



**AP 5070 Attendance**

This procedure implements Board Policy 5070, as well as [§70901.5](#) of the California Education Code and [§58000](#) et seq of Title 5, California Code of Regulations to ensure accurate Attendance Accounting practices.

A. The District shall develop and adopt an academic calendar annually ([§55700](#)):

1. The calendar shall contain no less than 175 days during the fiscal year, shall identify and include holidays and other non-instructional days.
2. The calendar will include no less than 32 weeks of instruction (inclusive of days of final examination) and no fewer hours of instruction per unit of credit awarded (55002.5).
3. Adult or continuing education calendars may be scheduled differently than the college calendar due to facility use and program need.
4. Class hours will be scheduled in accordance with State regulations, regardless of the number of weeks in the session.

B. The District shall schedule classes in accordance with State regulations, including observance of the following attendance accounting methods and requirements ([§58003.1](#); [§58004](#)):

1. Census Week – credit classes that meet on a regular basis each week for a full semester (primary term); applicable only to fall and spring semesters. The enrollment count is taken on the Census date as determined by attendance accounting requirements.
2. Census Day – short-term credit classes which meet on a regular basis for at least 5 days but do not meet for a full semester (primary term). This includes classes held during summer sessions and Intersession. The enrollment count is taken on the census day which is 20% of the class meeting days, excluding holidays.
3. Positive Attendance – classes which do not meet on a regular basis or which operate on an open entry/open exit basis. Requires the collection and reporting of the actual hours of attendance of each student. The following classes are always positive attendance: in-service academy, non-credit, and apprenticeship.
4. Independent Study or Work Experience – classes which are identified as independent study or work experience during the curriculum approval process.

C. FTES reporting ([§58106](#), [§58051.5](#)):

1. All scheduled classes shall be advertised and open to the public unless special circumstances provide for an allowable restriction of enrollment in accordance with state regulation.



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2. In-service training courses in the areas of police, fire, corrections, and other criminal justice system occupations will conform to all apportionment attendance and course of study requirements imposed by law, and be fully open to the enrollment and participation of the public. Prerequisites for these courses shall not be established or construed so as to prevent academically qualified persons who are not employed by agencies in the criminal justice system from enrolling in and attending the courses.
  - a. Preference in enrollment may be given to persons who are employed by, or serving in a voluntary capacity with a fire protection or fire prevention agency in any course of in-service fire prevention agency or association.
  - b. In-service training courses which are restricted to employees of police, fire, corrections, and other criminal justice agencies, shall not report attendance for the restricted courses for purposes of state funding.
3. Scheduled classes where the full cost of instruction is paid by an organization, agency or third party may not be claimed for apportionment.

D. Faculty shall maintain accurate attendance records (§[58003.1](#); §[58006](#)):

- 1) Faculty shall take and record attendance at each regularly scheduled class meeting up to the census date for census week based (full-semester length) and census day based (short-term) classes.
- 2) All rosters must be cleared of inactive enrollment (drop students) as of the census deadline, which is the day before the census date (full semester classes) or census day (short-term classes). Faculty are required to submit documentation to certify enrollment and adjust the census roster as necessary to correct student records if the census deadline for a course is missed. Inactive enrollment is defined as:
  - a. "No shows" or
  - b. "Is no longer attending or actively participating" such as students who have
  - c. accumulated excessive unexcused absences.
- 3) Instructors of distance education classes, especially those that are 100% online, must incorporate drop policies into their syllabus that include the following:
  - a. Students enrolled in online classes must meet a standard of participation to be considered actively enrolled by regularly logging in and actively participating in the course, or they may be considered inactive and may thus be dropped by the instructor.
  - b. Specific assignments within an online course can act as attendance or student activity indicators. If the assignment or activity is not completed



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by a given date, then a student may be considered inactive and may be dropped. Attendance assignments or student activity indicators will be determined by individual instructors.

- 4) Faculty may include a statement in the course syllabus to the effect that it is the student's responsibility to drop or withdraw from the class; however, this does not alleviate the faculty member from the requirement to clear his/her roster of inactive enrollments as of the census deadline of each course.
- 5) Final grades may be affected by attendance to the extent that the instructor has included attendance, noted as participation, in the "method by which the final grade is determined," and has provided this information in the class syllabus.
- 6) Faculty may excuse absences when the absence results from illness, accident, other circumstances beyond the student's control, or participation in authorized professional or college activities
- 7) All drops (administrative, instructor or student initiated) shall be recorded in the same manner.
- 8) Students remaining in a class beyond the published withdrawal deadline as stated in the class schedule will receive an evaluative grade.
- 9) Faculty will be required to enter the last date of attendance for all students who receive F or NP grades.

E. Positive Attendance Courses ([§58005](#); [§58006](#)):

1. Faculty shall record the actual attendance hours of each student for each class meeting for positive attendance classes. The records must be in a legible manner that can be clearly interpreted by others. The attendance records must be submitted to the division office and/or the Admissions and Records Office.
2. Where a class has both scheduled meeting times and hours by arrangement, faculty shall record the attendance hours of each student for both the scheduled meeting times and the hours by arrangement, and shall document the instructional activities that take place during the hours by arrangement.

F. Open-Entry/Open-Exit Courses ([§58164](#); [§58006](#)):

Students may enroll multiple times in unit open-entry/open-exit courses meeting the requirements of [§58164](#). The enrollments are limited to the number of times necessary for the student to complete the entire curriculum of the course one time as described in the corresponding course outline of record.

Except in four circumstances, a student may not enroll more than one time (repeat) in each portion of a course offered for unit on an open-entry/open exit basis. ([§55044\(a\)](#))



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The four circumstances in which a student may repeat a portion of the course are as follows:

1. the course is required for legally mandated training;
2. the course is a special class for students with disabilities;
3. extenuating circumstances, or;
4. alleviation of substandard work.

Active participatory courses in physical education, visual arts, and performing arts are not permitted to be repeated pursuant to this section even if they are offered on a unit open-entry/open-exit basis.