



On Thursday, July 1, 2021, Governor Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 104](#) into law. The bill contains three major provisions: retention, grading, and graduation policies. Below you will find information about each provision and how it may impact your student.

Grading

AB 104 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. Please use the links below to request grade changes by **August 17th** and review the information regarding college acceptances of pass/no pass grades. Please note that some postsecondary institutions, including those in other states, may not accept a Pass or No Pass grade for admissions.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gc/ps/documents/gradechange20form.pdf>

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gc/ps/ab104surveyresults.asp>

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.

Graduation

AB104 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. You will be advised how this affects your 12th grade student by the SOUL counseling office.

Please contact Rena Failla, Guidance Counselor Coordinator with any additional questions you may have regarding AB104. (559) 500-0961