

records shall be maintained consistent with the classification of the record as either mandatory permanent learner record, mandatory interim learner record, or permitted learner record. The retention period for the records shall be as follows:

- Mandatory permanent learner records: Must be maintained for an indefinite period of time.
- Mandatory interim learner records: Unless forwarded to another school, must be maintained for a period of three (3) school years after the learner leaves the School or the usefulness of the record ceases. The mandatory interim learner record may be destroyed thereafter.
- Permitted learner records: May be destroyed when their usefulness ceases. They may be destroyed six (6) months after the learner completes or withdraws from the educational program and their usefulness ceases/

Learner records may be destroyed by shredding the records or by other means to assure complete destruction and to prevent any reconstruction of the records and disclosure of any personally identifiable information.

IV. Access to Learner Records

In accordance with state and federal laws, absolute access to any learner record shall be granted to:

1. Parents/guardians of students younger than age 18 years, including the parent who is not the student's custodial parent.
2. An adult learner, or a learner under the age of 18 years who attends a postsecondary institution, in which case the learner alone shall exercise rights related to the student's records and grant consent for the release of records.
3. Parents/guardians of an adult learner with disabilities who is age 18 years or older and has been declared incompetent under state law.

In addition, as permitted by law, certain individuals or agencies may have access to particular records that are relevant to their legitimate educational interest or other legally authorized purpose.

Requesting Learner Records

To inspect, review, or obtain copies of learner records, authorized persons shall submit a request to the Custodian of Records. For any individual granted access based on a legitimate educational interest, the request shall specify the interest involved. Within five business days following the date of request, the authorized person shall be granted access to inspect, review, and obtain copies of learner records during regular school hours.

When required by law, a student's parent/guardian or an adult learner shall provide written, signed, and dated consent before the School discloses the learner record. If the parent/guardian or adult learner refuses to provide written consent for the release of learner information, the

School shall not release the information, unless it is otherwise subject to release based on a court order or a lawful subpoena.

Access Logs

A log shall be maintained for each student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate educational interest of the requester. In every instance of inspection by persons who do not have assigned educational responsibility, the Custodian of Records shall make an entry in the log indicating the record inspected, the name of the person granted access, the reason access was granted, and the time and circumstances of inspection. The log shall be open to inspection only by the parent/guardian, adult learner, dependent adult learner, custodian of records, and certain state or federal officials specified in Education Code 49064.

Duplication of Learner Records

To provide copies of any learner record, the School may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual cost of providing the copies. No charge shall be made for providing up to two transcripts or up to two verifications of various records for any former learner. No charge shall be made to locate or retrieve any learner record.

V. Changes to Learner Records

Only a parent/guardian having legal custody of a learner or an adult learner may challenge the content of a record or offer a written response to a record. No additions or change shall be made to a student's record after high school graduation or permanent departure, other than routine updating, unless required by law or with prior consent of the parent/guardian or adult learner.

When a former learner submits a state-issued driver's license, birth certificate, passport, social security card, court order, or other government-issued documentation demonstrating that the former student's legal name and/or gender has changed, the School shall update the former student's records to reflect the updated legal name and/or gender. Upon request by the former learner, the School shall reissue any documents conferred upon the former learner, including, but not limited to, a transcript, a high school diploma, a high school equivalency certificate, or other similar documents. The School is not required to modify records that the former learner has not requested for modification or reissuance.

The documentation provided by a former pupil demonstrating legal name or gender change may include, but need not be limited to, any of the following:

1. State-issued driver's license.
2. Birth certificate.
3. Passport.
4. Social security card.
5. Court order indicating a name change or a gender change, or both.

If the former student's name or gender is changed and the requested records are reissued, a new document shall be added to the former student's file that includes all of the following information:

1. The date of the request
2. The date the requested records were reissued to the former learner
3. A list of the records that were requested by and reissued to the former learner
4. The type of documentation, if any, provided by the former learner to demonstrate a legal change to the student's name and/or gender
5. The name of the employee who completed the request
6. The current and former names and/or genders of the learner

Any former learner who submits a request to change the legal name or gender on the student's records but is unable to provide any government-issued documentation demonstrating the legal name or gender change, may request a name or gender change through the process described in Education Code 49070.