



## Parent Letter – AB-104

Dear Parents/Guardians,

AB 104, legislation addressing retention of students, a method for handling grade change requests, and additional graduation options for some students was signed by Governor Newsom on July 1, 2021. As an “urgency” bill, it became law and took effect immediately upon the governor’s signature. We know that the pandemic has presented challenges for many students. Offering options to help children who may have struggled with disrupted classroom routines is a priority for us.

AB 104 has three main topics:

1. **Retention:** Provisions allowing parents to request a conference with the school to discuss and request their child be retained in their 2020-2021 grade level.
2. **Pass/No Pass High School Grades:** Provisions allowing parents to request that their high school student receive pass/no pass grades in lieu of letter grades.
3. **Graduation Requirements:** Provisions relaxing local graduation requirements in excess of state-mandated minimum course requirements and mandating schools to offer credit recovery options.

### Retention in Grade Level

- The new law permits parents of eligible students to request retention in the student’s 2020-2021 grade for the 2021-2022 school year
- Eligible students are students in grades K – 11 who, during the 2020-2021 school year, received deficient grades (a D, F, No Pass) **in at least half of their classes**
- Charter schools must offer a retention consultation meeting within 30 days of the parent’s request
- The retention consultation meeting must offer: discussion of all learning recovery options, consideration of the student’s academic data, discussion around the academic and social benefits/concerns of retention
- The charter school must make a decision on the retention request within 10 calendar days of the parent consultation meeting
- Students who are retained must be offered specific supplemental interventions and supports
- There is no requirement that students be retained
- Even if a student is not retained, they must be offered supplemental interventions and



supports

- These students also must have access to credit recovery and to classes from the past semester in which they received either a D or an F

### Grade Changes to Pass/No Pass

- Parents/guardians and students 18 /adult students may request that high school grades earned in 2020- 21 be changed from a letter grade to a "pass/no pass" format
- The grade changes may not affect the student's GPA
- There is no limit to the number of courses for which a grade change may be requested
- Students must submit a grade change request 15 days from the date of the charter school's website posting Grade Change
- Charter schools are prohibited from accepting grade change applications after the deadline
- 15 days after the receipt of the application, written confirmation of the grade change must be sent to the parents/guardians/adult students

### Graduation Requirements

- Charter schools must exempt students who were in grade 11 or 12 in 2020-21 from graduation requirements in excess of the statewide requirements
- Students must be allowed additional opportunities to complete coursework including credit recovery or a fifth year of instruction •
- Charter schools may determine how students may satisfy these requirements

For the 2020–21 through 2023–24 school year, the following postsecondary institutions that will accept, for admission purposes, a transcript with a Pass or No Pass grade instead of a letter grade for an applicant pursuant to *Education Code* Section 49066.5(b).

**Some colleges and universities in other states may not accept credit/no credit grades for college admissions. It is recommended that parents/guardians or students contact schools of interest directly to determine their specific admissions policies.**

### Official Postsecondary Institution Name

#### California State University Schools:

- California State University, Bakersfield
- California State University Channel Islands
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno



- California State University, Fullerton
- Humboldt State University
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University Maritime Academy
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Northridge
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Sacramento
- California State University, San Bernardino
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San José State University
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- California State University San Marcos
- Sonoma State University
- California State University, Stanislaus

### University of California (UC) Schools:

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

### Private Universities:

- Saint Mary's College of California
- Holy Names University
- Pitzer College
- University of La Verne
- Westmont College
- Santa Clara University
- University of Saint Katherine
- University of Southern California
- ArtCenter College of Design
- California Baptist University
- University of San Francisco
- La Sierra University
- Mount Saint Mary's University
- Stanford University
- Azusa Pacific University



We want to work collaboratively to ensure we're doing what's best for every student and their learning. Click [here](#) for the California Department of Education's Grade Change Application form. Please email the completed form to either Michelle Ditomaso at [michelle.ditomaso@rivervalleyhigh.org](mailto:michelle.ditomaso@rivervalleyhigh.org) or Brooke Faigin at [brooke.faigin@rivervalleyhigh.org](mailto:brooke.faigin@rivervalleyhigh.org). Please contact us if you would like more information about the flexibility outlined in the assembly bill.

