

# 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/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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