Over 2,000 bills are introduced in the California Legislature each year. Of these, about half reach the Governor’s desk, and even fewer actually make it into law. Here is our short guide to what happened to bills related to education in 2018.  Compiled from Ed100.org by Anne Vida for Los Al PTA Council website.

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| Selected Education-related Bills: What happened? |
| Protection for English Learners | [English learners](https://ed100.org/lessons/english) enrolled in middle or high school can’t be denied enrollment in core courses. [AB 2735](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2735) |
| Family Engagement Expanded in LCAP | Sponsored by our friends at the California State PTA, [AB 2878](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2878) adds research-based Family Engagement practices that local districts can use in their LCAP. This includes, for example, engaging in effective two-way communication, supporting pupil success, and empowering families to advocate for equity and access.[Learn more about [Family Engagement](https://ed100.org/lessons/parents) and the [LCAP](https://ed100.org/lessons/local) on [Ed100.org](http://ed100.org/)] |
| Goodbye, For-Profit Charter Schools | The governor and the legislature said, “So Long For-Profit Charter Schools” with [AB 406](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB406), which bans [charter schools](https://ed100.org/lessons/charterschools) from being managed *as* for-profit companies or *by* for-profit companies. |
| Support for Dual Language Immersion | Biliteracy got a small boost with [AB 2514](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2514), which creates a grant program for ten schools to establish and expand [dual language immersion](https://ed100.org/lessons/languages) programs, developmental bilingual programs, and early learning dual language learners programs. |
| Kids and School Debts | Public schools now may not bill a student or former student for a debt owed to the school. They also can’t take action against that student, for example, by denying a transcript or limiting participation in school activities. This does not prohibit schools from collecting a debt from parents (though use of a debt collector is also prohibited.) [AB 1974](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1974) |
| Deported Students and High School Diplomas | High schools may retroactively grant a diploma to students whose education was disrupted by deportation, but who were on track to graduate. [AB 3022](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3022) |

**Student Health and Safety**

This was a big year for bills to protect [student health and safety](https://ed100.org/lessons/health) as scary headlines about shootings, suicide, human trafficking and lead in the water dominated the news cycles.

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| Bills Related to Student Health and Safety |
| Suicide Prevention | Middle and high schools must print suicide prevention hotline numbers and text crisis hotlines on the back of student identification cards per [SB 972](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB972). Schools must review their suicide prevention policies at least every five years and update them as needed. [AB 2639](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2639)[Learn more about [suicide prevention](https://ed100.org/blog/suicide-prevention) on [Ed100.org](http://ed100.org/)] |
| Human Trafficking | School districts must ensure that all pupils in grades seven to 12 receive information on how social media and mobile device applications are used for human trafficking. [AB 186](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1861). School districts and charter schools must work with their schools serving students in grades 6-12 to identify methods of informing parents of human trafficking prevention resources. [SB 1104](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1104) |
| Pupil Restraints | Schools now have new limits on the use of behavioral restraints and student seclusion. [AB 2657](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2657)[Learn more about [discipline](https://ed100.org/lessons/discipline) on [Ed100.org](http://ed100.org/)] |
| Food in Schools | Schools in the federal School Breakfast program can get more funding to provide more students with a universal school breakfast. [AB 304](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3043)A bill to require a charter school to provide each needy pupil with one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each school day was signed by the Governor. (The second time’s a charm on this one. A similar bill was vetoed by the same Governor several years ago.) [AB 1871](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1871). [Learn more about [food in charter schools](https://ed100.org/blog/charter-food) on [Ed100.org](http://ed100.org/)] |
| Pregnant and Parenting Pupils | Pregnant and parenting students got expanded rights, regardless of sex, to eight weeks of parental leave. [AB 2289](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2289). |
| Pupil Mental Health Services | Notices to pupils and parents/guardians on how to access pupil mental health services on campus or in the community are required at least twice a year. [AB 2022](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2022) |
| Lead Testing | There are new requirements for child care centers to [test drinking water](https://edsource.org/2018/new-california-law-requires-day-care-centers-to-test-for-lead-in-water/603156) for lead. [AB 2370](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2370) |
| School Safety Plans | Schools have to develop a comprehensive school safety plan and train staff, including procedures for tactical responses to criminal events such as active shooter incidents. [AB 1747](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1747) |
| Cyber Bullying | New policy requires schools to adopt procedures to prevent bullying, including cyberbullying. [AB 2291](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2291)[Learn more about [school climate and discipline](https://ed100.org/lessons/discipline) on [Ed100.org](http://ed100.org/)] |
| Door Locks | Facility modernization projects must provide for schools to include locks that allow classrooms doors to to be locked from the inside. [AB 3205](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3205) |
| Defibrillators  | School districts and charters that participate in interscholastic athletics must have at least one automatic external defibrillator, or AED, at each school site. [AB 2009](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2009) |
| Sex Education | Charter schools now have to ensure that all pupils in grades 7 to 12 receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education. [AB 2601](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2601)[Learn more about [sex education](https://ed100.org/blog/sex-education)on [Ed100.org](http://ed100.org/)] |

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