

Governmental Relations

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- **Before and After School Programs**
After School Education and Safety – Proposition 49; Expanded Learning Opportunities Program; 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- **Early Care and Education**
Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten; State Preschool; General Child Care; Head Start; Infant and Toddler Child Care

- **School Climate**
School Safety/Violence Prevention; Student Attendance/T truancy/Discipline; Expulsion/Suspension; Foster Youth/Homeless Youth; Court and Community Schools
- **Teachers, Classified Staff and Administrators**
Commission on Teacher Credentialing; Employee Relations; Personnel Evaluations; Teacher Dismissal; Professional Development; Collective Bargaining; Staff Recruitment and Retention Programs

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- **Accountability**
Local Control Accountability Plan; School Accountability Report Card; CCEE; Low Performing Schools
- **Career Technical Education**
CTE Incentive Grant; Dual Enrollment
- **Charter Schools**
School Choice/Open Enrollment
- **Curriculum**
Instruction & Instructional Materials; Standards; Assessments; Alternative Education; Independent Study; Migrant Education; Adult Education; English Learners

- **Governance**
Brown Act; Elections; CA Voting Rights Act; Political Reform Act; School District Reorganization
- **Interscholastic Athletics**
California Interscholastic Federation
- **Retirement**
CalPERS and CalSTRS
- **State Board of Education**
Instructional Quality Commission

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- **Education Finance**
Budget, Proposition 98; LCFF; Audits and Fiscal Accountability; Mandates
- **Revenue and Taxation**
Tax credits; Tax levies

- **School Facilities**
State Allocation Board; School Bonds; Energy Efficiency; Environmental Standards, Safety, and Toxics; Contracts; Water
- **Transportation**
Home to School Transportation; School Bus Driver Requirements and Training; School Bus Acquisition

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- **Federal Issues**
Elementary and Secondary Education Act; Federal Funding; Rural Schools; FCC; Regulatory Issues: IDEA
- **School Nutrition**
California Universal Meals Program; Wellness
- **Special Education**
State Special Schools; SELPAs

- **Student Health**
Counseling and Mental Health Services; Public Health; Medi-Cal; Mental Health Services Act
- **Technology**
Artificial Intelligence; K-12 High Speed Network; Data; Privacy; Broadband

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