



## **Assembly Bill 104 – Student Retention**

Hello Students and Families of Live Oak Unified,

California Assembly Bill [AB 104](#) provides families a supplemental policy regarding the retention of pupils who, in the 2020–21 academic year, earned deficient grades, as specified, for at least 1/2 of the pupil’s coursework. For elementary students, a deficient grade is considered “significantly below standards” in several areas as noted on the report card. At the secondary level, a deficient grade is a D or F. The bill requires school districts within 30 calendar days of receiving a written retention consultation request from a parent, to conduct the consultation with the parent, the pupil, the administrator, and a teacher to discuss all available learning recovery options. These options may include access to retake prior semester courses or an entire grade level where the student received the deficient grades, and other interventions and supports. The school or district must notify the parent/guardian within 10 calendar days of the consultation of their final decision regarding the retention request.

Parents and guardians should note that research on retention declares that it “does not produce higher achievement” according to the California Department of Education. Further, pupil retention is one of the few interventions shown to have a negative effect on learning.

To request a consultation for retention for a student in grades K-12, please provide a written notice or complete the form. The form should then be sent to your child’s school principal.

### **Once a written request has been submitted, families can expect the following:**

- Meeting to occur within 30 days of the request.
- Retention decision and parent notification must occur within 10 days of the consultation.

### **Consultation will include the following:**

- Interventions available to the student or credit recovery opportunities
- Academic data
- Whether or not retention is in the best interest of the student either academically or socially
- Research on the effects of pupil retention

**Submit retention request at the school site or through email.**

<b>School</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Principal Email</b>
Encinal Elementary School	Michelle Smith	msmith@lousd.k12.ca.us
Luther Elementary	Parveen Bains	pbains@lousd.k12.ca.us
Live Oak Middle	Parm Virk	pvirk@lousd.k12.ca.us
Live Oak Alternative School	Randy VonBargen	jvonbargen@lousd.k12.ca.us
Live Oak High School	Tony Walton	awalton@lousd.k12.ca.us

If you have additional questions, please email the Superintendent, Mat Gulbrandsen (mgulbrandsen@lousd.k12.ca.us).