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By Law Teachers May Suspend Students from Class

Education Code 48910 states that a teacher may suspend any pupil from the teacher's class, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, **for the day of the suspension and the day following**. This includes "willful defiance" as a reason to suspend from the class. AB 420 Dickinson excludes "willful defiance" as a reason to expel a student; however it does not exclude the reason for suspension by the teacher or by the district.

The teacher shall immediately report the suspension to the principal of the school and send the pupil to the principal or the principal's designee for appropriate action. If that action requires the continued presence of the pupil at the school site, the pupil shall be under appropriate supervision, as defined in policies and related regulations adopted by the governing board of the school district. As soon as possible, the teacher shall ask the parent or guardian of the pupil to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. Whenever practicable, a school counselor or a school psychologist shall attend the conference. A school administrator shall attend the conference if the teacher or the parent or guardian so requests.

The pupil shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was suspended, during the period of the suspension, without the concurrence of the teacher of the class and the principal.

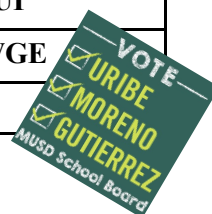
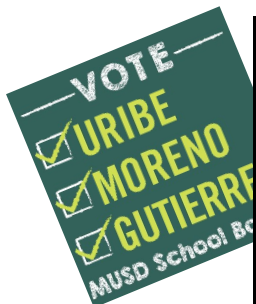
A pupil suspended from a class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of suspension. However, if the pupil is assigned to more than one class per day this subdivision shall apply only to other regular classes scheduled at the same time as the class from which the pupil was suspended.



Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez was a featured panelist at the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory Pre-Summit Event September 8 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. Pictured above from left to right: CTA President Eric Heins, Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez (MGE), and John David Synder, ED of Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy Education. The title of the presentation was "What does good collaboration look like?"

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Tuesday	October 2	CIS	Tuesday	October 23	MHS
Wednesday	October 3	SUE/AE	Wednesday	October 24	BGH
Tuesday	October 9	GWE	Thursday	October 25	PHE
Wednesday	October 10	RPS	Monday	October 29	SUI
Thursday	October 11	WAE	Tuesday	October 30	WGE
Tuesday	October 16	MOI			



Phone banks open after the Board Day and close at 8 p.m.

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Eddie Garcia Selected to Advance to State Teacher of the Year Competition

Los Angeles County's top 16 public school teachers for this academic year were presented by County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo during the annual Teachers of the Year banquet held Sept. 21.

The event was organized by the Los Angeles County Office of Education to honor the 61 teachers of the year representing 57 participating districts from throughout the county.

The judging panels chose the top 16 to represent the profession's "best of the best" from among the 72,000 Los Angeles County teachers. They are comprised of 13 women and 3 men and represent 15 districts. **Montebello Unified School District Teacher of the Year Eddie Garcia (BVE) was selected as one of the 16 teachers to advance to the State level competition.**

Now in its 37th year, the Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year competition is the largest in the state and is part of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honors contest for school teachers. The number of county top teachers -- 16 -- is determined by program rules based on the total number of teachers in the county.

The top 16 advance, with other county teachers of the year from around the state, to the California Teachers of the Year competition. The state is scheduled to announce its five co-winners later this year. But only one of those state co-winners will be chosen to represent California in the National Teacher of the Year event next spring.

The Los Angeles County competition called for essays, lesson plans, resumes, letters of reference and interviews. At all levels, Teacher of the Year events are designed to focus public attention on teaching excellence, and to honor educators who have demonstrated exemplary dedication, compelling classroom practices, positive accomplishments and professional commitment.



Eddie Garcia is pictured on the far left, bottom row. Each of the top 16 Los Angeles County teachers received \$1000 from the California Credit Union as well as recognition from elected officials.