Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students

All educational alternatives provided by California's school districts are not available to all expelled students. Seriousness of offense, location of offense, and grade level of the student all has the potential to restrict the district level educational alternatives available to the student during the period of expulsion. Students expelled for any of the offenses listed in subdivision a or c of Section 48915 of the California Education Code shall not be permitted to enroll in any district operated program during the period of expulsion unless it is a community day school (E.C. 48915.2). All expelled students shall be referred to an educational placement that is 1) not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior or senior high school or any elementary school, and 2) not housed at the school site attended by the student at the time of offense (E.C. 48915). If the expelled student is in grades K-6, the educational placement for the student shall not be merged or combined with educational programs offered to students in grades 7-12 (E.C. 48916.1). In addition to the above listed requirements, such factors as district size, district level alternatives, county level alternatives and district philosophy can impact the determination by a District Governing

Board as to which educational alternatives are appropriate for students who are expelled.

Yuba County Office of Education Alternatives

The Yuba County Office of Education provides the following educational options for expelled students. The programs described fit the continuum of educational care as outlined. The philosophy of each individual school district affects how the Yuba County Office of Education will meet the needs of that particular school district. The community school is a permissive educational program that provides local school districts with educational options for their expelled youth.

The Yuba County Office of Education offers the following options for expelled youth:

- 1) T. E. Mathews Community School offers daily educational programs that meet for 300 minutes per day for 180 days, plus a five-week extended summer session.
- 2) The Career Preparatory Charter School offers the following options to all students in Yuba County:
 - Independent Study
 - Carpentry Academy*
 - Mechanics Academy*
 - Business Academy*
 - Computer assisted and/or on-line academic courses (remedial to adult levels)*The three Academies are full-day programs including a two-hour career block.
- 3) School-to-Career Options
- 4) Yuba County 1-Stop Center offers job placement and training for older students.
- 5) ROP is also available for expelled students through Tri-County ROP services. Students can attend ROP classes not held on the district campuses.

Gaps in Educational Services to Expelled Students and Responsive Strategies

1. *District enrollment in Yuba County ranges from large schools located in Marysville to smaller schools located in the outlying areas of the foothills and Wheatland. Camptonville is located in an isolated rural section of the mountains, about 50 miles from Marysville.*
The strategy for addressing expelled students from these outlying

districts is to maintain a county community school that is served by district bussing and the Career Prep Charter School that delivers an Independent Study curriculum. Either full day programs or Independent Study are available at both YCOE sites.

Implementation of above strategies: 2003 to 2006:

This strategy was implemented and continues to serve expelled students from all school districts in Yuba County. The Charter School offers three full day programs that focus on career education. Expelled students are welcome to enroll in these programs as well as the Independent Study curriculum.

2. *Students who commit an expulsion offense during an expulsion period may have limited alternatives that remain available for placement.*

The strategy for addressing this problem is to maintain a commitment to providing educational services to students, regardless of repeated offenses, at the two YCOE alternative school sites and the Dan Avenue School for students on probation.

Implementation of above strategies: 2003 to 2006:

Students who commit further expulsion offenses continue to be served by the above named schools. This strategy has been successful. Students committing further offenses receive more support in the community school and the Dan Avenue site because these schools have probation officers on staff. Counseling is offered at the Dan Avenue site for students on probation.

3. *Students who are expelled in grades K-6 do not have the same educational alternatives available, as do students in grades 7-12. Students in grades K-6 are also expelled at a much lower rate than students in grades 7-12. These two factors, together with the requirement that educational services for students in grades K-6 cannot be merged or combined with services to students in grades 7-12 make it very difficult to identify an educational placement for the expelled K-6 student.*

The strategy for addressing this problem is to deliver school services utilizing individual and/or small group instruction, as may be necessary at the Career Prep Charter School.

Implementation of above strategies: 2003 to 2006:

This strategy has been in place since 2003 and has been successful. Dan Avenue also serves younger students, although the majority of students assigned to that site are middle and high school ages.

4. *In all cases, each school district is responsible to insure appropriate educational service to its expelled students.*

Yuba County Office of Education alternative schools provide state approved texts and curriculum aligned with current state mandated standards.

Implementation of above strategies: 2003 to 2006:

This strategy has been strengthened over the past three years. The Charter School is aligned with the state standards and has been WASC accredited. The Community School provides approved texts and curriculum aligned with current state mandated standards.

All district alternative schools comply with state standards and are WASC accredited.

Enumerate the educational services that are currently available and outline strategies for improvement during the next three years.

The same educational services enumerated in this report are available today.

Strategies continue to be in place to offer all students quality alternative educational placement no matter what their expulsion status. Students who do not meet the conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district pupils are served by the alternative school programs provided by the county office of education and the Dan Avenue classroom for at-risk juvenile offenders.

Describe the regional perspective and articulation and coordination between school districts with the county office of education providing educational placements for expelled pupils.

Yuba County Office of Education alternative programs are available to students throughout the county. Agreements between school districts in Yuba County and the COE have been in place over ten years. The largest district, Marysville Joint Unified School District, operates two alternative sites for their expelled students, then refers to the county community school and the charter school for further services. MJUSD provides bussing to the county community school for students that are referred to that school.

Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students

Alternative Placement Options

<u>School District</u>	<u>District Placements</u>	<u>County Placements</u>
Wheatland (K-8)	X	X
Plumas (K-8)		X
Plumas Charter (K-12)		X
Wheatland High School(9-12)	X	X
Camptonville (K-8)		X
*Marysville Joint Unified (K-12)	X	X

*Marysville Joint Unified is the only school district in Yuba County that operates it's own expulsion school sites. The Wheatland and Plumas School Districts use ACE and the YCOE Charter Independent Study programs for some expelled students. Students with weapons charges are referred to county programs.

The two expulsion school programs offered by MJUSD are:

- *APEC*, (Alternative Placement Education Center) is the primary referral for all expelled students. This site serves all MJUSD students K-12.
- The *Dan Avenue Classroom at Lindhurst APEC* is limited to students on Probation who are referred specifically to that classroom. This site provides intensive supervision and counseling for students who need the extra services. This school is a cooperative project for severely at-risk juveniles on probation and is supported by the MJUSD and the Yuba County Probation Department.

TO: Debra M. Pearson, Superintendent, Wheatland Elementary School District

FROM: Richard Teagarden, Superintendent
Yuba County Office of Education

RE: Yuba County Educational Plan for Expelled Youth

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TO: Lou Phillippi, Superintendent, Camptonville School District

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As superintendent I would like to request that the May 2006 revised version of the board policy addressing educational services to expelled students that was adopted by our district governing board in the 1996-97 school year be submitted for the triennial update.

Marysville Joint Unified School District

Plumas Elementary School District

Wheatland High School District

Wheatland Elementary School District

Camptonville Union Elementary School

Yuba County Office of Education

Yuba County Superintendent of Schools

Date