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Triennial Update of Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Pupils

On July 1, 1996 California Education Code section 48926 became operational. California educational code 48926 states, “each county superintendent of schools in counties that operate community schools pursuant to section 1980, in conjunction with superintendents of 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.” California Education Code section 48926 required county superintendents to submit a plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, no later than June 30, 1997 regarding the provisions of educational services to all expelled students in the county.

Section 48926 further provides that each county superintendent of schools, in conjunction with district superintendents in the county, shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a triennial update to that plan on June 30 thereafter. The first triennial update was due no later than June 30, 2000, the second triennial update no later than June 30, 2003, the third triennial update was due no later than June 30, 2006, the fourth triennial update was due no later than June 30, 2009, the fifth triennial update was due no later than June 30, 2012, and the most current plan is to be submitted no later than June 30, 2015. A list of the board approval dates for each triennial update is contained in this document.

Education Code section 48926 requires that the following components be contained in this plan;

- a. An enumeration of existing educational alternatives for expelled pupils
- b. The identification of gaps in educational alternatives for expelled pupils
- c. Proposed strategies for fulfilling said gaps
- d. Alternative placements for those expelled students who have failed to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan

California Education Code section 4816.1 states, *“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....”* Therefore, every Ventura County School District governing board will refer each expelled student to an appropriate educational placement for the period of the expulsion. The educational placement will be determined on an individual basis by the school district’s governing board based on;

1. The seriousness of the offense
2. Available educational alternatives
3. Other related factors

District-level alternatives for expelled pupils will vary from one district to another depending on such factors as district size, viable alternatives, and district philosophy. Ventura County Office of Education educational alternatives are also available for expelled pupils.

Sixth Triennial Update – June 2015

Representatives from all twenty local school districts in Ventura County participated in the development of the triennial update. The newly formed Ventura County Pupil Services Collaborative met on February 11, 2015 and March 11, 2015 to revise and update the plan. Updates and revisions were made to the plan regarding the commitment of county school districts to utilize the Ventura County Office of Education Community School for placement of expelled youth as opposed to creating district operated community days schools.

A listing of all educational options currently available to expelled youth in Ventura County is contained in the new plan. District superintendents submitted a signed and dated update to the county plan that indicated either

1. The program would continue as it has been, or
2. There would be changes to the plan (see enclosed updated forms)

The approval of the Ventura County Board of Education and submission of the plan to the superintendent of Public Instruction prior to June 30, 2015 shall satisfy requirements associated with the “county plans for provision of educational services to expelled pupils.” In addition, this plan shall be distributed to each district superintendent in Ventura County and uploaded into the VCOE website.

Fifth Triennial Update – June 2012

Gateway Community School operates from one central campus located at the Camarillo Airport. Gateway Community School recently restructured to include the following programs: Transition, Independent Studies, Recovery Classroom, and middle School. Special Education programs and specific support for English Language Learners are available at Gateway. Gateway students also have access to Career Technical Education through the VCOE Career Education Center.

Fourth Triennial Update – June 2009

Gateway Community School Moved into once central campus located at the Camarillo Airport. All previously operated satellite sites were merged into the main Camarillo campus to offer a full range of services at one location. Gateway Community School launched a program called Recovery Classroom to serve chemically dependent incarcerated minors willing to work on their recovery and educational goals.

Additional changes contained in the 2009 Triennial County Plan included the Oxnard Union High School District ceasing operations of Pacific View Community Day School in the summer of 2007. Ventura Unified School District established the Ventura Unified Community Day School in November of 2006. The Rio School District opening the Rio Community Day School in September 2008 to serve grades 6-8.

Third Triennial Update - June 2006

Due to NCLB teacher certification and high school graduation requirements, plus the desire to provide a more comprehensive educational program, VCOE closed existing community school satellite sites. Pre the 2006 Plan, VCOE operated two clustered campuses, located in Camarillo and Ventura.

Gateway Community School staff members have further refined the referral process guidelines to Gateway Community Schools (COE-operated community schools). The referral process guidelines are contained in this document. In addition, the Ventura County SELPA, Ventura County Office of Education, and local school districts collaborated on the development of a referral process for special education students to attend Gateway Community Schools. This referral process was approved by the Superintendents' Policy Council on January 6, 2006.

Services to expelled pupils remain unchanged from the 2003 Plan to the 2006 Plan for all other local school districts in Ventura County.

Second Triennial Update – June 2003

Four local school districts (Fillmore, Oak Park, Ocean View, and Santa Paula Elementary) submitted revised sub-plans. In addition, VCOE established four more county community school extension sites since the first Triennial update. County community school extension sites were established in the following three cities; Oxnard, Simi Valley, and Santa Paula. The expanded county community school services in Santa Paula included an additional extension campus and a mobile unit.

In 2003 the Ventura County Board of Education and VCOE took action to adopt "Providence School," as the name of the educational facility to be housed in the new Justice Steven Z. Perren Juvenile Justice Complex. Providence School opened in March of 2004. The new Providence School encompasses the three former VCOE juvenile court schools: Marguerite McBride School, Frank A Colston School, and Work Education Restitution Competency (WERC). McBride and Colston Schools had been located in Ventura and WERC was located in Camarillo at the Camarillo Airport.

First Triennial Update – June 2000

Two local districts, Oxnard Union High School and Santa Paula Elementary School District, established community day schools to expand their menu of services to expelled pupils. (The Santa Paula Elementary Community Day School was later closed due to financial reasons). The superintendents from the remaining local school districts indicated that their plan had remained unchanged since the original adoption of the county plan in 1997. The Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) established three additional county community school extension sites. New Community school extension sites were established in Ojai, Santa Paula, and West Ventura. Juvenile Restitution Program (JRP), a VCOE operated juvenile court school was relocated to a larger facility at the Camarillo Airport in order to better serve a greater number of minors (the JRP was later renamed to WERC). In addition, VCOE established a community school to serve expelled students in grades K-6. However, operation of this program was discontinued June 1999 due to lack of participation and insufficient ADA.

Background

Ventura County covers an area of 1,843 square miles and ranks 26th in size and 11th in population among California's 58 counties (pop. 839,000). It is bordered on the north by Kern County, on the west by Santa Barbara County, and on the south and east by Los Angeles County. The Pacific Ocean provides the county's southwestern border stretching along 42 miles of coastline. There are ten incorporated cities in the county. The five cities with populations of 50,000 or more are Oxnard, Simi Valley, Ventura, Thousand Oaks, and Camarillo. Ventura is the County seat.

A total of twenty school districts in Ventura County (eleven elementary school districts, eight unified school districts, and one high school district) provide services to over 140,000 pupils. School districts range in size from the smallest with fifty plus pupils to the largest with enrollments of over 20,000 pupils.

Educational programs within Ventura County provide numerous opportunities for students who are in need of traditional and/or alternative educational programs. Individual school districts offer a spectrum of educational alternatives, and the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) offers options via court and community school programs. Together, the local school districts and VCOE attempt to provide the needed range of services for expelled pupils.

Educators in Ventura County recognize the need for a continuum of educational services for all pupils, including expelled pupils. It is important to provide support and service to the expelled pupil while recognizing the rights of others to be safe. Local educators also recognize the seriousness of expulsion and pledge to apply careful thought, with an emphasis on fairness and consistency during the decision making process.

Board Approved Record – Triennial Updates

School District	Original Plan	1 st Triennial	2 nd Triennial	3 rd Triennial	4 th Triennial	5 th Triennial	6 th Triennial
	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015
Briggs Elementary	Feb.13	Apr.6	Mar.21	Apr.10	Mar.9	Mar.13	
Conejo Unified	Mar.20	Apr.18	Apr.10	May 9	Mar.16	Mar.26	
Fillmore Unified	Mar.18	Apr.11	May 6	Apr.11	Apr.21	Apr.30	
Hueneme Elementary	May 27	Apr.24	Apr.22	Apr.6	Apr.27	Feb.24	
Mesa Union	Feb.18	Apr.5	Apr.2	Apr.17	Mar.4	May 1	
Moorpark Unified	Apr.8	Apr.6	Mar.28	Apr.7	Mar.5	Mar.5	
Mupu Elementary	Mar.13	Apr.5	Mar.31	Apr.11	Mar.9	Feb.24	
Oak Park Unified	Mar.18	Apr.12	May 20	Apr.7	May 1	Mar.1	
Ocean View	Mar.11	Apr.13	Jun.10	Apr.7	Mar.10	Feb.24	
Ojai Unified	Feb.18	Apr.6	May 8	Jun.26	May 6	Feb.24	
Oxnard Elementary	May 21	Apr.10	May 27	Apr.10	May 20	Apr.30	
Oxnard Union High	Mar.26	May 24	May 7	Apr.10	May 13	May 9	
Pleasant Valley	Apr.3	May 5	Apr.28	Apr.7	Apr.7	Feb. 24	
Rio	Mar.27	Apr.6	Apr.2	Apr.7	Jun.4	Apr.26	
Santa Clara Elementary	Mar.19	Apr.27	May 2	May 5	Mar.4	Mar.23	
Santa Paula Elementary	Mar.25	Apr.10	May 8	Apr.13	Apr.29	Mar.28	
Santa Paula Union High	Jan.15	Apr.7	Mar.24	Apr.20	Apr.13	Mar.23	
Santa Paula Unified							
Simi Valley Unified	May 6	Apr.12	Apr.2	Apr.20	May 29	Mar.26	
Somis Union	Jan.22	Apr.7	May 5	Apr.7	Mar.4	Mar.22	
VCOE	May 27	Jun.13	Jun.23	Jun.28	Jun.22	Mar.29	
Ventura Unified	Mar 25	Apr.10	Mar.24	Apr.20	Jun.23	Apr.5	

Existing School District Educational Alternatives for Expelled Pupils

Each school district shall take steps to see that services are provided for pupils who have an expulsion hearing. A pupil whose behavior has resulted in expulsion shall be given a rehabilitation plan that is designed by the district of residence. Any recommended placement should be monitored and appropriate documentation maintained. This plan may involve one or more of the options outlined below.

The governing board of each school district will determine which educational alternatives are appropriate and available. Educational alternatives throughout Ventura County for pupils recommended for expulsion included, but are not limited to, the following options:

1. Expulsion, suspended order, with placement on the same campus. E.C. 48917(a)
2. Expulsion, suspended order, with placement on a different school campus within the district. E.C. 48917(a)
3. Expulsion, suspended order, with placement in district independent study, if the parent consents.
4. Expulsion, suspended order, with subsequent transfer to another district.
5. Expulsion with referral to a district community day school, if available.
6. Expulsion, suspended order, with subsequent transfer to a charter school
7. Expulsion, suspended order, with subsequent transfer to private school
8. Expulsion with subsequent transfer to another district.
9. Expulsion with subsequent transfer to a charter school
10. Expulsion with subsequent transfer to a private school
11. Expulsion with referral to the Ventura County Office of Education Gateway Community School Program (grades 6-12).

Note: Parents may elect to enroll in a charter or private school. Costs associated with private schools or charter schools, if any, are the responsibility of the parent. School Districts will always offer a public school option for expelled pupils.

The Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) is committed to providing educational services for pupils expelled from Ventura County school districts. Educational services for expelled Ventura County youth are provided through Gateway Community School. Additionally, expelled pupils who are detained while awaiting adjudication, or who are wards of the juvenile court serving a commitment in the Ventura County Juvenile Facility are provided educational services through Providence School.

Gateway Community School

Gateway Community School was established in 1980 by the Ventura County Office of Education. It is located in Camarillo, CA between Pleasant Valley Road and the Camarillo Airport.

Gateway Community School serves youth in grades 6-12, students enrolled at Gateway are considered high-risk and referred based on their current status with their home district, probation and the Student Attendance Review Board.

Gateway Community School accepts referrals from districts for reasons of expulsion, chronic truancy, severe misbehavior, need for a smaller and more structured setting or are referred by probation.

Gateway prepares students to be respectful, positive, productive and proud young people as a commitment to students, parents, community members and school districts. As a National Demonstration Site for Positive Behavior Intervention Gateway emphasizes to all of the students that regardless of what city they live in, Gateway is everyone's community.

Gateway Community School staff work collaboratively with students, parents, local public school districts, Ventura County Probation Agency, and other community agencies to provide Gateway students a renewed sense of educational purpose through high expectations and socio-emotional support. The primary goal at Gateway Community School is preparing students for academic success and for eligibility to return to their local public school districts. Students who do well in Gateway Community School may choose to stay and graduate with their high school diploma from Ventura County Office of Education.

Providence School

Providence School is located within the Ventura County Juvenile Facility on Vineyard Ave. in El Rio. Providence serves minors who are detained and awaiting adjudication in the Detention Program, and adjudicated minors who are wards of the court serving sentences in the Commitment Program. Providence School provides a high school diploma program, a GED preparation program, and Career Technical Education services. Providence students also have access to counseling, special education, and transition specialist services.

County and District Gaps and Strategies Regarding the Provision of Education Services to Expelled Pupils

Per Education Code 48926, *“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.”* VCOE and school district staff have identified four gaps that exist with respect to providing educational services to expelled pupils. What follows is an overview of the identified gaps and the corresponding County/District strategies for addressing these gaps in educational services.

Service Gaps	County / District Strategies
Service Gap #1 Referral back to original school district due to non-attendance or failed placement	Service Gap #1 County / District Strategy to Address Service
<p>A student is expelled from the district under education code 48915 and is referred to a county operated community school program. A pupil expelled under Education Code 48915 by a district could potentially reoffend under Education Code 48915, during their placement the county community school, or not attend, resulting in a referral back to the district of residence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The county and district will exhaust their existing options, in conjunction with the Probation Department, SARB, SELPA, and Behavioral Health to determine an educational program that will provide the pupil with educational options. b. Pupils have the option to apply to a private school at no expense to the school district or apply to a Charter School in or out of the County. The private school or Charter School is not obligated to accept the pupil. c. When all educational options available to the Ventura County Office of Education have been exhausted, a collaborative effort will be made for placement of pupil back in a district program which will serve the pupils’ academic and behavioral needs.
Service Gap #2 Small School Districts	Service Gap #2 Small School Districts
<p>Small school district, specifically Elementary school districts within Ventura County expel very few pupils. Some of the smallest elementary districts have virtually no history of expulsion. The geographic spread of the schools and scarcity of expulsion cases present a challenge to the establishment of a program to serve this group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The elementary districts will use their local alternatives in providing educational programs for their expelled students’ grades 4-5. In the event the numbers would warrant the establishment of a separate program, the Ventura County Office of Education would enter into a cooperative agreement with the elementary districts to establish an alternative program.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Ventura County Office of Education will provide transportation to the County operated Community school for all pupils expelled by County School districts grades 6-12 c. The Ventura County Office of Education has established Community Middle School Program to address districts need for placement of expelled students grade 6-8
Service Gap #3 Pupil options grades 4-5 (AB 420 eliminates the ability to suspend students in grades K-3)	Service Gap #3 Pupil options grades 4-5 (AB 420 eliminates the ability to suspend students in grades K-3)
<p>Expelled pupils in grades 4-5 do not have the same educational options available as do expelled pupils in grades 6-12.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The elementary districts will use their local alternatives in providing educational programs for their expelled students' grades 4-5. In the event the numbers would warrant the establishment of a separate program, the Ventura County Office of Education would enter into a cooperative agreement with the elementary districts to establish an alternative program.
Service Gap #4 District operated Community Day schools	Service Gap #4 District operated Community Day schools
<p>The current requirements associated with the establishment of community day schools make this alternative very difficult for districts to implement. The restrictive nature and funding base, when coupled with small numbers, make it financially impossible to provide services and cover cost.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Districts will monitor changes under the community day school legislation. Joint planning may result in options that do not currently exist between the participating entities. b. The Ventura County Office of Education will continue to provide a Community School option for pupils expelled from Ventura County school districts in grades 6-12. c. Pupils have the option to apply to a private school at no expense to the school district or apply to a Charter School in or out of the County. The private school or Charter School is not obligated to accept the pupil.

	<p>d. In the event the numbers of expelled pupils in grades 4-5 would warrant the establishment of a separate program, the Ventura County Office of Education would enter into a cooperative agreement with the elementary districts to establish an alternative program.</p>
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County and District Agreement on Alternative Placements

Per Education Code 48926, *"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."*

Option #1

The school district of residence continues to maintain responsibility for referring the pupil to an appropriate educational setting, and ensuring an educational program is provided either inside or outside the school district.

Option #2

Expelled pupils referred to the county operated community school program for placement will be provided an assessment of needs in partnership with community school staff, parents and/or legal guardian(s), and district representatives. If a pupil expelled under Education Code 48915 by a district to the county operated community school program reoffends under Education Code 48915, during their placement, or does not attend, the pupil will be referred back to the district of residence.

(SB1111 states, a pupil who has been involuntarily enrolled in a county community school has the right to reenroll in his or her former school or another comprehensive school immediately after being readmitted from an expulsion order or court-ordered placement. Only the governing board of the school district that issued the initial order or subsequent order to expel may extend the duration of an expelled pupil's placement in a county community school)

Gateway Community School Referral Process Guidelines

Ventura County SELPA Referral Process for Special Education Students to Gateway Community School

Policy: Referral Process for Special Education Students to Gateway Community Schools

Approved: Superintendents' Policy Council - Approved May 23, 2014

Education Code Section 1981 states that the county board of education may enroll pupils in a community school program who meet any of the following criteria:

1. Are expelled from a school district for any reason;
2. Upon the recommendation of a school attendance review board; or by the school district of attendance, upon the request of a pupil's Parent/Guardian, with the approval of the school district of attendance;
3. On probation or parole and not in attendance in any school;
4. Are considered to be homeless

Gateway Enrollment

Gateway School shall serve eligible sixth through twelfth grade special education students when staff has determined that the goals and objectives written on the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) can be addressed at Gateway.

Related Services

It shall be the responsibility of the district of residence to fund/provide related services stipulated on a student's IEP if those services are not available at Gateway School, (i.e special circumstance paraprofessional, home instruction.)

Independent Study

Any student with an IEP will not be provided independent studies by Gateway Community School. If a student with an IEP requires an independent study like program they will be referred back to their home district at which point the district and the IEP team may determine the student's placement.

Home Instruction

CCR section 3051.4 states that a student can be placed on home instruction through an IEP team decision. If a student is placed on home instruction, student will be dis-enrolled from Gateway and re-enrolled in District of Residence (DOR) during the interim period of home instruction.

Referral

Member districts of the Ventura County SELPA shall follow the steps outlined below when referring a special education student to Gateway Community Schools.

1. District contacts Gateway staff representative to arrange an IEP meeting to discuss school placement and services
2. A complete referral packet will be submitted to Gateway. The referral packet shall include:
 - a. A completed Referral Recommendation Form signed by the parent/guardian, student and representative from district of residence. If the student is homeless, a district staff person authorized to determine residence shall sign the referral recommendation form.
 - b. A completed Release of Information signed by the parent/guardian.
 - c. For non-expelled students, a completed Inter-district Referral form signed by the parent/guardian
 - d. The most current IEP. If at the most recent triennial review new assessment was not administered, attach copy of Triennial Review Worksheet/letter and Summary of Review.
 - e. The most recent Psychoeducational Assessment reports. If applicable, the Manifestation Determination Review Worksheet.
 - f. The Behavioral Analysis Review Worksheet (BARW) or a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) should be completed for students exhibiting primarily externalizing behaviors with a resulting Comprehensive Behavior Intervention Plan (CBIP) or Positive Behavior Intervention Plan (PBIP).
 - g. For students with primarily internalizing symptoms, a completed BARW. A CBIP or PBIP could be included as a result of the worksheet.
 - h. For students with social-emotional needs, social-emotional goal(s) as necessary. Other psychological, medical and educational and behavioral records, including all standardized required Statewide assessments (CAASPP, CELDT, CAHSEE,)
 - i. A summary of any district interventions that have been tried and why they were not successful.
 - j. The name, phone and e-mail of the district's designated special education contact person.
3. Gateway staff shall notify the referring school district within two days, by phone or e-mail, if the referral packet is not complete and provide the referring district a list of the missing information that needs to be submitted.
4. Once a completed packet has been received, the referring school district shall be notified within five working days if the Gateway staff does not believe that Gateway is the appropriate setting for the student. A written explanation for the decision will be provided.

5. If the student's IEP stipulates services or materials not available on the Gateway campus, it shall be the responsibility of the referring district to provide and or fund the identified services and materials (i.e. SCP, Level 1 transportation).
6. IEP Placement meeting will be held to discuss service and programs. When developing the IEP for new placement, include the Worksheet for Specialized Out of District Program for non-expelled referrals. District of Service will be changed in SIRAS.
7. Once the student has been accepted, parent is invited to an orientation meeting at Gateway. Gateway staff will notify district if the parent misses two enrollment appointments and will determine next steps.
8. Once the parent participates in the orientation meeting, student begins school on the following day. Student will attend transition support classes during their first week of school. Special education services will be provided during this time.

Appeal Process

1. The district of residence shall have the option to challenge the denial of enrollment.
2. Within five days of the denial of enrollment the district of residence shall request a review meeting with the Ventura County Office of Education Student Services Division administration. If the meeting between the representative of the referring district and the Student Services administration does not end in consensus, the referring school district shall have the right to appeal to the Ventura County Office of Education administration.
3. The referring school district representative and the representative of Gateway School shall meet with the Ventura County Office of Education to resolve the dispute.
4. The Gateway School representative shall present documentation and a rationale as to why Gateway school is not the appropriate educational placement option for the student and the referring district shall have the opportunity to present evidence as to why Gateway is the appropriate placement.
5. The Ventura County Office of Education Superintendent or Designee shall hear all relevant evidence and render a final decision within seven calendar days.

Initial/Annual/Triennial Evaluations

Any SST recommended or parent requested special education initial assessment must be completed with final determination as to whether the student is eligible for services prior to student being referred to Gateway.

If a triennial evaluation is due within 90 days of the student enrollment in Gateway, the referring district is responsible for completing the assessment.

If a triennial evaluation is due beyond 90 days of the student enrollment in Gateway, the Ventura County Office of Education is responsible for completing the assessment.

For annual IEPs due within 30 days of entering Gateway or returning to district, every effort will be made to hold the annual IEPs within the timeline.

Student Return to District

District will be provided with a 30 day notice (unless it is an emergency situation) by Gateway Staff if student is being considered for return to district.

When considering returning a Special Education student to district, Gateway and district of residence will agree on an appropriate date and time to convene an IEP meeting. Special Education Students may be returned to the district of residence if determined by the IEP team for the following examples:

Expelled Students:

1. The student has met the terms of the expulsion and rehabilitation plan.
2. The student has exhibited severe behavioral or attendance issues and Gateway interventions are not successful. IEP meeting will be scheduled to discuss areas of concern.
3. The student has committed an expellable offense while enrolled at Gateway (*EC 48915 (c)*). Manifest Determination meeting will be scheduled through the student's district of residence. District of residence will continue with the expulsion procedures/process.
4. Student has attended Gateway one semester past return to district date and is not showing significant progress. An IEP meeting will be held with home district to discuss matter and facilitate return of student. Student will only be returned to district at start of semester if IEP team is in agreement.

Non-Expelled Students:

1. The student has completed middle school and is transitioning to high school. IEP meeting will be held to discuss progress and possible placement recommendations.
2. The student has completed a full semester at Gateway and is being recommended for possible return to district by Gateway team. This recommendation may be made if the student has passed all classes with a C or above *and* behavior or attendance issues have been decreased by at least 50%. IEP meeting will be schedule to discuss recommendations.
3. The student's educational needs as defined in the IEP are not being met. IEP meeting will be scheduled to discuss areas of need.

4. The student has exhibited severe behavioral or attendance issues and Gateway interventions are not working. IEP meeting will be scheduled to discuss areas of concern.
5. The student has committed an expellable offense while enrolled at Gateway (*EC 48915 (c)*). Manifestation Determination meeting will be scheduled through the student's district of residence. District of residence will continue with the expulsion procedures/process.

Referral Process for Providence Students

When a student has been enrolled in Providence an IEP must be held prior to referring to Gateway Community School. If the student has been committed to Juvenile Hall, Gateway will be responsible for the IEP. However, if the student has only been detained, the student's home school/district is responsible for the IEP.