

California State PTA – Legislation 2024: Supported and signed into law

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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT			
AB 1796 (Alanis)	Pupil instruction: course offerings: parental notification.	Requires a local educational agency (LEA), county office of education (COE), or charter school, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, to annually notify the parents or guardians of pupils admitted to, or advancing to, grades 7 to 12, inclusive, of any dual enrollment or International Baccalaureate (IB) opportunities.	Family Engagement
AB 1808 (Nguyen)	Childcare and development services: eligibility.	Aligns the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) eligibility period for families with other subsidized childcare programs at 24 months.	Family Engagement
AB 2173 (Addis)	Special education: emotional disability	States that the term "emotional disturbance," as defined in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and used throughout the Education Code and the California Code of Regulations, as it relates to the provision of special education services, may also be known as " emotional disability " under state law. The term "emotionally disturbed" is often viewed as stigmatizing by parents and educators. This provides a more inclusive and comprehensive understanding of this type of disability.	Family Engagement
AB 2906 (Bryan)	Foster Care payments	Requires, when a county serves as the representative payee for a foster youth receiving federal Social Security Administration (SSA) survivors' benefits, to ensure that their benefits are not used to pay for, or to reimburse the county for, any costs of the child's care and supervision. Requires counties to notify the child, their attorney, and parents or guardians, if an application for survivors' benefits has been made on the child's behalf.	Family Engagement
AB 3145 (Bryan)	Family preservation services: standards	The <i>Foster Care Justice Through Meaningful Assistance to Families Act</i> mandates that family preservation services providers, which may include counseling, mental health treatment, and transportation, among other things, demonstrate a track record of success, cost-effectiveness, and the ability to avoid or shorten out-of-home placements. This should ensure that when a court orders a parent to complete certain services, that the services will be both evidence-based and culturally competent to set up the parent and child for safe reunification and long-term stability.	Family Engagement
SB 1005 (Ashby)	Juveniles	This bill allows a probation officer to refer an offense committed by a minor to a youth court that implements restorative justice practices, rather than filing a petition in juvenile court.	Family Engagement
SB 920 (Seyarto)	California Purple Star School Designation Program.	Requires the State Dept. of Education to establish a nonmonetary California Purple Star School Designation Program to publicly recognize and designate public schools that meet certain requirements related to supporting military-connected pupils and their families' unique needs, towards reducing the burden on military-connected pupils and their families. Schools that earn the award must apply for recertification every 3 years.	Family Engagement
HEALTH & COMMUNITY CONCERNS			
AB 1858 (Ward)	Comprehensive school safety plans: active shooters: armed assailants: drills.	Prohibits schools from conducting high-intensity active shooter drills and requires them to use a trauma-informed approach in the design and execution of any drill. Requires California Dept. of Education to curate and post on its website best practices pertaining to school shooter or other armed assailant drills on or before June 15, 2025.	Health

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AB 2053 (Mathis)	Pupil instruction: abusive relationships.	Requires that instruction about adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence include the resources available to students related to adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline and local domestic violence hotlines that provide confidential support services for students that have experienced domestic violence or stalking, and that are available by telephone 24 hours a day.	Health
AB 2316 (Gabriel)	Pupil nutrition: substances: prohibition.	The California School Food Safety Act, commencing December 31, 2027, would prohibit a public school from offering a nutritionally adequate breakfast or lunch containing specified substances, including, among others, red 40 and yellow 5.	Health
AB 2630 (Bonta)	Pupil health: oral health assessment	Expands the definition of “kindergarten” to include transitional kindergarten (TK) and requires proof of a student’s oral health assessment upon first enrollment only once during a two-year kindergarten program.	Health
SB 1318 (Wahab)	Pupil health: suicide prevention policies: pupil mental health crisis.	Requires the California Department of Education (CDE), by July 1, 2026, to update the model suicide prevention policy to address crisis intervention protocols and requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to update their suicide prevention policies to include crisis intervention protocols on or after July 1, 2026.	Health
SB 997 (Portantino)	Pupil health: opioid antagonists and fentanyl test strips.	Prohibits local educational agencies (LEAs) from prohibiting students in middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, or adult schools, from carrying fentanyl test strips, or a federally approved opioid antagonist for over-the-counter use for the emergency treatment of persons suffering from an opioid overdose while on a schoolsite, or while participating in school activities.	Health
AB 1186 (Bonta)	Juveniles, restitution fines	2-YEAR BILL Eliminates restitution fines for minors who are wards of the court, clarifies the amount owed, and provides that minors are severally liable, and not jointly and severally liable as co-offenders. Removes the requirement for a minor ward to pay a restitution fine and make such fines unenforceable and uncollectible after 10 years from imposition.	Comm. Concerns
AB 1252 (Wicks)	Office of Gun Violence Prevention.	Creates the Office of Gun Violence Prevention within the Department of Justice to advise the Attorney General on gun violence prevention-related matters, serve as a liaison to gun violence prevention stakeholders, and support the implementation, coordination, and effectiveness of gun violence prevention laws and programs.	Comm. Concerns
AB 1863 (Ramos)	California Emergency Services Act: notification systems: Feather Alert.	Revises the existing “Feather Alert” statute by changing the conditions required to request an activation and what is expected of the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) during the request and activation process. Also requires law enforcement agencies and tribal nations to develop specified policies and procedures regarding the Feather Alert and missing person process.	Comm. Concerns
AB 1955 (Ward)	Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today’s Youth Act	The SAFETY Act prohibits school districts from requiring staff to disclose to parents information related to a student’s sexual orientation or gender identity without the pupil’s consent, and will protect school staff from retaliation for supporting LGBTQ+ students or following curriculum standards.	Comm. Concerns
AB 2137 (Quirk-Silva)	Homeless and foster youth.	Authorizes a foster youth services coordinating program (FYSCP), if a foster youth educational services coordinator is unable, through specified coordinating activities and using any other state, federal, local, or private funds to secure tutoring, mentoring, and	Comm. Concerns

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		counseling services provided by a foster youth pupil's school district, and if those services are established as needed and identified by the foster youth educational services coordinator, to provide those services to the pupil.	
<u>SB 939 (Umberg)</u>	Educational equity: schoolsite and community resources: neurodivergent pupils.	This bill (1) expands information the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) is required to post on the California Department of Education's (CDE) website to include information to support students who have been subjected to discrimination or bullying on the basis of neurodiversity; (2) requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that resources related to neurodiversity are readily accessible to students and parents; and, (3) requires CDE to include in its online training module information about how to support students who are bullied for being neurodivergent.	Comm. Concerns
EDUCATION			
<u>AB 1805 (Ta)</u>	Academic content standards: history-social science: Mendez v. Westminster School District of Orange County.	Requires that when the State Board of Education (SBE) adopts new instructional materials for history-social science, the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) consider providing for inclusion, in its evaluation criteria, content on the case of Mendez v. Westminster School District of Orange County.	Education
<u>SB 1410 (Ochoa Bogh)</u>	Pupil instruction: curriculum frameworks: mathematics: algebra	Would require the Instructional Quality Commission, when the mathematics curriculum framework is next revised after January 1, 2025, to consider including that pupils in grade 8 be offered the opportunity to take an Algebra I or Mathematics I course that is aligned to the content standards adopted by the State Board of Education.	Education
<u>AB 1821 (Ramos)</u>	Pupil instruction: course of study: social sciences: treatment of Native Americans	Requires elementary through high school education regarding the Mission and Gold Rush periods to include the treatment and perspectives of Native Americans, providing students a fuller picture of the state's history.	Education
<u>SB 1277 (Stern)</u>	Pupil instruction: genocide education: the Holocaust	Establishes the California Teachers Collaborative for Holocaust and Genocide Education (Collaborative), to establish a statewide professional development program on genocide for school district, county office of education (COE), and charter school teachers.	Education
<u>AB 1871 (Alanis)</u>	Adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12: social sciences and career technical education: personal financial literacy.	This bill would require the social sciences and career technical education areas of study to also include instruction on personal financial literacy for grades 7 to 12.	Education
<u>AB 2927 (McCarty)</u>	Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements: personal finance.	Requires students, including those enrolled in charter schools, commencing with students graduating in the 2030–31 school year, to complete a one-semester course in personal finance, and requires all high schools, commencing with the 2027–28 school year, to offer a one-semester course in personal finance.	Education
<u>AB 1815 (Weber)</u>	Discrimination: race: hairstyles	Clarifies that "race" includes traits associated with race, such as hair texture and protective hairstyles, providing stronger protections against discrimination.	Education

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SB 1283 (Stern)	Pupils: use of smartphones and social media.	Authorizes a school district, a county board of education, or a charter school to adopt a policy to limit or prohibit students from using social media while at a schoolsite or under the supervision and control of an employee of the school district, county office of education (COE), or charter school. It does not authorize monitoring, collecting, or otherwise accessing any information related to a pupil's online activities.	Education
SB 483 (Cortese)	Pupil rights: prone restraint.	Max Benson's Law prohibits the use of prone restraint by local educational agencies (LEAs), nonpublic schools and agencies (NPS/A), and the State Special Schools for the Blind and the Deaf. Expands the definition of prone restraint to include any behavioral restraint that places a student facedown, including prone containment.	Education
AB 1984 (Weber)	Transfer reporting for alternative schools, county community schools, and continuation schools	Requires the State Dept. of Education to collect and publish on its internet website, and local educational agencies to provide to the department, data on pupil transfers due to disciplinary reasons, including whether the pupil transferred to an alternative school based on a referral by the school, commencing with the 2026–27 school year. The Department, when providing guidance about reducing disproportionate discipline of pupil subgroups in schools, shall advise local educational agencies against the use of transfers to avoid reporting suspensions and expulsions.	Education
AB 1825 (Muratsuchi)	California Freedom to Read Act	The California Freedom to Read Act requires public libraries to adopt a written and publicly available collection development policy, and prohibits the governing board or body of a public library from proscribing or prohibiting the circulation of any materials because of the topic addressed by the materials or because of the views, ideas, or opinions contained in those materials. The Legislature finds and declares that ensuring public libraries are free of censorship is a matter of statewide concern and is not a municipal affair; therefore this act applies to all cities, including charter cities.	Education
AB 438 (Rubio)	Pupils with exceptional needs: IEPs: postsecondary goals and transition services	2-YEAR BILL Lowers the age at which postsecondary transition planning for students with exceptional needs begins from age 16 to when a student starts their high school experience, if determined appropriate by a student's IEP team, effective July 1, 2025.	Education
SB 445 (Portantino)	Special Education: standardized IEP template: translation	2-YEAR BILL Requires the California Department of Education (CDE), by specified dates, to translate the final draft of the state standardized individualized education program (IEP) template developed by the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) into the top 10 most commonly spoken languages used across the state, make those templates available on its website, and notify local educational agencies (LEAs) that the template and translations are available.	Education
SB 691 (Portantino)	Pupil attendance: truancy notifications. Co-Sponsor	Commencing July 1, 2025, changes the notice requirements for truancy by deleting language about prosecuting the parent and student and adding language that is welcoming and supportive. Friendly outreach opens an opportunity to connect families with needed resources and supports the student better, encouraging families to partner with the school to resolve attendance issues.	Education

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AB 1930 (Reyes)	Teaching credentials: Child Development Associate Teacher Permit: renewal.	Would, on or before April 30, 2025, require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, by rule or regulation, authorize a holder of a Child Development Associate Teacher Permit authorized to serve in a California State Preschool Program to renew their permit without a limitation on the number of renewals if the permitholder completes specified hours of professional growth activities.	Education
SB 1263 (Newman)	Teacher credentialing: teaching performance assessment: workgroup.	Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to convene a workgroup to assess current design and implementation of the teacher performance assessment (TPA) and report recommendations to the Legislature.	Education
AB 2999 (Schiavo)	Pupil instruction: homework policy	Encourages each local educational agency (LEA) and charter school to develop, adopt, distribute, and update at least once every five years, a homework policy, by the start of the 2027-28 school year. Offers findings and declarations about homework.	Education
SB 1315 (Archuleta)	School accountability: local educational agencies: annual reporting requirements.	Require the Dept. of Education, on or before March 1, 2025, to provide a report to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the Legislature on the number and types of reports that school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools are required to annually submit. The report will include the purpose of each report and recommendations for which reports can be consolidated, eliminated, or truncated. Repeals these provisions on January 1, 2026. Specified committees of the Legislature are encouraged to, within 30 days of receiving the report from the department, hold a hearing to allow for the Superintendent to present the report.	Education
BALLOT MEASURES & BUDGET			
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry)	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval	ACA 1 will lower the constitutional vote threshold to 55 percent for both GO bonds and special taxes, when proposed specifically for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or supportive housing. It also specifies requirements for voter protection, public notice, and financial accountability. This proposed amendment to the California Constitution, as passed by the Legislature, must now go to the ballot for voter approval during the next statewide election. As amended by ACA 10, ACA 1 became Proposition 5. Allows local bonds for affordable housing and public infrastructure with 55% voter approval.	Ballot Measures
ACA 13 (Ward)	Statewide Ballot Measure: Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 13; Voting thresholds	The measure requires that any ballot initiative that increases voter approval thresholds also be approved at that same higher level. Moved to Nov. 2026 ballot for voter approval.	Ballot Measures
AB 247 (Muratsuchi)	Education finance: school facilities: Transitional Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024.	(Original:) <i>Would set forth the Transitional Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024 as a state general obligation bond act that would provide \$14,000,000,000 to construct and modernize education facilities, as specified. This bond act would become operative only if approved by the voters at an unspecified 2024 statewide election. The bill would also provide for the submission of the bond act to the voters at that election.</i> Terms later negotiated to become Proposition 2, for \$10 billion.	Budget