

Assembly Bill 104 Information

On Thursday, July 1, 2021, Governor Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 104](#) into law, and we'd like to provide you with important information on how this legislation may relate to your student. The bill contained three major provisions: retention, grading, and graduation policies.

Below you will find information about each provision:

Retention:

In preparation for the 2021-22 school year, students will be eligible for a retention consultation *if they received deficient grades for at least one-half of their coursework* in 2020-21 and their parents are interested in holding them back a grade level. Deficient grades include grades of D, F, or No Pass. This temporary retention policy is in addition to any existing district retention policies. Students who were in 12th grade in 2020-21 are not eligible.

Parents/guardians of eligible students must request the retention consultation in writing. Districts then have 30 calendar days to hold the consultation and 10 calendar days after that meeting to issue a final decision. A request for retention does not guarantee that your child will be retained.

How to Request Retention Consultation

If you would like to request a retention consultation for your "eligible pupil" (a pupil who has received deficient grades for at least one-half of the pupil's coursework in the 2020-21 academic year), please follow these steps:

1. Contact Russell DeWalt, Principal, at rdewalt@edcoe.org and request a consultation.
2. You will be contacted and a consultation meeting will be held within 30 calendar days after submitting your request

Grade Changes

AB 104 also permits parents of students who were in high school in 2020-21 (or the student, if they have turned 18) to request letter grades for last year be changed to Pass/No Pass on transcripts. The new law requires CSU, and encourages UC and private postsecondary institutions, to accept those grade designations without prejudice.

Part of that legislation allowed for high school families to request, within a 15 day window, for any grade in the 2020-21 school year to be converted from a letter grade to a "Pass/No Pass" grade.

The window to make these requests will close on August 24, 2021. The link to the form to complete is located [here](#). Once the form is completed, please email to rhawley@edcoe.org or mail to: Rite of Passage Charter High School, 6767 Green Valley Rd., Placerville, CA 95667.

Graduation Policies

AB 104 exempts 2020-21 juniors and seniors from high school graduation requirements beyond statewide requirements if they are not on track to graduate in four years and requires school districts to provide opportunities for juniors and seniors to meet statewide graduation requirements through, among other avenues, a fifth year of high school.

Please contact Rite of Passage Charter High School (pcarr@edcoe.org) with any additional questions you may have.