

Los Angeles Leadership Academy Frequently Asked Questions AB104- Retention and Grade Changes

Summary

[Assembly Bill \(AB\)104](#), a newly enacted state law, has two major pieces related to high school students.

1. For the 2021–22 academic year, this bill requires a school district, to implement a supplemental policy regarding the retention of pupils who, in the 2020–21 academic year, received deficient grades, as specified, for at least ½ of the pupil's coursework, except for pupils enrolled in grade 12 during the 2020–21 academic year.
2. This bill also authorizes the option to change the letter grade for any course to a Pass or No Pass grade on the pupil's transcript.

How will parents/students be notified?

Los Angeles Leadership Academy is required to, and will, post this information on their website. Additionally, an email will be sent to all parents and students district-wide notifying them of their rights to receive a consultation regarding grade recovery options.

Timelines for Retention and Pass/No Pass Grade Change Requests

For questions regarding **retention**:

- A consultation shall occur within 30 calendar days of receiving the written request for a consultation. A written request for retention must be submitted to Principal Sonia Del Pino or Counselor Jeffery Chipix.

Who will provide the **retention** consultation and what is required?

A consultation must be held be with the **parent**, the **pupil**, the **administrator**, and a **teacher**, and is required to include:

- Discussion of all available learning recovery options.
- Research on the effects of retention and the benefits of particular interventions and supports.
- Consideration of the pupil's academic data.
- Any other information relevant to whether retention is in the pupil's best interests, academically and socially.

For questions regarding **Pass/No Pass grade changes**:

- Parents have **15 calendar days** from the date of notification email (August 27, 2021) and website posting to submit a written consultation request.
- Los Angeles Leadership Academy will change the transcript and notify parents of the change **within 15 calendar days** of the consultation.
- Requests for a grade change received more than 15 calendar days after Los Angeles Leadership Academy posting the information *may not be accepted*, per statute. The OPUSD deadline for grade change requests is August 27, 2021.

What are the available recovery options at Los Angeles Leadership Academy School?

- **Repeat the course** - The deficient grade remains on the transcript, but grade point is 0.0 and the repeated course grade point is used.
- **Change the deficient grade to “Pass”** with a grade point of 0/0 (this means that it will not figure in the calculation of the gpa).
- **Maintain the deficient grade and take another course** to satisfy graduation requirements and/or A-G requirements.

How will a “Pass” affect the GPA?

It will not affect the GPA because the grade point will be 0.0.

How will a “Pass” affect college applications?

As of 07/26/21 the following colleges have agreed for the 2020-2021 through 2023-2024 school year to accept for admission purposes, a transcript with a Pass or No Pass grade instead of a letter grade. Please note that this list may change as other institutions agree to accept Pass or No Pass grades without prejudice:

California State University Schools:

- California State University, Bakersfield
- California State University Channel Islands
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- Humboldt State University
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University Maritime Academy
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Northridge
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Sacramento
- California State University, San Bernardino
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San José State University
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- California State University San Marcos
- Sonoma State University
- California State University, Stanislaus

University of California (UC) Schools:

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine

- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

Private Universities:

- Saint Mary's College of California
- Holy Names University
- Pitzer College
- University of La Verne
- Westmont College
- Santa Clara University
- University of Saint Katherine
- University of Southern California
- ArtCenter College of Design
- California Baptist University
- University of San Francisco
- La Sierra University
- Mount Saint Mary's University

Additional college admission points to consider:

- A “Pass” on a transcript that includes letter grades will likely be an indicator that the pupil received a deficient grade.
- Colleges and universities outside of California may or may not accept a “pass” on a transcript for admission purposes and it may also affect GPA recalculations at some institutions.
- A “Pass” on a transcript may not be sufficient for certain majors a student is applying for within the college application.
- At this time there is no mention of how a “Pass” would affect scholarships and merit aid.