



**Legislative Update
August 9, 2021**

AB 104 Gonzalez) Pupil Retention

This month, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 104 into law. The bill contained three major provisions: retention, grading, and graduation policies.

Components of the bill include:

- A process for students who were enrolled in grades K-11 for the 2020-2021 year to request to repeat the last grade
- A process for high school students to change eligible grades to Pass/No Pass.
- Exemption from district graduation requirements for students in grades 11 or 12 who were not on track to graduate

[A summary of the bill is available here.](#)

AB 130

Earlier this month, Assembly Bill (AB) 130 was signed into law, requiring school districts to offer students an independent study option for the 2021-2022 school year, such as the “Option B” program created by MVLA last year to provide students and families an online independent study option during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be offering it again in the 2021-2022 school year.

Some key points to note:

Option B is asynchronous learning in an independent study format that requires students to have the self-discipline and motivation to work successfully independently.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Option B students and families must agree to a weekly synchronous instruction period.

Students enrolled in Option B will not take any classes at the site high school; this includes music classes, Freestyle, journalism/newspaper, AVID, etc.

If you are interested in enrolling in Option B, please read through the following documents to better understand the program and before completing the application.

- [What is Option B?](#)
- [Option B FAQs](#)

If you would like to enroll in Option B, [please click here to fill out the application.](#)