

TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR ALL
EXPELLED STUDENTS**

General Provisions

As required by Education Code 48926, the Orange County Superintendent of Schools has developed an expulsion plan in conjunction with the Superintendents of the school districts in Orange County. The plan provides for educational services to all expelled students in the county for school years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27. A student whose behavior has resulted in an expulsion is provided a rehabilitation plan which ensures placement in an educational program and establishes the criteria for return to the Tustin Unified School District. All educational alternatives provided by Orange County school districts are not available to all expelled students. The type of offense, location of offense, grade level and nature of the student's individualized needs all have the potential to affect the 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).

Educational programs with the Tustin Unified School District provide numerous opportunities for students who are in need of traditional and/or alternative educational programs. Although the Tustin Unified School District offers a broad range of services, the Orange County Department of Education may offer additional options not available in the District. This combination of programs provides a continuum of alternatives to expelled students.

A student whose behavior resulted in expulsion is subject to a rehabilitation plan designed by the Governing Board. This plan is personalized to provide the utmost opportunity for continued educational, social and emotional growth during the period of expulsion.

The Governing Board will provide the following options for expelled students dependent upon the nature of the expulsion offense. As indicated in the Orange County Expulsion plan, the options available to Tustin Unified School District after expulsion include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Suspended expulsion order with placement on the same school campus [E.C. 48917 (a)].
2. Suspended expulsion order, with placement on a different school campus within the district. [E.C. 48917 (a)].

3. Expulsion with referral to the Orange County Department of Education, Alternative, Community and Correctional Education Schools and Services (ACCESS) (E.C. 1981).
4. Expulsion with subsequent transfer to another district.
5. Students who are identified as Special Education students, and who are expelled, will have their continued educational placement determined by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team in accordance with Education Code requirements.

The Tustin Unified School District continues to maintain prevention programs and activities to reduce the number of expulsions. Below is a comprehensive list of TUSD specific district activities implemented to prevent student expulsion.

Title of Activity	Description of Activity	Grade Level
Alternative to Suspension Classroom (ATS)	District operated alternative to suspension program designed to address social emotional development, substance abuse intervention, life skills and academic progress.	6-12
Behavior Expectation Presentations	Administrators and Designees present to students, to review expectations for Student Behavior and Conduct.	6-12
CWA-Social Worker	Connect families to outside resources.	6-12
Elementary School Counseling	Group and individual counseling services on campus	K-6
Ever-Fi	Online classes to address bullying, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Prevention (ATOD) use, healthy living.	6-12
Mental Health Specialist	Mental Health Team provides mental health services to support students, socially and emotionally.	K-12
OC Gang Reduction Intervention Program (GRIP)	Gang Prevention Program through OC District Attorney Office	5-8
Online Classes and Credit Recovery Opportunities	Online/Credit Recovery classes offered through Adult Education/Edmentum	9-12
Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS)	Behavior management program	K-12
Parent Notification and Rights	Start of the year communication regarding policies	K-12
Parent Education	Parent information nights and classes (ex. Preparing for College, At Risk Parent Night, Parent Project, ATOD Prevention, Adolescent Trends, Mental Health Wellness)	K-12

Pepperdine Research Youth Diversion Education (PRYDE) Program	Counseling services through OCS D for students who engage in alcohol, tobacco, other drug, and violence offenses on school campuses.	6-12
Professional Development	Continued administrative training on current legislations and best practices.	K-12
Project Youth OC	Stop Short of Addiction program addresses substance abuse prevention, treatment, legal education.	6-12
Red Ribbon Week	Student led drug prevention activities.	K-12
Restorative Practices	Conferences	K-12
Student Study Teams	School site teams that address students' academic and behavioral concerns	K-12
Tobacco Cessation Awareness Class	Anaheim Regional Medical Center	6-12
Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPE)	Tobacco, Vaping and other drug education and prevention activities.	6-12
Truancy Response Program (TRP)	Program coordinated with District Attorney's office to address truancy following the SARB process.	K-12
Waymakers of OC	Substance Abuse Prevention activity and Curriculum; Parent Education.	6-12
Western Youth Services	Outreach and engagement life skill presentations to students at ATS and other student groups to prevent bullying, drug use, peer pressure etc.	6-12

Tustin Unified School District

Board meeting date: February 13, 2024

Discussion Action:

Ed Consent:

Pupil Personnel:

SUBJECT:

PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR ALL EXPELLED STUDENTS IN ORANGE COUNTY – 2024-2027

SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As required by Education Code 48926, every three years school districts must update their district plan that provides education services for all expelled students. All school districts in Orange County have developed their own plan utilizing a countywide expulsion plan model created by the Orange County Department of Education.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

This plan has been developed in cooperation and coordination with the student service coordinators throughout Orange County. The Tustin Unified School District has participated in this collaborative process. Currently, TUSD is in alignment with the plan developed by the countywide consortium.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No financial implications for the District.

Recommended Motion:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Tustin Unified School District Plan for Educational Services for all Expelled Students in Orange County for 2024-2027, which follows the countywide expulsion plan developed with the Orange County Department of Education.

Quick Summary/Abstract:

Approve the Tustin Unified School District Plan for Educational Services for all Expelled Students in Orange County for 2024-2027, which follows the countywide expulsion plan developed with the Orange County Department of Education.

February 16, 2024

EXCERPTS – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

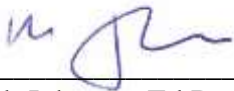
Educational Consent Items

VII.C.2. Approve the Tustin Unified School District Plan for Educational Services for all Expelled Students in Orange County for 2024-27, which follows the countywide expulsion plan developed with the Orange County Department of Education.

Motion made by: Lynn Davis
Seconded by: Allyson Muñiz Damikolas

Votes

Yes Jonathan Abelove
Yes Allyson Muñiz Damikolas
Yes Lynn Davis
Yes James Laird
Yes Jonathan Stone



Mark Johnson, Ed.D., Superintendent