

ITEM#: 2
DATE: October 10, 2017

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: **Resolution #17-24**
 Week of the School Administrator

BACKGROUND:

In observance of the importance of educational leadership at the school, school district, and county levels, the State of California has declared the second full week in the month of October of each year shall be designated as “Week of the School Administrator” Education Code 44015.1

STATUS:

Schools, school districts, and county superintendents of schools are encouraged to observe the week with public recognition of the contribution that school administrators make to successful pupil achievement. District administration has prepared and recommends approval of Resolution #17-24.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal IV – STAFF NEEDS

Attract and retain diverse, knowledgeable, dedicated employees who are skilled and supported in their commitment to provide quality education for our students.

Board Focus Goal VI – CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Create and promote programs that support, reward and incentivize employees to perform at exceptional levels for the benefit of our students.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #17-24 Week of the School Administrator.

RESOLUTION OF THE RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION No. 17-24
WEEK OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

WHEREAS, LEADERSHIP MATTERS FOR CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THE MORE THAN 6 MILLION STUDENTS IT SERVES;

WHEREAS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ARE PASSIONATE, LIFELONG LEARNERS WHO BELIEVE IN THE VALUE OF QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND

WHEREAS, THE TITLE "SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR" IS A BROAD TERM USED TO DEFINE MANY EDUCATION LEADERSHIP POSTS. SUPERINTENDENTS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, SPECIAL EDUCATION AND ADULT EDUCATION LEADERS, CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT LEADERS, SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS, CLASSIFIED EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, AND OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ARE CONSIDERED ADMINISTRATORS; AND

WHEREAS, PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS IS PARAMOUNT FOR THE PROFESSION; AND

WHEREAS, MOST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS BEGAN THEIR CAREERS AS TEACHERS. THE AVERAGE ADMINISTRATOR HAS SERVED IN PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. MOST OF CALIFORNIA'S SUPERINTENDENTS HAVE SERVED IN EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. SUCH EXPERIENCE IS BENEFICIAL IN THEIR WORK TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY LEAD PUBLIC EDUCATION AND IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATE WITH LEAN MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. ACROSS THE NATION, PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOY FEWER MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS THAN MOST PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR INDUSTRIES INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, FOOD SERVICE, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLISHING AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION; AND

WHEREAS, SCHOOL LEADERS DEPEND ON A NETWORK OF SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMUNITIES — FELLOW ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BOARD TRUSTEES, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY STAFF AND RESOURCES — TO PROMOTE ONGOING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESS; AND

WHEREAS, RESEARCH SHOWS GREAT SCHOOLS ARE LED BY GREAT PRINCIPALS, AND GREAT DISTRICTS ARE LED BY GREAT SUPERINTENDENTS. THESE SITE LEADERS ARE SUPPORTED BY EXTENSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORKS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS DECLARED THE SECOND FULL WEEK OF OCTOBER AS THE "WEEK OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR" IN EDUCATION CODE 44015.1; AND

WHEREAS, THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM DEPENDS UPON THE QUALITY OF ITS LEADERSHIP; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ALL SCHOOL LEADERS BE COMMENDED FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE TO SUCCESSFUL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 10TH OF OCTOBER 2017 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

NANCY BROWNELL, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

SUZANNA GEORGE, CLERK OF THE BOARD

Rescue Union School District

10.2.17

	GREEN VALLEY	JACKSON	LAKE FOREST	LAKEVIEW	RESCUE	MARINA VILLAGE	PLEASANT GROVE	Tot.
TR. KDG	17	21	15	18	20	0	0	91
KDG.*	63	67	50	73	76	0	0	329
FIRST	65	71	69	77	67	0	0	349
SECOND	63	61	57	82	71	0	0	334
THIRD	78	79	67	84	73	0	0	381
FOURTH	63	76	64	107	69	0	0	379
FIFTH	69	71	103	107	71	0	0	421
SIXTH	0	0	0	0	0	251	185	436
SEVENTH	0	0	0	0	0	245	155	400
EIGHTH	0	0	0	0	0	272	201	473
SDC		15					14	
*COOL School						6		6
TOTAL	418	461	425	548	447	768	555	3632
Ending 16-17	456	470	470	577	470	773	556	3766
Difference	-38	-9	-45	-29	-23	-5	-1	-134

**Low Housing Projection 2017-18	Variance
100	-9
389	-60
348	1
349	-15
362	19
363	16
393	28
393	43
348	52
438	35
0	29
0	6
3483	149

*COOL School numbers are not counted in individual school counts only in district total

**Projected enrollment is from Table 10 of the Demographic Study

NPS 4

ENROLLMENT HISTORY

	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
2017/2018	NA	3624	3632								
2016/2017	3723	3709	3723	3731	3734	3774	3792	3792	3786	3794	3766
2015/2016	3666	3658	3673	3673	3676	3686	3707	3717	3734	3740	3733
2014/2015	3690	3697	3699	3702	3712	3735	3753	3771	3772	3775	N/A
2013/2014	3797	3775	3770	3776	3774	3797	3804	3821	3823	3825	N/A
2012/2013	3889	3902	3895	3900	3893	3885	3912	3919	3920	3929	N/A
2011/2012	3984	3984	3989	3995	3995	4002	4019	4024	4032	4038	N/A
2010/2011	4124	4088	4070	4071	4074	4083	4092	4099	4097	4095	N/A
2009/2010	4173	4123	4115	4116	4113	4119	4122	4121	4112	4115	4110
2008/2009	4176	4105	4104	4106	4115	4110	4095	4091	4097	4099	4117
2007/2008	4093	4079	4090	4094	4091	4097	4110	4096	4101	4085	4082
2006/2007	3916	3905	3918	3927	3934	3933	3952	3967	3964	3972	3973
2005/2006	3777	3771	3788	3776	3768	3784	3780	3783	3786	3785	3785

Diff 2016-2017 2017-2018 0 -85 -91

Avg Diff -85 -88

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: Collaborative Opportunities for Online Learning – C.O.O.L. School Update

BACKGROUND:

The C.O.O.L. School, which stands for Collaborative Opportunities for Online Learning, is a public, tuition-free independent study program offered through the Rescue Union School District. The C.O.O.L. School offers an innovative, 21st century learning experience where students have the opportunity to complete coursework online, at home. All curriculum is aligned to the California State Standards. Students enroll full-time in one of three flexible learning options involving choices of online coursework, face-to-face instruction and traditional independent study. The blended learning model combines virtual learning with face-to-face instruction and allows students rich socialization experiences.

STATUS:

Currently, six students are being served in the C.O.O.L. School. Bruce Peters, the administrator overseeing the program, will deliver an update on the status of the C.O.O.L. School.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal I – STUDENT NEEDS:

- B. Curriculum and Instruction: Provide a meaningful, innovative learning environment using Common Core, and other student content standards and researched-based, progressive, effective instructional methodology, instructional materials, staff development and technology that will ensure student success in career and college.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board receives Mr. Peter's report on the C.O.O.L. School.

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Update

BACKGROUND:

In the spring of 2017, students in grades 3-8 took part in the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment to measure their ability to demonstrate and apply knowledge associated with the California State Standards. Assessments included computer adaptive tests and performance tasks in the areas of English language arts and mathematics. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 were assessed in the area of science, taking a pilot of the California Science Test CAST). This new test is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards, and because the CAST is still being piloted across the state, results for this assessment will not be returned to students, schools, or to the district.

STATUS:

Student Score Reports (SSRs), as well as aggregate and disaggregated scores for the district and school sites, have been reviewed by administrators and teachers. School and grade level teams are now developing action plans to strategically target academic areas based on student performance down to the claim level. Comparisons are also being made between current results, last year's results, and the results from 2015 to determine areas of strength and areas for growth.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Board receive test results for the 2017 administration of the Smarter Balanced assessments.

2017



Smarter Balanced Assessment Results

A Presentation for the RUSD Board of Trustees
October 10, 2017

Important Considerations

- The Smarter Balanced Assessment is but one of many measurements that we use to assess student growth.
- The Smarter Balanced Assessments:
 - are aligned to **more rigorous standards**,
 - require students to **think more critically**, and
 - contain **in-depth performance tasks** rather than multiple choice questions.
- The Smarter Balanced Assessment results are not intended to directly compare schools. Each school is somewhat unique in the programs it operates and the students it serves.

Student Achievement Levels for ELA and Math:

Standard Exceeded: Advanced progress toward mastery.

Standard Met: Progress toward mastery.

Standard Nearly Met: May require further development to demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.

Standard Not Met: Needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed for likely success in future coursework.

CAASPP Results Web Site



Test Results for
English Language Arts/Literacy
and Mathematics



About

Smarter Balanced Assessments

California Alternate Assessments

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Test Results

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Search Smarter Balanced Test Results

Administered to students in grades 3–8 and grade 11.

California Statewide Test Results

[View Statewide Results](#)

County, District, or School Search Test Results

County:

Select County...

District (includes [Direct Funded Charter Schools](#)):

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School:

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Important Note

The initial public reporting release includes test records processed as of July 7, 2016. The results will be updated in the fall.

Test results for individual students are available only to parents/guardians and may be obtained only from the schools and districts where students were tested. Individual student results are not available on the Internet nor from the California Department of Education.

Complete statewide, county, district and school CAASPP results are available on the CDE Web page at <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2017/Search>.

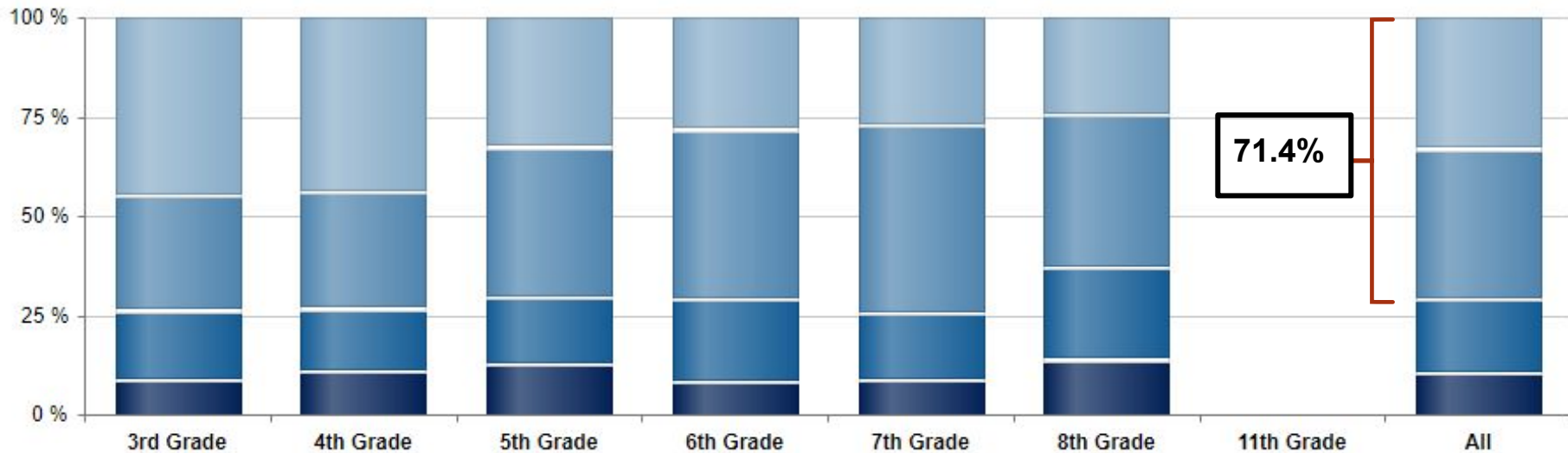
Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for District



Overall Results for the Rescue Union School District

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



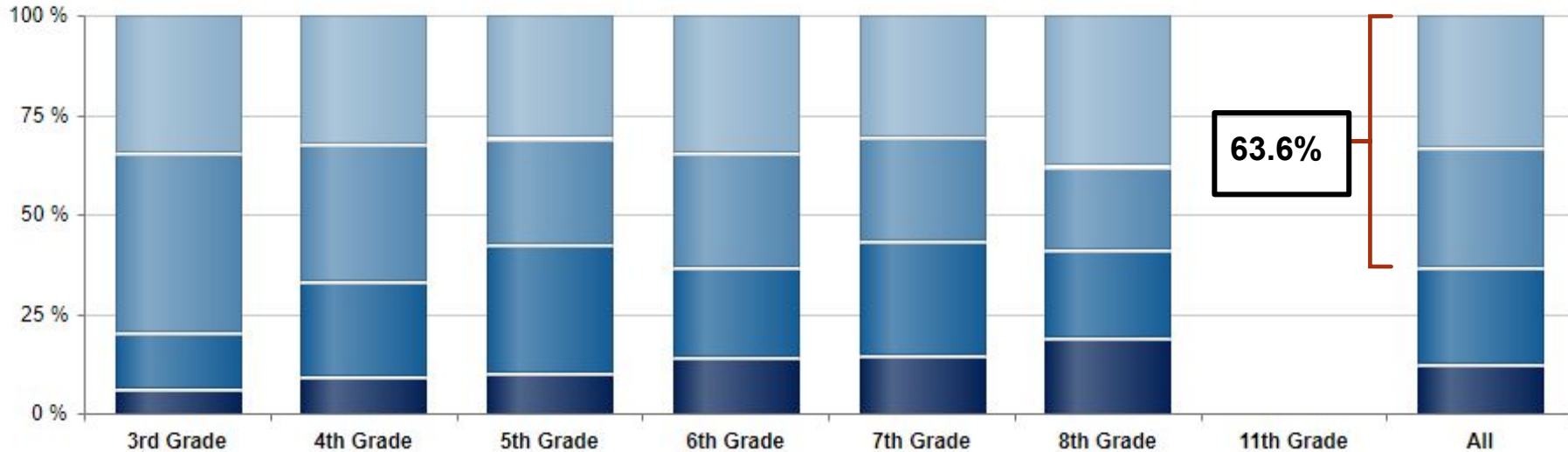
71.4%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 71%
2015 - 67%

Overall Results for the Rescue Union School District

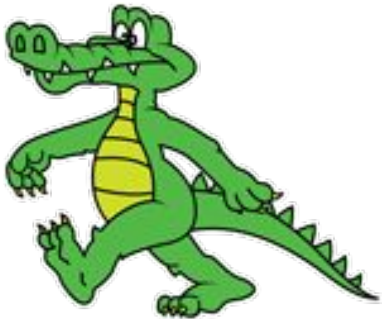
MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution



% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 63%
2015 - 63%

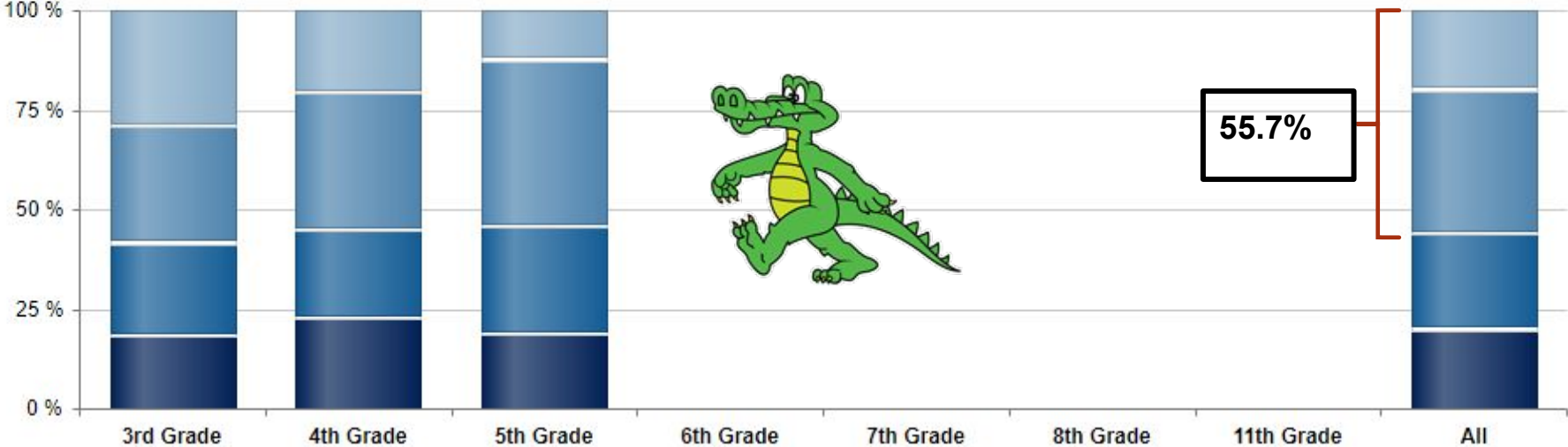
Smarter Balanced Assessment Results by School



Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Green Valley School (ELA)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



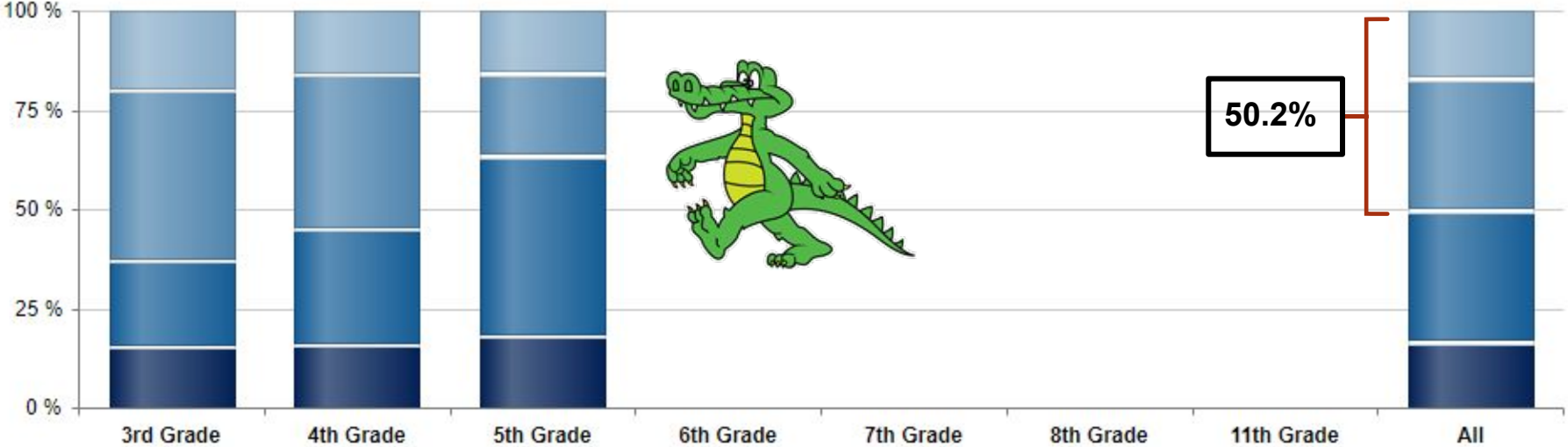
55.7%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 57%
2015 - 55%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Green Valley School (Math)

MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution



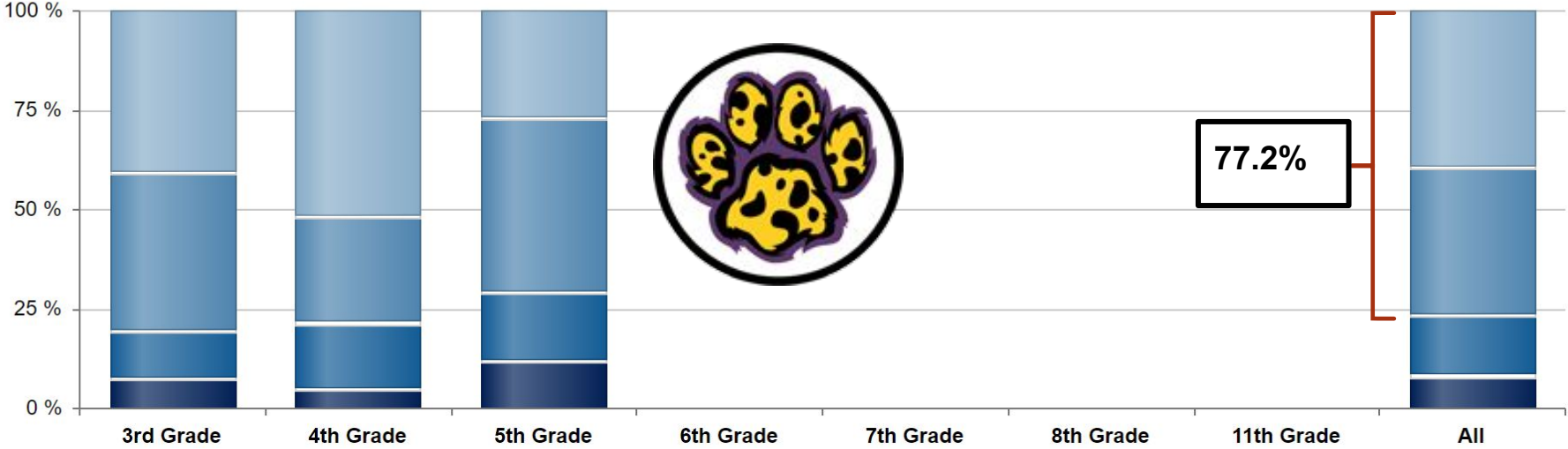
50.2%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 46%
2015 - 49%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Jackson School (ELA)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



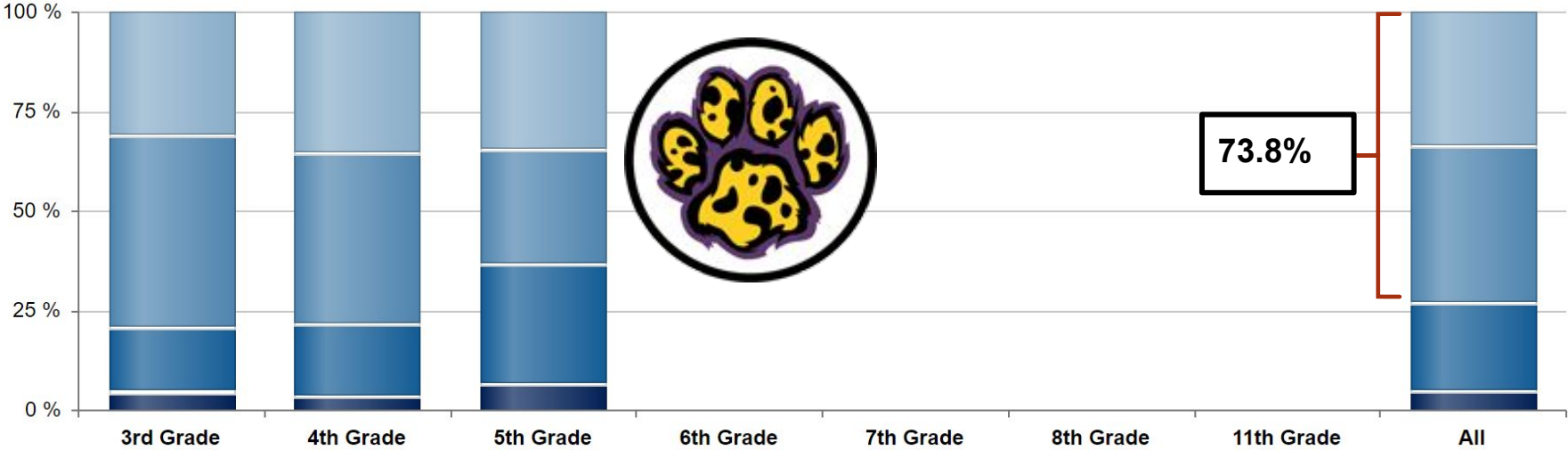
77.2%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 73%
2015 - 65%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Jackson School (Math)

MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution



73.8%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 68%
2015 - 68%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Lake Forest (ELA)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



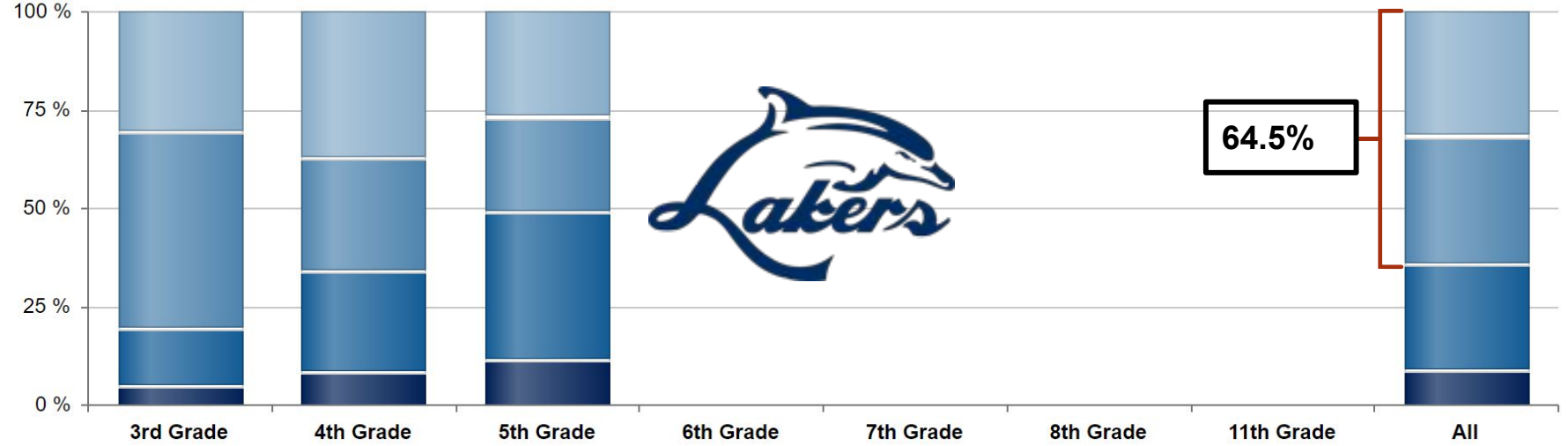
71.4%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 83%
2015 - 73%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Lake Forest (Math)

MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution



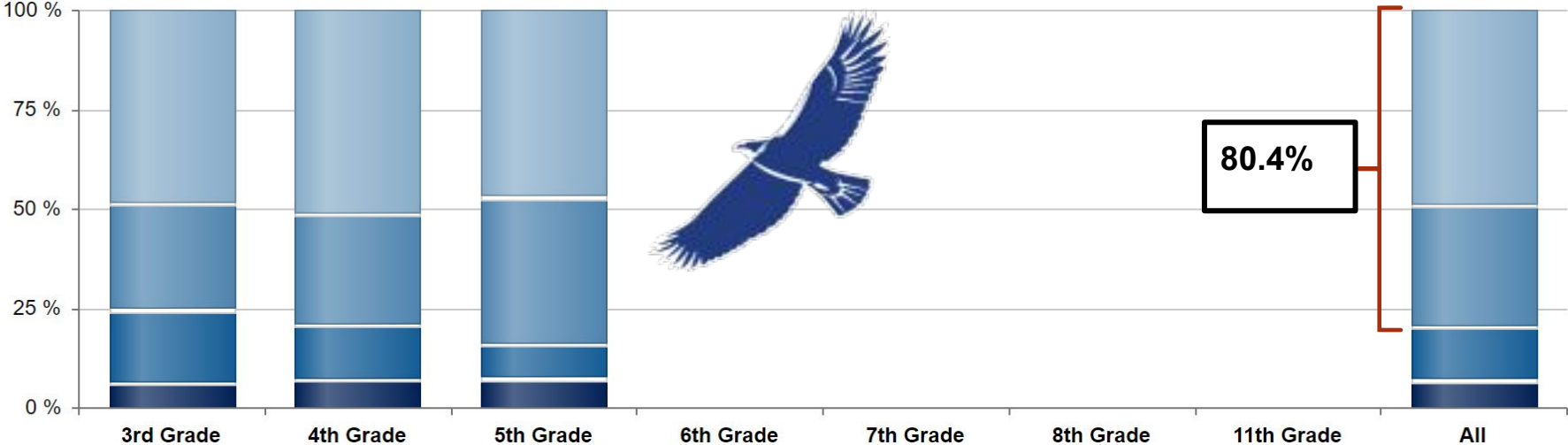
64.5%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 74%
2015 - 69%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Lakeview (ELA)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



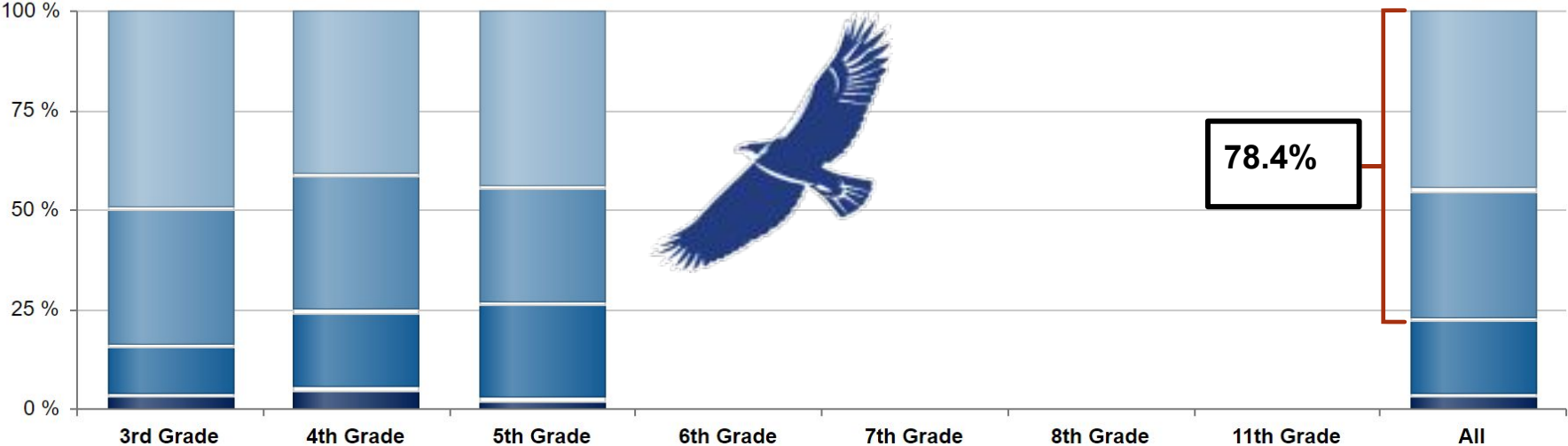
80.4%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 79%
2015 - 63%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Lakeview (Math)

MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution

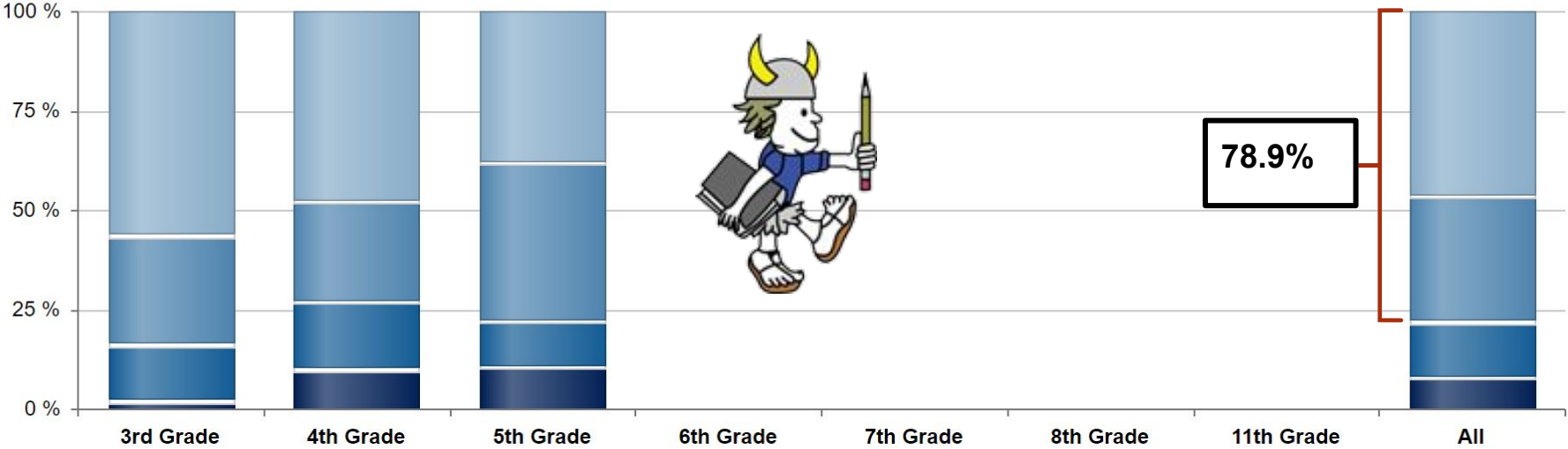


% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 75%
2015 - 68%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Rescue School (ELA)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



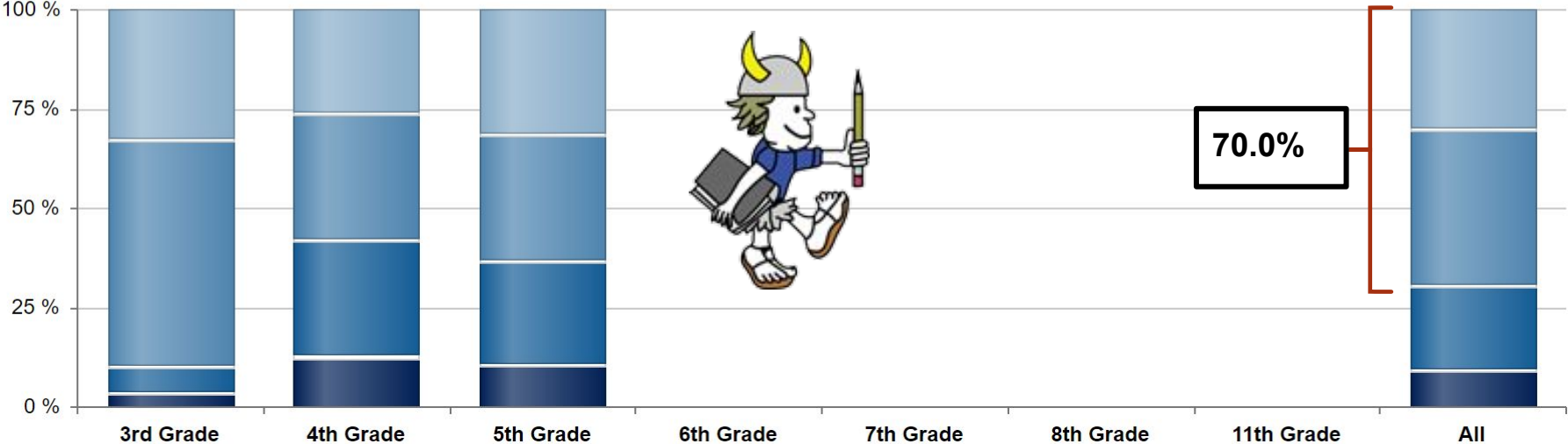
78.9%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 77%
2015 - 69%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Rescue School (Math)

MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution



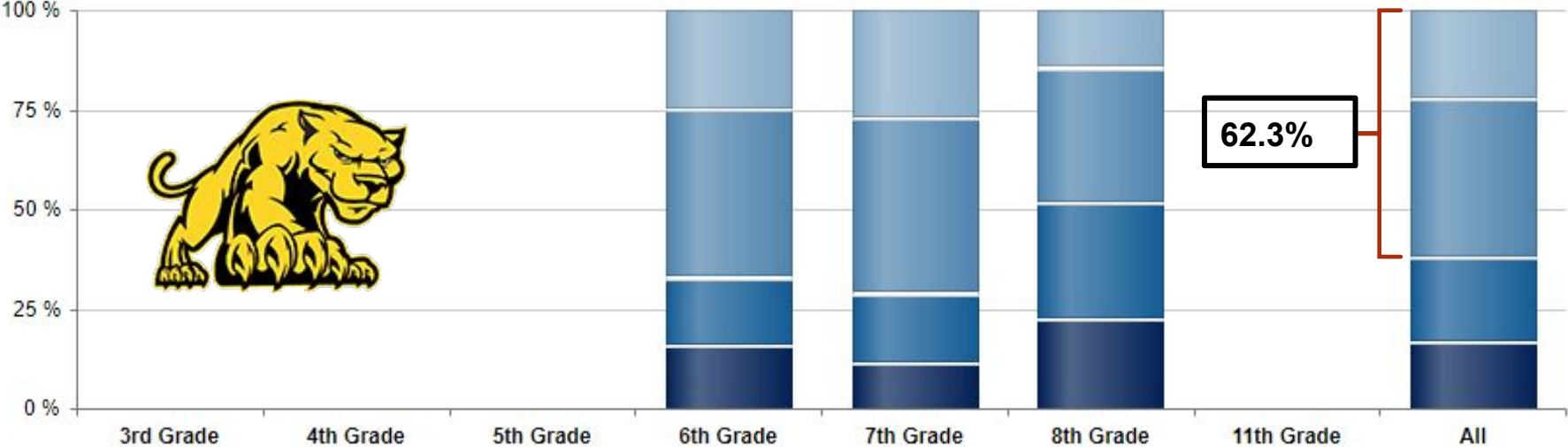
70.0%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 67%
2015 - 62%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Pleasant Grove (ELA)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



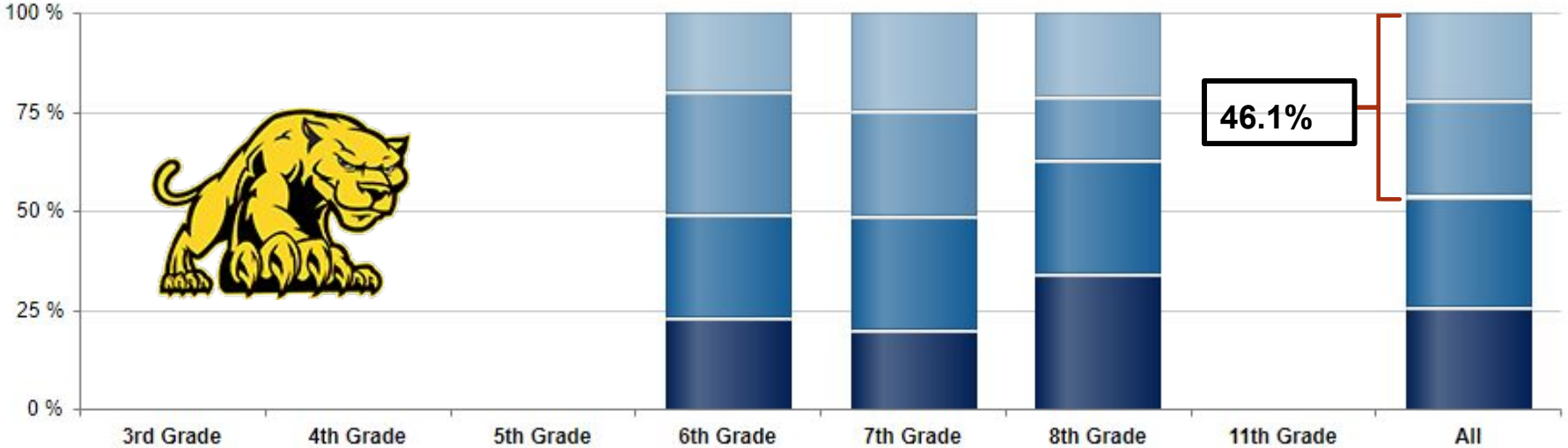
62.3%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 58%
2015 - 60%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Pleasant Grove (Math)

MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution



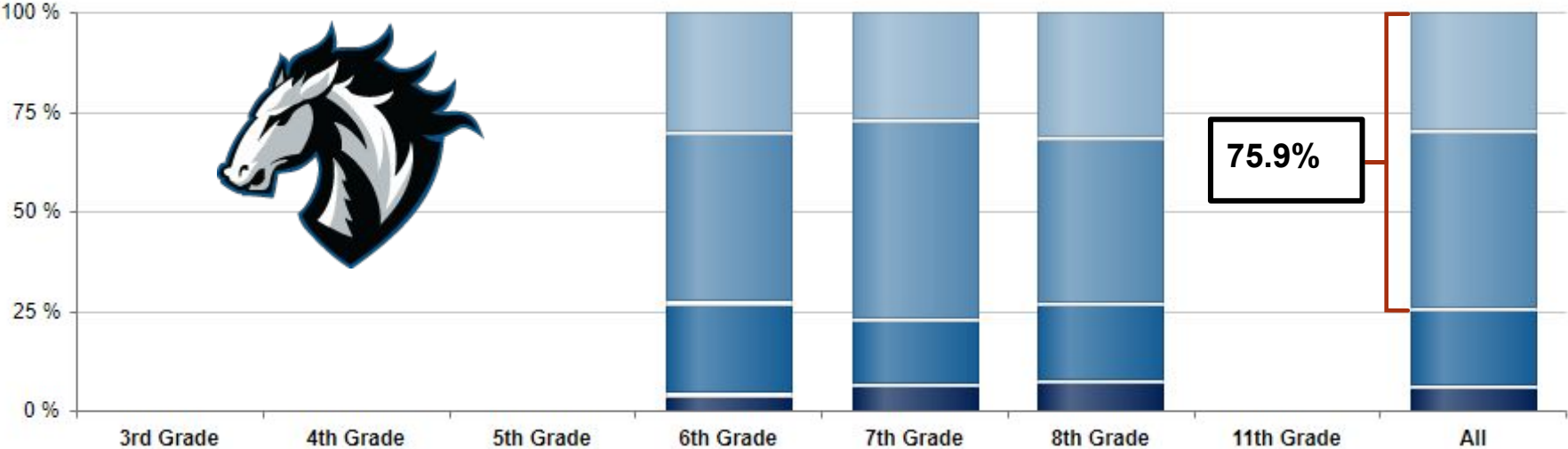
46.1%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 48%
2015 - 50%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Marina Village (ELA)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Achievement Level Distribution



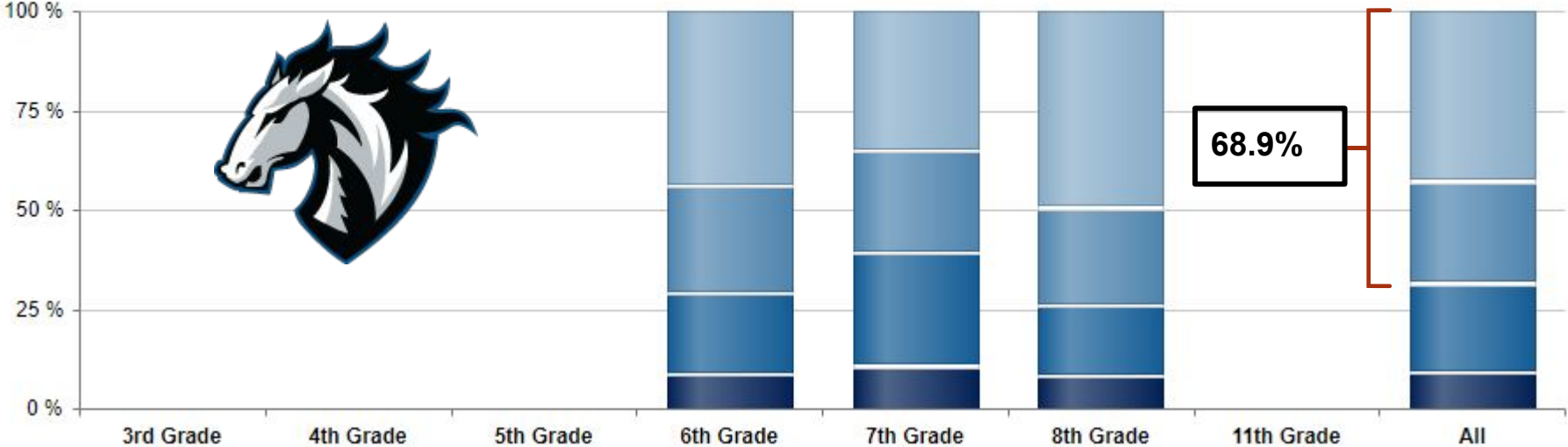
75.9%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 76%
2015 - 77%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results for Marina Village (Math)

MATHEMATICS

Achievement Level Distribution



68.9%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 71%
2015 - 70%

Smarter Balanced Assessment Results Change Over Time (Cohort Results)

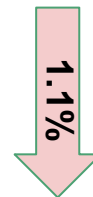


SBAC Results - Change Over Time (3rd - 4th)

Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	3rd Grade (2016)	4th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2476.5	2516.2
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	47 %	44.44 %
Standard Met: Level 3	28 %	29.47 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	15 %	15.22 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	10 %	10.87 %

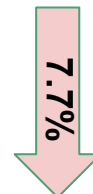
ELA



Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	3rd Grade (2016)	4th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2477.7	2514.4
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	36 %	32.93 %
Standard Met: Level 3	39 %	34.38 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	20 %	23.73 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	6 %	8.96 %

Math



SBAC Results - Change Over Time (3rd - 5th)

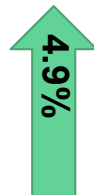
Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	3rd Grade (2015)	4th Grade (2016)	5th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2459.5	2513.0	2539.6
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	37 %	44 %	32.96 %
Standard Met: Level 3	29 %	29 %	37.92 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	24 %	15 %	16.48 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	11 %	12 %	12.64 %

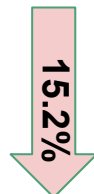
Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	3rd Grade (2015)	4th Grade (2016)	5th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2469.0	2508.3	2542.1
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	32 %	29 %	31.15 %
Standard Met: Level 3	41 %	38 %	26.64 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	17 %	25 %	32.28 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	10 %	9 %	9.93 %

ELA



Math



SBAC Results - Change Over Time (4rd - 6th)

Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	4th Grade (2015)	5th Grade (2016)	6th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2489.1	2538.2	2572.0
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	30 %	30 %	28.46 %
Standard Met: Level 3	31 %	43 %	43.08 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	20 %	13 %	20.37 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	19 %	14 %	8.09 %

ELA

10.5%

Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	4th Grade (2015)	5th Grade (2016)	6th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2498.1	2539.0	2570.3
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	25 %	35 %	35.00 %
Standard Met: Level 3	35 %	24 %	28.68 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	27 %	25 %	22.37 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	13 %	16 %	13.95 %

Math

3.7%

SBAC Results - Change Over Time (5rd - 7th)

Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	5th Grade (2015)	6th Grade (2016)	7th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2535.4	2562.8	2600.4
ELA Standard Exceeded: Level 4	31 %	24 %	27.37 %
Standard Met: Level 3	36 %	44 %	47.84 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	20 %	22 %	16.16 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	13 %	10 %	8.62 %

8.2%

Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	5th Grade (2015)	6th Grade (2016)	7th Grade (2017)
Mean Scale Score	2534.6	2570.9	2580.2
Math Standard Exceeded: Level 4	30 %	34 %	30.82 %
Standard Met: Level 3	25 %	27 %	25.86 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	29 %	25 %	28.66 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	16 %	13 %	14.66 %

1.7%

SBAC Results - Change Over Time (6rd - 8th)

Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	6th Grade (2015)	7th Grade (2016)	8th Grade (2017)
ELA			
Mean Scale Score	2550.0	2582.5	2597.1
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	20 %	25 %	24.73 %
Standard Met: Level 3	43 %	43 %	38.38 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	26 %	17 %	23.03 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	11 %	15 %	13.86 %

0.1%

Achievement Level Distribution Over Time

	6th Grade (2015)	7th Grade (2016)	8th Grade (2017)
Math			
Mean Scale Score	2567.4	2583.6	2605.5
Standard Exceeded: Level 4	31 %	34 %	38.46 %
Standard Met: Level 3	30 %	24 %	20.51 %
Standard Nearly Met: Level 2	25 %	28 %	21.79 %
Standard Not Met: Level 1	14 %	15 %	19.23 %

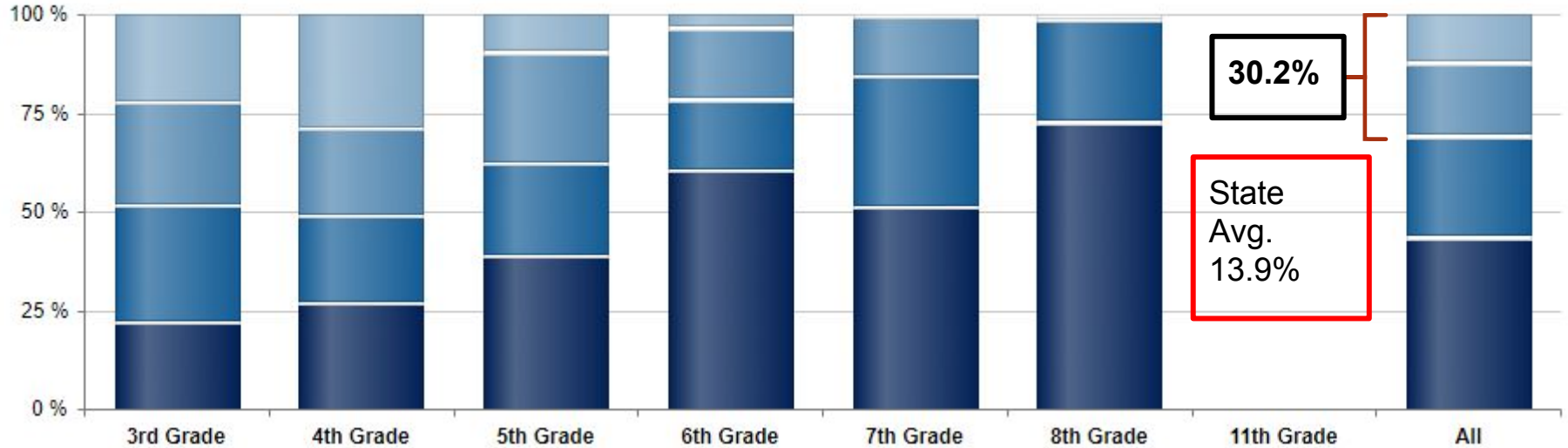
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Smarter Balanced Assessment Results by Subgroup



ELA Results for Students with Disability (275)

Achievement Level Distribution

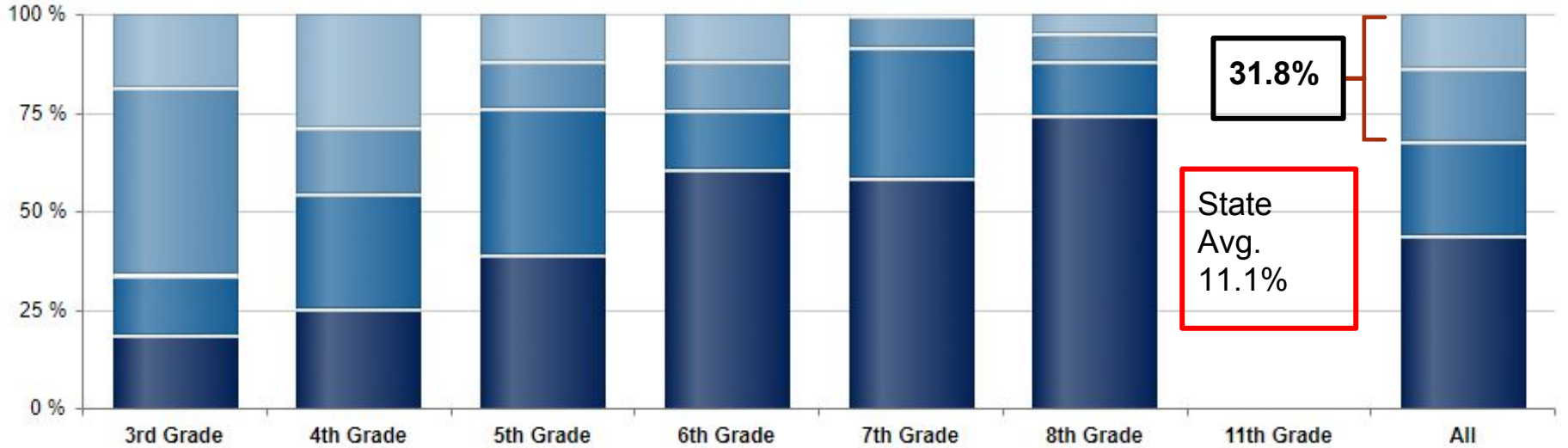


4.2%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 31%
2015 - 26%

Math Results for Students with Disability (274)

Achievement Level Distribution

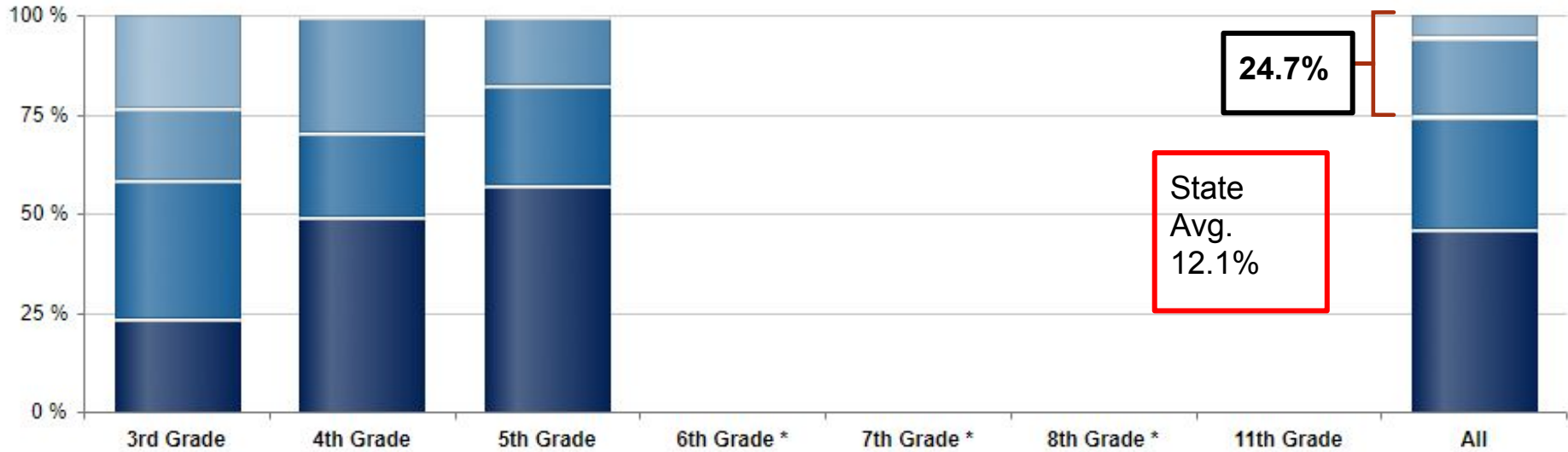


3.8%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 31%
2015 - 28%

ELA Results for EI Students (77)

Achievement Level Distribution



24.7%

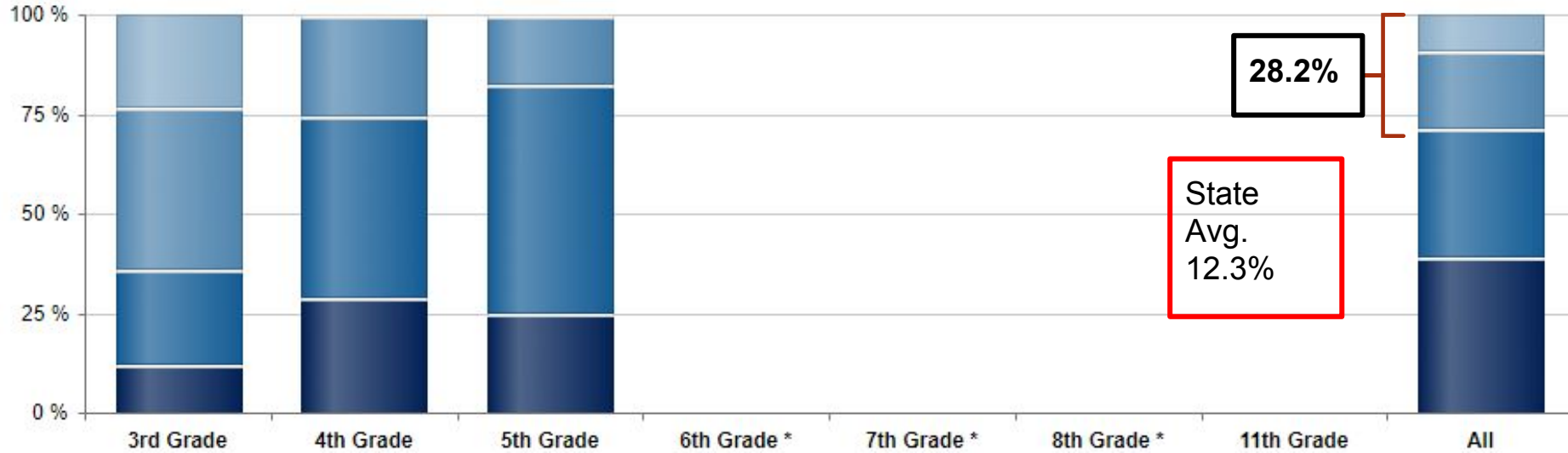
State
Avg.
12.1%

7.7%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 18%
2015 - 17%

Math Results for EI Students (78)

Achievement Level Distribution



State
Avg.
12.3%

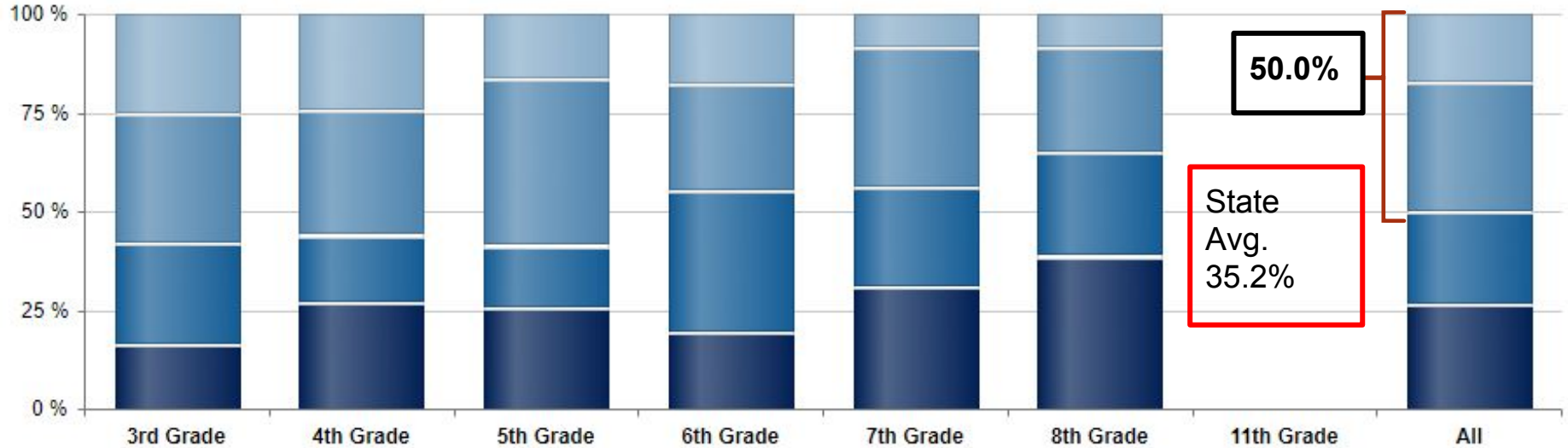
28.2%

9.2%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 23%
2015 - 19%

ELA Results for Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Students (366)

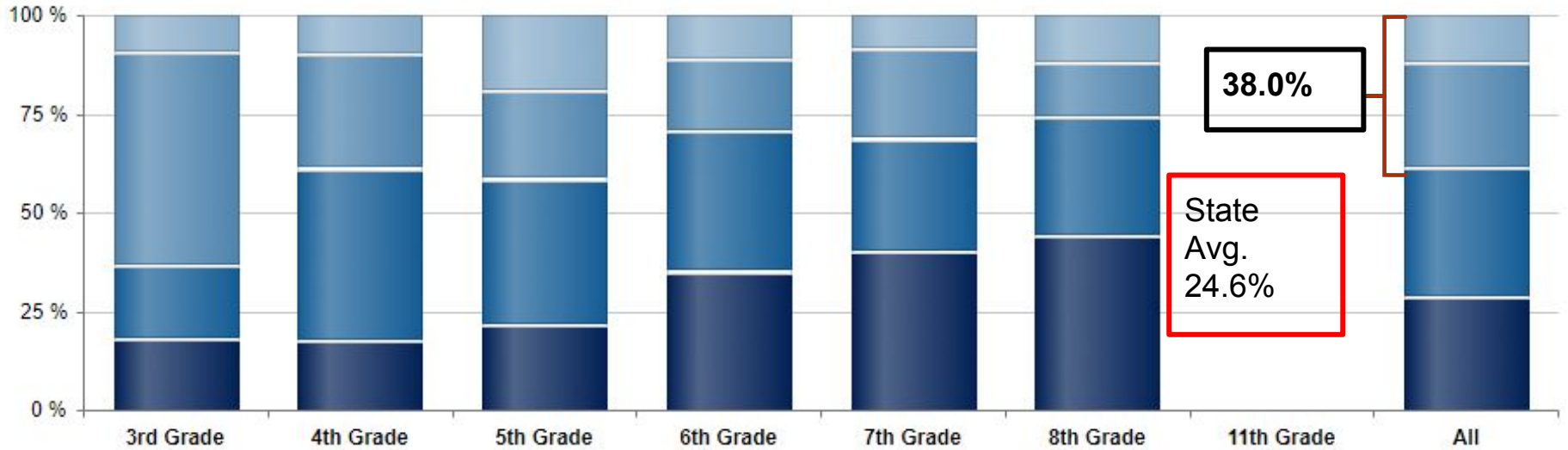
Achievement Level Distribution



% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 46%
2015 - 45%

Math Results for Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Students (78)

Achievement Level Distribution

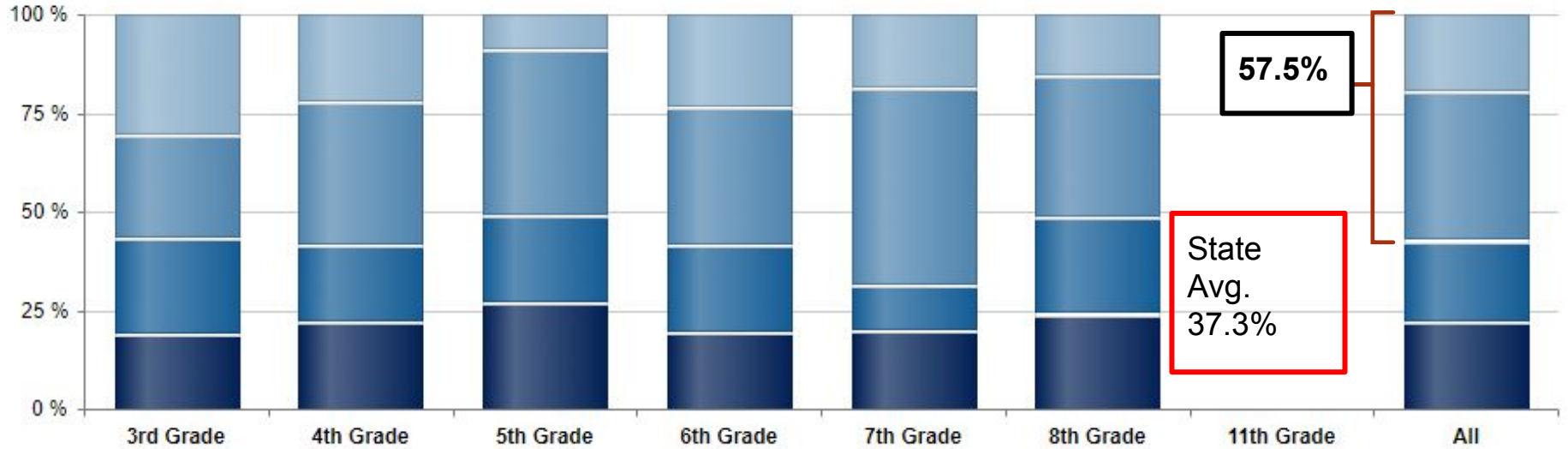


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% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 38%
2015 - 38%

ELA Results for Hispanic or Latino (374)

Achievement Level Distribution

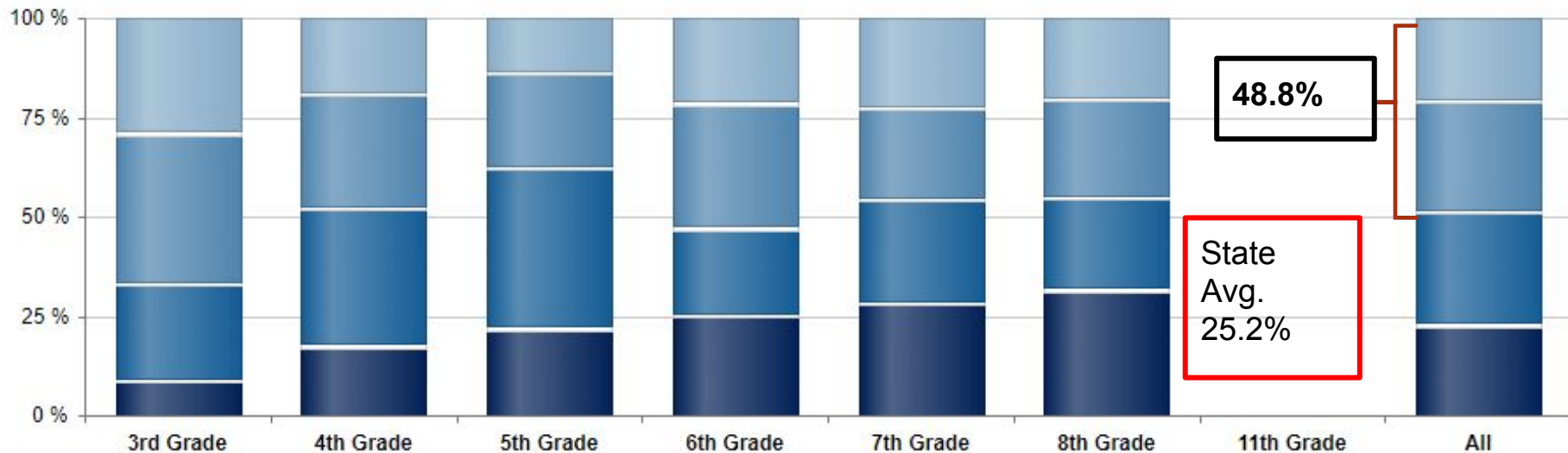


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2.5%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 56%
2015 - 55%

Math Results for Hispanic or Latino Students (375)

Achievement Level Distribution



48.8%

State Avg. 25.2%

2.8%

% Meeting or Exceeding
2016 - 45%
2015 - 46%

Other Results By Ethnicity - Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard

	ELA	Math
African American or Black- 23 Students	65.2 (+12.2%)	56.52 (+14.%)
Asian - 138 Students	88.4 (+6.4%)	83% (+0%)
Filipino - 23 Students	78.3% (+4.26)	56.5% (-7.4%)
White - 1825 Students	72.5 (-0.5%)	66% (-0.9%)

Numbers in parenthesis indicate Increase or decrease from 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment

Results By Gender - Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard

	ELA	Math
Females	77% (-1%)	63% (-1%)
Males	65.9% (1%)	64% (+0%)

Numbers in parenthesis indicate Increase or decrease from 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment

Results By Parent Education - Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard

	ELA	Math
Not a High School Graduate (54)	20.8%	18.5%
High School Graduate (138)	47.1%	35.5%
Some College (454)	58.4%	46.0%
College Graduate (1031)	72.0%	67.2%
Grad School/Post Graduate (813)	83.9%	77.6%

The average increase of students Meeting or Exceeding the Standard, per parent education level, is **15.8% in ELA and 14.8% in Math.**

Where do we go from here?

- Site and grade level teams have already set to work reviewing SBAC Results, including trends at the claim level, subgroup performance, and individual student score reports. This year, sites will be using a summative assessment data exploration tool developed in part by West ED. The tool contains guiding questions in four areas (Research, Recall, Reflect, and Respond).
- Areas of strength will be identified at sites and grade levels, and effective practices are being shared.
- Action plans are under development to target areas for growth, including increased time on content, increased use of the SBAC interim assessments, refined intervention grouping, peer to peer mentoring, etc.



ITEM #: 7
DATE: October 10, 2017

Rescue Union School District

AGENDA ITEM: Stipulated Expulsion Student 17-18A

BACKGROUND:

A discussion was held in Closed Session to consider the possible Stipulated Expulsion of Student 17-18A.

STATUS:

Student violated Education Code Section 48915 (a) and 48900 (k).

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal I – STUDENT NEED:

- A. Student Safety and Well Being: Enhance and encourage social, emotional, ethical and civic learning by providing a safe, supportive, and diverse environment.

RECOMMENDATION:

District administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Stipulated Expulsion Contract for Student 17-18A.

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: Board Policy – Update/Revision

BACKGROUND:

Periodically the Board reviews, revises and/or adopts Board Policy. We currently have contracted with CSBA to put all our policies on Gamut On-Line. We use the CSBA policy update service for identification of policy changes necessitated by changes in law.

STATUS:

Policies identified for review and/or changes are submitted to the Board for possible consideration of approval. A table providing a listing of revised policies and summary of changes is included.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal III – COMMUNICATION/COMMUNITY INVOLEMENT

Establish and maintain consistent and effective communication that is transparent and timely in an effort to provide and receive information that will engage and educate our District and community.

RECOMMENDATION:

District Administration recommends the Board of Trustees receive board policies for first reading and possible consideration for action.

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws
October 10, 2017**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
<i>First Reading</i>		
BP/AR 1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures <i>REVISE</i>	Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2306, 2016) which authorizes the use of uniform complaint procedures for complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to course credit transfer and exemption from local graduation requirements for former juvenile court school students. Regulation also references NEW LAW (SB 1375, 2016) which requires districts, on or before July 1, 2017, to post information relating to Title IX, including specified information about complaint procedures, on their web sites. 5/17
AR/E 1312.4	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures <i>REVISE</i>	Mandated regulation updated to delete the use of Williams uniform complaint procedures for complaints regarding deficiencies in intensive instruction for students who fail to pass the high school exit examination by the end of grade 12, since NEW LAW (AB 97, 2013) eliminated categorical funding for that program. Exhibits updated to delete, from the sample classroom notice and sample complaint form, material related to the provision of intensive instruction to students who fail to pass the high school exit exam, since NEW LAW (AB 97, 2013) eliminated categorical funding for that program. 8/14
BP/AR 4030	Nondiscrimination in Employment <i>REVISE</i>	Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2015, No. 50), as renumbered, which specify certain requirements to be included in district policy or regulation and extend protections against discrimination to unpaid interns and volunteers. Policy also adds requirement to post the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing publication on workplace discrimination and harassment, and reflects NEW LAW (SB 1063, 2016) which prohibits the payment of different wage rates based on race or ethnicity and prohibits the use of prior salary history by itself to justify any disparity in compensation. Regulation reflects provisions of new state regulations regarding training of supervisors and dissemination of the district's nondiscrimination policy to all employees. 12/16
BP/AR 4119.11 4219.11 4319.11	Sexual Harassment <i>REVISE</i>	Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2015, No. 50), as renumbered, which extend protections against sexual harassment to unpaid interns and volunteers, require districts to instruct supervisors to report complaints, and revise requirements pertaining to the training of supervisory employees. 12/16

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws
October 10, 2017**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
BP 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Work Related Injuries <i>BP - DELETE</i> <i>AR - ADOPT</i>	Policy moved to administrative regulation and updated to clarify notification requirements, including requirements related to (1) the method and timeline for notifications; (2) availability of notifications in both English and Spanish; (3) notice to an employee who is a victim of crime at the workplace that he/she may be potentially eligible for workers' compensation benefits; (4) the filing of a report of work-related injury or illness with the district's insurer or, if the district is self-insured, with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR); (5) notice to the DIR's Division of Occupational Safety and Health of any work-related death or serious injury/illness; and (6) the posting of workers' compensation information in a conspicuous location frequented by employees. 10/16
AR 4161.1 4361.1	Personal Illness/Injury Leave <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to add new section on "Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans" reflecting NEW LAW (SB 1180, 2016) which entitles eligible certificated employees to receive an additional 10 days of sick leave with pay during the first year of employment for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for a military service-connected disability. Regulation reflects NEW LAW (AB 2393, 2016) which clarifies differential pay for parental leave ("baby bonding" leave), including clarifying that such leave will run concurrently with parental leave taken under the California Family Rights Act, but, unlike the CFRA, does not require an employee to have at least 1,250 hours of service with the district in the previous 12-month period. Regulation also clarifies applicability of law requiring a reemployment list for employees who are not medically able to resume duties after a specified period of time. 3/17
AR 4261.1	Personal Illness/Injury Leave <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to add new section on "Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans" reflecting NEW LAW (SB 1180, 2016) which entitles eligible classified employees to receive an additional 12 days of sick leave with pay during the first year of employment for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for a military service-connected disability. Regulation also updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2393, 2016) which extends to classified employees the same provisions related to differential pay for parental leave that were previously granted only to certificated employees. 3/17
BP/AR 5141.21	Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions <i>REVISE</i>	Policy and regulation updated to delete requirements related to the administration of medication in cases of epileptic seizures, as Education Code 49414.7 repeals by its own terms on January 1, 2017, and to clarify that districts may continue to administer such medication under the general authority in state law. Policy and regulation also reflect NEW LAW (AB 1748, 2016) which authorizes districts to stock and administer medication in cases of opioid overdose. Regulation also revises definition of epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to NEW LAW (AB 1386, 2016). 12/16

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws
October 10, 2017**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
BP/AR 5141.4	Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting <i>REVISE</i>	<p>Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2016) which authorizes districts to provide students with instruction in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness, NEW LAW (AB 2560) which requires applicants for a new or renewed credential to sign a statement that they understand their obligations as mandated reporters, and NEW LAW (AB 1432) which mandates staff training regarding the duties of mandated reporters.</p> <p>Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1775) which amends the definition of sexual exploitation and NEW LAW (AB 1432) which requires districts to provide for annual training of mandated reporters. Revised regulation also expands the list of mandated reporters to include athletic coaches, athletic administrators, and athletic directors and reflects current law which provides that a student's homelessness or status as an unaccompanied minor is not a reason for reporting child abuse or neglect.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12/14</p>
AR 5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment <i>BP-REVISE</i> <i>AR-ADOPT</i>	<p>Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 1375, 2016) which requires districts and schools to post specified Title IX information on their web sites by July 1, 2017. Regulation also explains the limited impact in California of the February 22, 2017 federal action to rescind earlier guidance regarding transgender students' use of sex-segregated facilities in accordance with their gender identity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5/17</p>

Rescue Union ESD

Board Policy

Uniform Complaint Procedures

BP 1312.3

Community Relations

Note: To address prohibited discrimination and violations of state and federal laws governing educational programs, 5 CCR 4621 **mandates** districts to adopt uniform complaint procedures (UCP) consistent with the state's complaint procedures specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4610, districts are required to adopt a uniform system of procedures that meets specified requirements for investigating and resolving complaints alleging (1) noncompliance with state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs; (2) noncompliance with state law prohibiting the charging of student fees; or (3) unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying). Although some bullying incidents may not fall within the provisions of 5 CCR 4610, BP 5131.2 - Bullying strongly recommends that districts use the UCP to investigate all bullying incidents, regardless of whether there is an allegation of discriminatory bullying, to ensure consistent implementation by district staff. It is not always easy or possible for staff to know prior to an investigation whether a student was bullied because of his/her actual or perceived membership in a legally protected class. After investigation, bullying incidents found to involve unlawful discrimination would then be resolved using the UCP. Districts that are concerned about the capacity of a single district compliance officer to handle a possible increase in the number of UCP complaints, or that prefer to handle certain incidents at the school site level whenever possible, may designate multiple compliance officers in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation.

Education Code 52075 **mandates** districts to adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of the UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the local control and accountability plan. For plan requirements, see BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. In addition, state law authorizes the use of the UCP to resolve complaints of noncompliance with laws related to accommodations for lactating students; educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, and former juvenile court school students; assignment of students to courses without educational content; and physical education instructional minutes, as specified in items #3 and #6-10 below. Finally, a district should adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of the UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging retaliation in response to a complaint.

The California Department of Education (CDE) monitors district programs and operations for compliance with these requirements through its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process. The FPM consists of a review of (1) written district policies and procedures for required statements, including prohibition of discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying) against students pursuant to Education Code 234.1; and (2) records of required activities, such as annual notification provided to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other school community members.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (20 USC 12101-12213), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-2000e-17), Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101-6107). OCR has issued guidance describing federal requirements for discrimination complaint procedures. OCR requires such procedures to be "prompt and equitable." The factors OCR examines to evaluate each district's procedures are specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, including whether and how the procedures (1) provide notice of the procedures to the district's students, parents/guardians, and employees; (2) ensure adequate, reliable, and impartial investigation of complaints; (3) contain reasonably prompt timeframes for major stages of the complaint process; (4) provide notice to the complainant of the resolution of the complaint; and (5) provide an assurance that action will be taken to prevent recurrence of any discrimination found and to correct its effects.

CSBA staff received feedback and comments from representatives of CDE and OCR regarding this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation. As a result, the sample policy and regulation have been drafted to go beyond the requirements of California's UCP laws and regulations in an attempt to address issues and concerns raised by CDE and OCR. While CDE and OCR have not approved or signed off on the samples, CSBA believes that the additional details provided herein may help school districts and county offices of education during a compliance check by CDE or in the event that a CDE or OCR investigation occurs.

The Governing Board recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Board encourages early resolution of complaints whenever possible. To resolve complaints which may require a more formal process, the Board adopts the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation.

The district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve the following complaints:

1. Any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, after school education and safety programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, special education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, and any other district-implemented program which is listed in Education Code 64000(a) (5 CCR 4610)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

2. Any complaint alleging the occurrence of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) against any student, employee, or other person participating in district programs and activities, including, but not limited to, those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on the person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or based on his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

3. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the requirement to provide reasonable accommodation to a lactating student on school campus to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other breastfeeding-related needs of the student (Education Code 222)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

4. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities (5 CCR 4610)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)
(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

Note: Item #5 below is mandated pursuant to Education Code 52075.

5. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with legal requirements related to the implementation of the local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

6. Any complaint, by or on behalf of any student who is a foster youth, alleging district noncompliance with any legal requirement applicable to the student regarding placement decisions, the responsibilities of the district's educational liaison to the student, the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district, school transfer, or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

7. Any complaint, by or on behalf of a homeless student as defined in 42 USC 11434a, alleging district noncompliance with any requirement applicable to the student regarding the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

8. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code 51228.1 and 51228.2 that prohibit the assignment of a student to a course without educational content for more than one week in any semester or to a course the student has previously satisfactorily completed, without meeting specified conditions (Education Code 51228.3)

(cf. 6152 - Class Assignment)

9. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the physical education instructional minutes requirement for students in elementary school (Education Code 51210, 51223)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Note: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that district policy ensure that complainants are protected from retaliation as specified in item #11 below.

10. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4610, a district may, at its discretion, use the UCP to investigate and resolve other complaints.

11. Any other complaint as specified in a district policy

Note: 5 CCR 4631 authorizes the district to utilize alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods, including mediation, to resolve complaints before initiating a formal investigation. However, the district should ensure that any ADR it uses, particularly "in-person ADR," is appropriate for the particular situation. For example, in some instances (e.g., sexual assault), face-to-face mediation should not be used, even if all parties voluntarily agree, given the risk that a student might feel pressured to "voluntarily" agree to it. The following optional paragraph provides for a neutral mediator and should be revised to reflect district practice.

The Board recognizes that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) can, depending on the nature of the allegations, offer a process to reach a resolution to the complaint that is acceptable to all parties. ADR such as mediation may be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the use of ADR is consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

Note: The following paragraph is mandated pursuant to 5 CCR 4621. Appropriate disclosure will vary in each case depending on the facts and circumstances.

The district shall protect all complainants from retaliation. In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved shall be protected as required by law. ~~ForAs appropriate for~~ any complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the Superintendent or designee shall keep ~~confidential~~ the identity of the complainant, and/or the subject of the complaint if he/she is different from the complainant, confidential when appropriate and as long as the integrity of the complaint process is maintained.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

When an allegation that is not subject to the UCP is included in a UCP complaint, the district shall refer the non-UCP allegation to the appropriate staff or agency and shall investigate and, if appropriate, resolve the UCP-related allegation(s) through the district's UCP.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to district staff to ensure awareness and knowledge of current law and related requirements, including the steps and timelines specified in this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Note: It is important to maintain records of all UCP complaints and the investigations of those complaints. If the district is ever investigated by OCR or CDE, these are important documents in demonstrating that the district has complied with federal law, state law, and its own policies and regulations.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of all UCP complaints and the investigations of those complaints in accordance with applicable law and district policy.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Non-UCP Complaints

Note: 5 CCR 4611 details complaint issues that are not subject to the UCP. Such issues include, but are not limited to, allegations of child abuse, health and safety complaints regarding a child development program, allegations of fraud, and employment discrimination complaints.

The following complaints shall not be subject to the district's UCP but shall be referred to the specified agency: (5 CCR 4611)

1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services, the County Protective Services Division, and the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to Department of Social Services and shall, for licensing-exempt facilities, be referred to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator.

Note: In addition to complying with item #3 below, a district is required to promptly investigate any allegation of discrimination in employment it receives, pursuant to 2 CCR 11023. For procedures related to complaints of discrimination in employment, see AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

3. Any complaint alleging employment discrimination shall be sent to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the compliance officer shall notify the complainant by first class mail of the transfer.

4. Any complaint alleging fraud shall be referred to the California Department of Education.

Note: Education Code 35186 requires the district to use the UCP, with modifications, to investigate and resolve complaints related to the issues stated in the following paragraph (i.e., "Williams complaints"). Because Education Code 35186 sets forth different timelines for investigation and resolution of these kinds of complaints than the timelines specified in law for other uniform complaints, the CDE has created a separate uniform complaint process for the Williams complaints. See AR 1312.4 - Williams for the separate procedure.

In addition, the district's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or teacher vacancies and misassignments. (Education Code 35186)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

222 Reasonable accommodations; lactating students

8200-8498 Child care and development programs

8500-8538 Adult basic education

18100-18203 School libraries

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35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures

48853-48853.5 Foster youth

48985 Notices in language other than English

49010-49013 Student fees

49060-49079 Student records

49069.5 Rights of parents

49490-49590 Child nutrition programs

51210 Courses of study grades 1-6

51223 Physical education, elementary schools

51225.1-51225.2 Foster youth, ~~and~~ homeless children, and former juvenile court school students; course credits; graduation requirements

51228.1-51228.3 Course periods without educational content

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan, especially:

52075 Complaint for lack of compliance with local control and accountability plan requirements

52160-52178 Bilingual education programs

52300-52490 Career technical education

52500-52616.24 Adult schools

~~52800-52870 School-based program coordination~~

54400-54425 Compensatory education programs

54440-54445 Migrant education

54460-54529 Compensatory education programs

56000-56867 Special education programs

59000-59300 Special schools and centers

64000-64001 Consolidated application process

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 *Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state*

12900-12996 *Fair Employment and Housing Act*

PENAL CODE

422.55 *Hate crime; definition*

422.6 *Interference with constitutional right or privilege*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11023 *Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 *Application of section*

4600-4687 *Uniform complaint procedures*

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1221 *Application of laws*

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

1681-1688 *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*

6301-6577 *Title I basic programs*

6801-~~70146871~~ *Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students*

7101-7184 *Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act*

7201-7283g *Title V promoting informed parental choice and innovative programs*

7301-7372 *Title V rural and low-income school programs*

12101-12213 *Title II equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000e-17 *Title VI and Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended*

2000h-2-2000h-6 *Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*

6101-6107 *Age Discrimination Act of 1975*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.107 *Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

100.3 *Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin*

104.7 *Designation of responsible employee for Section 504*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.8 *Designation of responsible employee for Title IX*

106.9 *Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex*

110.25 *Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age*

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Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015

Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence, April 2014

Dear Colleague Letter: Bullying of Students with Disabilities, August 2013

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Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance: Harassment of Students by School Employees, Other Students, or

Third Parties, January 2001

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Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National

Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, 2002

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://familypolicy.ed.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>

Policy

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Considered: October 10, 2017

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rescue, California

Rescue Union ESD

Administrative Regulation

Uniform Complaint Procedures

AR 1312.3

Community Relations

Note: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that the district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) be consistent with the procedures of 5 CCR 4600-4687. Additionally, Education Code 52075 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of the UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

Furthermore, a number of federal civil rights statutes and their implementing regulations mandate districts to adopt policies and procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying). For example, all districts are mandated pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107 to adopt policy and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of disability, while districts that receive federal financial assistance are mandated pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8 and 34 CFR 110.25 to adopt such policies and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of sex and age. Some of the factors considered by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) when determining whether a district's procedures are "prompt and equitable" are addressed throughout the following administrative regulation.

Apart from these mandates, state law authorizes the use of the UCP to resolve complaints of noncompliance with laws related to accommodations for lactating students; prohibition against the charging of student fees; educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, and former juvenile court school students; assignment of students to courses without educational content; and physical education instructional minutes, as specified in the accompanying Board policy.

Except as the Governing Board may otherwise specifically provide in other district policies, these uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve only the complaints specified in BP 1312.3.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Compliance Officers

Note: 5 CCR 4621 mandates the district to identify in its policies and procedures the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs, including the receiving and investigating of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) and retaliation. During its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will check to ensure that the district's procedures list the specific title(s) of the employee(s) responsible for receiving and investigating complaints. Districts should identify the specific title(s) of the compliance officer(s) in the space provided below. If a district identifies multiple compliance officers, it is recommended that one be designated the "lead compliance officer."

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal

civil rights laws. The individual(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment as the responsible employee(s) to handle complaints regarding unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying). The individual(s) shall receive and coordinate the investigation of complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

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The compliance officer who receives a complaint may assign another compliance officer to investigate and resolve the complaint. The compliance officer shall promptly notify the complainant and respondent, if applicable, if another compliance officer is assigned to the complaint.

In no instance shall a compliance officer be assigned to a complaint in which he/she has a bias or conflict of interest that would prohibit him/her from fairly investigating or resolving the complaint. Any complaint against a compliance officer or that raises a concern about the compliance officer's ability to investigate the complaint fairly and without bias shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

Note: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that the district's policy provide that employees responsible for compliance and/or for investigating and resolving complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs at issue in the complaints they are assigned. OCR requires that the compliance officer(s) involved in implementing discrimination complaint procedures be knowledgeable about the procedures and be able to explain them to parents/guardians and students. They must also have training or experience in handling discrimination complaints, including appropriate investigative techniques and understanding of the applicable legal standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees assigned to investigate and resolve complaints receive training and are knowledgeable about the laws and programs at issue in the complaints to which they are assigned. Training provided to such employees shall ~~cover~~**include** current state and federal laws and regulations governing the program, applicable processes for investigating and resolving complaints, including those alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), applicable standards for reaching decisions on complaints, and appropriate corrective measures. Assigned employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

The compliance officer or, if necessary, any appropriate administrator shall determine whether interim measures are necessary during and pending the result of an investigation. If interim measures are determined to be necessary, the compliance officer or the administrator shall consult with the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or, if appropriate, the site principal to implement one or more interim measures. The interim measures shall remain in place until the compliance officer determines that they are no longer necessary or until the district issues its final written decision, whichever occurs first.

Notifications

The district's UCP policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. (Education Code 234.1)

Note: 5 CCR 4622 mandates the district to include specified information in the required annual notice of its UCP to students, parents/guardians, employees, and others. Education Code 51225.1-51225.2, as amended by AB 2306 (Ch. 464, Statutes of 2016), require that the notice include information about specified educational rights of former juvenile court school students who transfer into the district after their second year of high school. Districts that do not maintain high schools may revise the following paragraph to delete notification of the rights of former juvenile court school students.

During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that the district's policy contains a statement ensuring annual dissemination of notice of the district's UCP to the persons specified below. A sample of the annual notice is available through the CDE web site. In addition, 28 CFR 35.107, 34 CFR 106.8, and 34 CFR 110.25 require the district to publish its complaint procedures covering unlawful discrimination.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's UCP, including information regarding unlawful student fees, local control and accountability plan (LCAP) requirements, and requirements related to the educational rights of foster youth and homeless students, to students, employees, parents/guardians, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (Education Code 262.3, 48853, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2, 52075; 5 CCR 4622)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Note: The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.61, as added by SB 1375 (Ch. 655, Statutes of 2016), on or before July 1, 2017, districts are required to post information related to Title IX on their web sites, including specified information about complaint procedures under Title IX. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. A district that does not maintain a web site may comply by posting the information on the web site of its county office of education. A comprehensive list of

rights based on the provisions of the federal regulations implementing Title IX can be found in Education Code 221.8. In addition, in its April 2015 Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, OCR recommends that districts use web posting and social media to disseminate their nondiscrimination notices, policies, and procedures and communicate current compliance officer(s)' contact information to students, parents/guardians, and employees.

The annual notification, ~~and~~ complete contact information of the compliance officer(s), and information related to Title IX as required pursuant to Education Code 221.61 shall be ~~may be~~ posted on the district web site and may be, if available, provided through district-supported social media, if available.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

Note: Both federal and state laws contain requirements for translation of certain information and documents. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires school districts to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency. OCR has interpreted this to require that, whenever information is provided to parents/guardians, districts must notify limited-English-proficient (LEP) parents/guardians in a language other than English in order to be adequate. OCR enforces this requirement consistent with the Department of Justice's 2002 Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons. Under the Guidance, a recipient of federal funds has an obligation to provide language assistance to LEP individuals based on balancing four factors: (1) the number or proportion of LEP individuals likely to encounter the program, (2) the frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with the program, (3) the nature and importance of the services provided by the program, and (4) the resources available to the recipient. State law is more specific than federal law: Education Code 48985 requires translation of certain information and documents if 15 percent or more of students enrolled in the school speak a single primary language other than English.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians, including students and parents/guardians with limited English proficiency, have access to the relevant information provided in the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning the UCP.

If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning the UCP shall be translated into that language, in accordance with Education Code 234.1 and 48985. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

Note: During the FPM process, CDE staff will check the notice to ensure that it contains a summary of the complaint procedures as specified in items #1-4 below.

The notice shall:

1. Identify the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints
2. Advise the complainant of any civil law remedies that may be available to him/her under state or federal antidiscrimination laws, if applicable
3. Advise the complainant of the appeal process, including, if applicable, the complainant's right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to

pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in cases involving unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying).

4. Include statements that:

- a. The district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs.
- b. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.
- c. A complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) must be filed not later than six months from the date it occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension.
- d. Complaints should be filed in writing and signed by the complainant. –If a complainant is unable to put his/her complaint in writing, for example, due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint.
- e. If a complaint is not filed in writing but the district receives notice of any allegation that is subject to the UCP, the district shall take affirmative steps to investigate and address the allegations, in a manner appropriate to the particular circumstances.

If the allegation involves retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) and the investigation ~~confirms~~reveals that discrimination has occurred, the district will take steps to prevent recurrence of discrimination and correct its discriminatory effects on the complainant, and on others, if appropriate.
- f. A student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for his/her participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

Note: Education Code 52075 requires that information regarding LCAP requirements be included in the district's annual notification. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan for details of the LCAP and specific requirements for its adoption and implementation.

- g. The Board is required to adopt and annually update the LCAP in a manner that includes meaningful engagement of parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders in the development and/or review of the LCAP.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48853, 48853.5, and 49069.5, as well as 51225.1-51225.2 as amended by AB 2306 (Ch. 464, Statutes of 2016), the UCP notice must include information regarding certain educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, and former juvenile court school students, as provided in items #4h and i below. Pursuant to Education Code 48853.5, the CDE is required to develop a standardized notice of the rights of foster youth in consultation with the California Foster Youth Education Task Force, and to make it available for dissemination by posting it on its Internet Web site.

- h. A foster youth shall receive information about educational rights related to his/her educational placement, enrollment in and checkout from school, as well as the responsibilities of the district liaison for foster youth to ensure and facilitate these requirements and to assist the student in ensuring proper transfer of his/her credits, records, and grades when he/she transfers between schools or between the district and another district.

i. A foster youth, or homeless student who transfers into a district high school or between district high schools as applicable shall be notified of the district's responsibility to:

- (1)– Accept any coursework or part of the coursework that the student has — satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, and to issue full or partial credit for the coursework completed
- (2)– Not require the student to retake any course or a portion of a course which he/she has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency
- (3)– If the student has completed his/her second year of high school before the transfer, provide the student information about district-adopted coursework and Board-imposed graduation requirements from which he/she may be exempted pursuant to Education Code 51225.1

- j. The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision.

Note: Pursuant to federal law, including 34 CFR 106.8, the district is required to establish "prompt and equitable" procedures for investigating and resolving complaints alleging unlawful discrimination. The following statement reflects OCR's interpretation of such provisions as requiring fairness and equity not just for a complainant but for a respondent as well.

 —In any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the respondent also shall have the right to file an appeal with the CDE in the same manner as the complainant, if he/she is dissatisfied with the district's decision.

- k. The appeal to the CDE must include a copy of the complaint filed with the district and a copy of the district's decision.

Note: To ensure that the public is made aware of districts' obligation to provide copies of the UCP free of charge pursuant to 5 CCR 4622, CDE staff review the notice during the FPM process.

- l. Copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge.

District Responsibilities

Note: 5 CCR 4631 requires that UCP complaints be investigated and completely resolved within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the complaint. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4640, when a UCP complaint is erroneously sent to the CDE without first being filed with the district, the 60-day period specified in 5 CCR 4631 begins when the district receives the complaint.

All UCP-related complaints shall be investigated and resolved within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline. (5 CCR 4631)

Note: The following paragraph reflects recommendation by OCR to ensure equity in the resolution process of a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination and may be modified to reflect district practice.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the district shall inform the respondent when the complainant agrees to an extension of the timeline for investigating and resolving the complaint.

The compliance officer shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including steps taken during the investigation and all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

All parties involved in the allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed and when a decision or ruling is made. However, the compliance officer shall keep all complaints or allegations of retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) confidential except when disclosure is necessary to carry out the investigation, take subsequent corrective action, conduct ongoing monitoring, or maintain the integrity of the process. (5 CCR 4630, 4964)

Filing of Complaints

Note: Complaints filed under the UCP may be filed directly with a compliance officer or with any site administrator not designated as a compliance officer. For example, acts of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) may initially be reported to a principal. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment and AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment. If a site administrator not designated as a compliance officer receives a UCP complaint, he/she must notify a compliance officer. A district may also establish a site-level process for receiving informal reports about incidents for which a UCP complaint may be filed and notifying students and parents/guardians of their right to file a UCP complaint. Any site-level process established by a district should be in writing and distributed in the same manner as the grievance procedures listed herein with an explanation of how it interacts with the UCP complaint process.

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

All complaints shall be filed in writing and signed by the complainant. If ~~at~~ complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint. (5 CCR 4600)

Complaints shall also be filed in accordance with the following rules, as applicable:

1. A ~~written~~ complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4630)

Note: Education Code 49013 mandates districts to adopt procedures that allow for anonymous complaints to be filed when a district allegedly violates the prohibition against the charging of student fees. Pursuant to Education Code 52075, anonymous complaints are permitted with regards to the LCAP, as long as evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegation of noncompliance is provided in the complaint.

2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against requiring students to pay student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent or designee. However, any such complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. (Education Code 49013, 52075; 5 CCR 4630)
3. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) may be filed only by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered the unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to it. The complaint shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)
4. When a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) is filed anonymously, the compliance officer shall pursue an investigation or other response as appropriate, depending on the specificity and reliability of the information provided and the seriousness of the allegation.

Note: OCR's Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance, Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence, and Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence indicate that if a complainant in a sexual harassment case requests that his/her name or that of the victim not be revealed to the alleged perpetrator or asks that the complaint not be pursued, the district should first inform the complainant that honoring the request may limit its ability to respond and pursue disciplinary action against the alleged perpetrator. The OCR publications acknowledge that situations may exist in which a district cannot honor a student's request for confidentiality, but caution that, in all instances, the district must still continue to ensure that it provides a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students. Districts should consult legal counsel before honoring a confidentiality request to withhold the victim's name from the alleged perpetrator, especially in the case of alleged sexual assault. These guiding principles would also apply to harassment on the basis of race, gender, disability, or other protected characteristic.

5. When the complainant ~~or alleged victim~~ of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) or the alleged victim, when he/she is not the complainant, requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform him/her that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the conduct or take other necessary action. When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district shall nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and resolve/respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

Mediation

Note: The following section should be used only by those districts that have decided to establish procedures for attempting to resolve complaints through alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation; see the accompanying Board policy. The following section may be modified to specify the alternative dispute resolution method and timelines used within the district.

Within three business days after the compliance officer receives the complaint, he/she may informally discuss with all the parties the possibility of using mediation. Mediation shall be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving an allegation of sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. If the parties agree to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to relevant confidential information. The compliance officer shall also notify all parties of the right to end the informal process at any time.

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with his/her investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. If mediation is successful and the complaint is withdrawn, then the district shall take only the actions agreed to through the mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the district shall then continue with subsequent steps specified in this administrative regulation.

Investigation of Complaint

Note: 5 CCR 4631, which requires the district to provide the complainant with the opportunity to present relevant information, does not provide any timeline. Thus, the timeline specified below may be modified to reflect district practice.

Within 10 business days after the compliance officer receives the complaint, the compliance officer shall begin an investigation into the complaint.

Within one business day of initiating the investigation, the compliance officer shall provide the complainant and/or his/her representative with the opportunity to present the information contained in the complaint to the compliance officer and shall notify the complainant and/or his/her representative of the opportunity to present the compliance officer with any evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegations in the complaint. Such evidence or information may be presented at any time during the investigation.

Note: In his/her investigation, the compliance officer should consider all relevant circumstances, such as how the misconduct affected one or more students' education; the type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct; the identity, age, and sex of the individuals involved in and impacted by the conduct and the relationship between them; the number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed; the size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred; and other incidents at the school involving different individuals.

In conducting the investigation, the compliance officer shall collect all available documents and review all available records, notes, or statements related to the complaint, including any additional evidence or information received from the parties during the course of the investigation. He/she shall individually interview all available witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint, and may visit any reasonably accessible location where the relevant actions are alleged to have taken place. –At appropriate intervals, the compliance officer shall inform both parties of the status of the investigation.

To investigate a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the compliance officer shall interview the alleged victim(s), any alleged offenders, and other relevant witnesses privately, separately, and in a confidential manner. As necessary, additional staff or legal counsel may conduct or support the investigation.

Note: 5 CCR 4631 allows the district to dismiss a complaint when the complainant refuses to provide the investigator with relevant documents or otherwise obstructs the investigation. 5 CCR 4631 also provides that, if the district refuses to provide the investigator with access to records or other documents, the investigator may issue a finding in favor of the complainant. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that both of these statements regarding the provision of access to information are included in the district's policy or procedures, as specified below.

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the

complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. –Similarly, a respondent's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in a finding, based on evidence collected, that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

In accordance with law, the district shall provide the investigator with access to records and other information related to the allegation in the complaint and shall not in any way obstruct the investigation. Failure or refusal of the district to cooperate in the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

Note: In determining the truth of any allegation, the district should apply the correct standard of proof to the situation. For example, with allegations of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying) or retaliation, OCR uses the "preponderance of the evidence" (more likely than not) standard. Any standard of proof that is more rigorous than required by law could subject a district to liability.

The compliance officer shall apply a "preponderance of the evidence" standard in determining the veracity of the factual allegations in a complaint. This standard is met if the allegation is more likely to be true than not.

Report of Findings

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, a final decision shall be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint. Within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report, as described in the section "Final Written Decision" below. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, he/she may, within five business days, file his/her complaint in writing with the Board.

The Board may consider the matter at its next regular Board meeting or at a special Board meeting convened in order to meet the 60-day time limit within which the complaint must be answered. When required by law, the matter shall be considered in closed session. The Board may decide not to hear the complaint, in which case the compliance officer's decision shall be final.

If the Board hears the complaint, the compliance officer shall send the Board's decision to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's initial receipt of the complaint or within the time period that has been specified in a written agreement with the complainant. –(5 CCR 4631)

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, only a complainant has the right to receive a written report, and to file his/her complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision. However, OCR has recommended that the same rights be extended to a respondent to a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, to ensure the process is equitable for all involved.

In resolving any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the respondent also shall be sent the district's decision and, in the same manner as the complainant, may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the decision.

Final Written Decision

The district's decision on how it will resolve the complaint shall be in writing and shall be sent to the complainant and respondent. (5 CCR 4631)

Note: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.67) protects student privacy, including student records containing details of the actions taken in response to a UCP complaint. However, pursuant to 20 USC 1221, FERPA may not "be construed to affect the applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act, or other statutes prohibiting discrimination, to any applicable program." In February 2015, the Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO), the federal agency which administers FERPA, released a letter concluding that FERPA permits a district to disclose to a student who was subjected to unlawful discrimination certain information about the sanctions imposed upon the offender when the sanctions directly relate to that student. Thus, if properly remedying the impact of discrimination would require disclosing to the alleged victim certain information on how the district disciplined the alleged student offender (e.g., an order that the alleged offender stay away from the alleged victim), FPCO interprets FERPA as allowing the district to disclose that information.

Given the potential liability from improperly disclosing such information, districts are advised to consult with legal counsel when presented with a situation where a victim of unlawful discrimination requests information about sanctions imposed upon the offender.

In consultation with district legal counsel, information about the relevant part of a decision may be communicated to a victim who is not the complainant and to other parties who may be involved in implementing the decision or are affected by the complaint, as long as the privacy of the parties is protected. –In a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), notice of the district's decision to the alleged victim shall include information about any sanction to be imposed upon the respondent that relates directly to the alleged victim.

Note: Education Code 48985 requires that reports sent to parents/guardians be written in their primary language when 15 percent or more of a school's enrolled students speak a single primary language other than English. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure compliance with this requirement. Based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, OCR requires districts to ensure meaningful access to all relevant UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient student or parent/guardian and the student involved attends a school at which 15 percent or more of the students speak a single primary language other than English, then the decision shall also be translated into that language. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

Note: 5 CCR 4631 and guidance provided by OCR specify components that should be part of the district's decision. Inclusion of these items will help protect the district's position in case of an appeal to the CDE, a complaint submitted to OCR, or if litigation is filed.

| For all complaints, the decision shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered. In reaching a factual determination, the following factors may be taken into account:
 - a. Statements made by any witnesses
 - b. The relative credibility of the individuals involved
 - c. How the complaining individual reacted to the incident
 - d. Any documentary or other evidence relating to the alleged conduct
 - e. Past instances of similar conduct by any alleged offenders
 - f. Past false allegations made by the complainant
2. The conclusion(s) of law
3. Disposition of the complaint
4. Rationale for such disposition

| For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the disposition of the complaint shall include a determination for each allegation as to whether retaliation or unlawful discrimination has occurred.

| The determination of whether a hostile environment exists may involve consideration of the following:

- a. How the misconduct affected one or more students' education
- b. The type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct
- c. The relationship between the alleged victim(s) and offender(s)
- d. The number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed
- e. The size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred
- f. Other incidents at the school involving different individuals

5. Corrective action(s), including any actions that have been taken or will be taken to address the allegations in the complaint and including, with respect to a student fees complaint, a remedy that comports with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600

For complaints of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the decision may, as required by law, include:

- a. The corrective actions imposed on the respondent
 - b. Individual remedies offered or provided to the complainant or another person who was the subject of the complaint, but this information should not be shared with the respondent.
 - c. Systemic measures the school has taken to eliminate a hostile environment and prevent recurrence
6. Notice of the complainant's and respondent's right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE within 15 calendar days, and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal

The decision may also include follow-up procedures to prevent recurrence or retaliation and for reporting any subsequent problems.

Note: During the FPM process, CDE staff will expect to see a statement detailing a complainant's right to pursue civil law remedies (i.e., action in a court of law) in addition to or in conjunction with the right to pursue administrative remedies from the CDE.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination based on state law (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the decision shall also include a notice to the complainant that:

1. He/she may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures, including seeking assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys, 60 calendar days after the filing of an appeal with the CDE. (Education Code 262.3)
2. The 60 days moratorium does not apply to complaints seeking injunctive relief in state courts or to discrimination complaints based on federal law. (Education Code 262.3)
3. Complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender, disability, or age may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights at www.ed.gov/ocr within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.

Corrective Actions

When a complaint is found to have merit, the compliance officer shall adopt any appropriate corrective action permitted by law. Appropriate corrective actions that focus on the larger school

or district environment may include, but are not limited to, actions to reinforce district policies; training for faculty, staff, and students; updates to school policies; or school climate surveys.

For complaints involving retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), appropriate remedies that may be offered to the victim but not communicated to the respondent may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Counseling
2. Academic support
3. Health services
4. Assignment of an escort to allow the victim to move safely about campus
5. Information regarding available resources and how to report similar incidents or retaliation
6. Separation of the victim from any other individuals involved, provided the separation does not penalize the victim
7. Restorative justice
8. Follow-up inquiries to ensure that the conduct has stopped and there has been no retaliation
9. Determination of whether any past actions of the victim that resulted in discipline were related to the treatment the victim received and described in the complaint

For complaints involving retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), appropriate corrective actions that focus on a student offender may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
2. Parent/guardian conference
3. Education regarding the impact of the conduct on others
4. Positive behavior support
5. Referral to a student success team
6. Denial of participation in extracurricular or co-curricular activities or other privileges as permitted by law

7. Disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, as permitted by law

When an employee is found to have committed retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the district shall take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with applicable law and collective bargaining agreement.

Note: In its Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence from April 2011 and its Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence from April 2014, OCR provides a detailed discussion of remedies for the broader campus community.

The district may also consider training and other interventions for the larger school community to ensure that students, staff, and parents/guardians understand the types of behavior that constitute unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), that the district does not tolerate it, and how to report and respond to it.

Note: Generally, when a complaint is found to have merit, appropriate corrective action is provided to the complainant or other affected person. However, in certain instances, the law may require corrective action to be provided to all affected persons, not just the complainant or subject of the complaint. For example, pursuant to Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600, if the district, or the CDE on appeal, finds merit in the complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees and charges, the district is required to provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians, as specified below. The same requirement applies to allegations of noncompliance with the LCAP requirements, pursuant to Education Code 52075, and to noncompliance with required instructional minutes for elementary students' physical education, pursuant to Education Code 51223. Districts that do not maintain elementary schools should delete reference to physical education from the following paragraph.

If a complaint alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges, physical education instructional minutes for students in elementary schools, or any requirement related to the LCAP is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education. (Education Code 49013, 51223, 52075)

For complaints alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, the district shall attempt in good faith, by engaging in reasonable efforts, to identify and fully reimburse all affected students and parents/guardians who paid the unlawful student fees within one year prior to the filing of the complaint. (Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4600)

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Note: 5 CCR 4632-4633 provide that any complainant may appeal the district's decision to the CDE, as provided below. Pursuant to Education Code 49013, the district is **mandated** to adopt procedures that include the right to appeal to the CDE, in accordance with 5 CCR 4632, when a complainant is dissatisfied with the district's decision on his/her complaint alleging noncompliance with the law that prohibits districts from requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or charges for their participation in educational activities. Such procedures are also **mandated** by Education Code 52075 with regards to complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the LCAP.

Authority to appeal the district's decision is also available to a complainant who alleges noncompliance with laws regarding (1) the provision of reasonable accommodation to a lactating student; (2) the educational rights of

foster youth, homeless students, and former juvenile court school students; (3) the assignment of a high school student to a course without educational content; and (4) the required instructional minutes for elementary students' physical education, as specified in items #3 and #6-10 of the accompanying Board policy.

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision may file an appeal in writing with the CDE within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision. (Education Code 222, 48853, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 51223, 51225.1, 51225.2, 51228.3, 52075; 5 CCR 4632)

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4632-4633, an appeal to the CDE is only available to a complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's decision. However, the OCR has recommended that the district extend the same right to a respondent to an allegation of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) who is dissatisfied with the district's decision, to ensure fairness for all parties involved.

When a respondent in any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying); is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision, he/she, in the same manner as the complainant, may file an appeal with the CDE.

The complainant or respondent shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision. (5 CCR 4632)

Upon notification by the CDE that the complainant or respondent has appealed the district's decision, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to the CDE: (5 CCR 4633)

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the written decision
3. A summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the district, if not covered by the decision
4. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
5. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
6. A copy of the district's uniform complaint procedures
7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE

Note: The CDE may directly intervene in a complaint without waiting for action by the district when certain conditions exist, including the following: (1) the complaint alleges failure to comply with the UCP, including failure to follow the required timelines and failure to implement the final written decision; (2) the complainant requires anonymity due to the possibility of retaliation and would suffer immediate and irreparable harm if a complaint was filed and the complainant was named; (3) the complainant alleges that he/she would suffer

immediate and irreparable harm as a result of an application of a districtwide policy that is in conflict with state or federal law and that filing a complaint would be futile; (4) the complainant alleges failure to comply with the due process procedures established pursuant to special education law and regulation to implement a due process hearing order; (5) the complainant alleges facts that indicate that one or more students may be in immediate physical danger or that the health, safety, or welfare of one or more students is threatened; or (6) the complainant alleges failure to follow a student's individualized education program.

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Administrative Regulation

Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

AR 1312.4

Community Relations

Note: Education Code 35186 **mandates** that districts establish policies and procedures to address complaints regarding insufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, and emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of students or staff. These procedures are no longer required for complaints of deficiencies related to the provision of intensive instruction and services to students who have not passed one or both parts of the high school exit examination after the completion of grade 12 since that categorical program was eliminated pursuant to AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013).

Education Code 35186 requires that districts post notices concerning these complaint procedures in each classroom. 5 CCR 4680-4687 further delineate legal requirements for the complaint form and notice. See the accompanying exhibits for a sample notice and complaint form.

It is recommended that districts use these procedures only for complaints regarding insufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, and emergency or urgent facilities conditions. The uniform complaint procedures specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 should be used, as required, for a complaint alleging (1) failure to comply with state and federal laws governing educational programs; (2) unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying; (3) violation of the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges unless authorized by law; (4) noncompliance with legal requirements pertaining to the local control and accountability plan; (5) retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has otherwise acted to uncover or report alleged wrongdoing in the district; or (6) any other complaint as specified in a district policy; see BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. For procedures related to complaints about employees, see BP/AR 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees. For complaints concerning the district's adoption and selection of specific instructional materials, see BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials. For complaints regarding the district's nutrition program, see BP 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance.

~~Cautionary Notice: As added and amended by SBX3-4 (Ch. 12, Third Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), ABX4-2 (Ch. 2, Fourth Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), and SB-70 (Ch. 7, Statutes of 2011), Education Code 42605 grants districts flexibility in "Tier 3" categorical programs. The Rescue Union School District has accepted this flexibility and thus is deemed in compliance with the statutory or regulatory program and funding requirements for these programs for the 2008-09 through 2014-15 fiscal years. As a result, the district may temporarily suspend certain provisions of the following policy or regulation that reflect these requirements. For further information, please contact the Superintendent or designee.~~

Types of Complaints

The district shall use the ~~following~~ procedures described in this administrative regulation only to investigate and resolve ~~complaints when the complainant alleges that any of the following has occurred:~~ (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR ~~4680-4681, 4682, 4683~~)

1. Complaints regarding the insufficiency of textbooks~~Textbooks~~ and instructional materials, including any complaint alleging that:
 - a. A ~~student~~pupil, including an English learner, does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state- or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.
 - b. A ~~student~~pupil does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school. ~~This does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each~~ student~~pupil~~.
 - c. Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.
 - d. A ~~student~~pupil was provided photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials to address a shortage of textbooks or instructional materials.

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

2. Complaints regarding teacher~~Teacher~~ vacancy or misassignment, including any complaint alleging that:
 - a. A semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists.
 - b. A teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English ~~learners~~learner ~~pupils~~ in the class.

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching ~~students of Limited~~ English Language Learners~~Proficiency~~)

- c. A teacher is assigned to teach a class for which the teacher lacks subject matter competency.

Teacher vacancy means a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the semester for an entire semester. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

Beginning of the year or semester means the first day classes necessary to serve all the ~~students~~pupils enrolled are established with a single designated certificated employee assigned for the duration of the class, but not later than 20 working days after the first day ~~students~~pupils attend classes for that semester. (5 CCR 4600)

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the

employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

3. Complaints regarding the condition of school facilities, including any complaint alleging that:

3. Facilities

- a. A condition poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of studentspupils or staff.

Emergency or urgent threat means structures or systems that are in a condition that poses a threat to the health and safety of studentspupils or staff while at school, including, but not limited to, gas leaks; nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; electrical power failure; major sewer line stoppage; major pest or vermin infestation; broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk; abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to studentspupils or staff; structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition; or any other condition deemed appropriate. (Education Code 17592.72)

- b. A school restroom has not been cleaned, maintained, or kept open in accordance with Education Code 35292.5.

Clean or maintained school restroom means a school restroom has been cleaned or maintained regularly, is fully operational, or has been stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, orand paper towels or functional hand dryers. (Education Code 35292.5)

Open restroom means the school has kept all restrooms open during school hours when studentspupils are not in classes and has kept a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when studentspupils are in classes. This does not apply when the temporary closing of the restroom is necessary for studentpupil safety or to make repairs. (Education Code 35292.5)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

Filing of Complaint

Note: Education Code 35186 requires that complaints be investigated and resolved within the timelines specified below. During the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will expect to see statements regarding the filing of the complaint, the investigation, timelines, and the complainant's right to appeal to the Governing Board and to appeal facilities complaints to the CDE, as detailed in the following section and the section "Investigation and Response" below.

A complaint alleging any condition(s) specified in ~~items #1-3 in~~ the section ~~entitled~~ "Types of

Complaints" above shall be filed with the principal or designee at the school in which the complaint arises. The principal or designee shall forward a complaint about problems beyond his/her authority to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, but not to exceed 10 working days. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

~~A complaint alleging any deficiency specified in item #4 in the section entitled "Types of Complaints" above shall be filed with a district official designated by the Superintendent. Such complaints may be filed at the district office or school site and shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 35186)~~

Investigation and Response

The principal or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem within his/her authority. He/she shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4685)

Complaints may be filed anonymously. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form that he/she would like a response to the complaint, the principal or designee shall report the resolution of the complaint to him/her at the mailing address indicated on the complaint form within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint. ~~If a response is requested, the response shall be made to the mailing address of the complainant as indicated on the complaint form.~~ At the same time, the principal or designee shall report the same information to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680, 4685)

Note: Education Code 48985 specifies that, when 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in a particular school speak a single primary language other than English, all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to the parents/guardians of such students be written in English and in the primary language. Education Code 35186 requires that, when Education Code 48985 is applicable, any response requested by the complainant must be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

When Education Code 48985 is applicable and the complainant has requested a response, the response shall be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed. (Education Code 35186)

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, he/she has the right to describe the complaint to the Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

For any complaint concerning a facilities condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students/pupils or staff as described in item #3a in the section ~~entitled~~ "Types of Complaints" above, a complainant who is not satisfied with the resolution proffered by the principal or Superintendent or designee may file an appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 15 days of receiving the district's response. The complainant shall comply with the appeal requirements specified in 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4687)

All complaints and written responses shall be public records. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Reports

Note: During the FPM process, CDE staff will expect to see the following statement.

~~On a quarterly basis, the~~The Superintendent or designee shall report, to the Board at a regularly scheduled public Board meeting and to the County Superintendent of Schools, summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints, ~~to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis.~~ The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints. ~~These summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.~~ (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

Forms and Notices

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure a Williams complaint form is available at each school. However, complainants need not use the district's complaint form in order to file a complaint. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

Note: Education Code 35186 requires that the district's complaint form contain the elements stated in the following paragraph. In addition, Education Code 35186 requires that a notice be posted in each classroom in each school in the district, as specified below. See the accompanying exhibits for a sample form and classroom notice.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's complaint form contains a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to his/her complaint and specifies the location for filing a complaint. A complainant may add as much text to explain the complaint as he/she wishes. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a notice is posted in each classroom in each school containing the components specified in Education Code 35186. (Education Code 35186)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

234.1 Prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying

1240 County superintendent of schools, duties

17592.72 Urgent or emergency repairs, School Facility Emergency Repair Account

33126 School accountability report card

35186 Williams uniform complaint ~~procedures~~ procedure

35292.5 Restrooms, maintenance and cleanliness

~~37254 Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12~~

48985 Notice to parents in language other than English

60119 Hearing on sufficiency of instructional materials

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-~~4670~~4687 Uniform complaint procedures, ~~especially:~~
4680-4687 Williams uniform complaint procedures~~complaints~~

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

California Department of Education, Williams case: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/ce/wc/index.asp>

State Allocation Board, Office of Public School Construction: <http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov>

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Exhibit

Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

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Community Relations

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS: COMPLAINT RIGHTS

~~Parents/Guardians:~~

~~Education Code 35186 requires that the following notice be posted in your child's classroom:~~

~~1) 1312.4(.There should be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. For there to be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials, each pupil, including English learners, must have a) textbook or instructional material, or both, to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments.~~

~~2.School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair. Good repair means that the facility is maintained in a manner that assures that it is clean, safe and functional as determined by the Office of Public School Construction.~~

~~3.To file a complaint regarding the above matters, complaint forms can be obtained at the principal's office, district office, or can be downloaded from the school district's or California Department of Education's website.~~

WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Note: Education Code 35186 requires that the following notice be posted in each classroom in each school in the district. During its Federal Program Monitoring process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will check to ensure that a notice is placed in each classroom in each school and that the notice contains all the information described below. This notice is no longer applicable to complaints regarding deficiencies in intensive instruction and services to students who have not passed all parts of the high school exit examination by the end of grade 12 since that categorical program was eliminated by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013)

~~COMPLAINT FORM: WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES~~

~~Education Code 35186 created a procedure for the filing of complaints concerning deficiencies related to instructional materials, conditions of facilities that are not maintained in a clean or safe~~

~~manner or in good repair, and teacher vacancy or misassignment. The complaint and response are public documents as provided by law. Complaints may be filed anonymously. However, if you wish to receive a response to your complaint, you must provide the contact information below.~~

~~Response requested? Yes No~~

~~Contact Information:~~

~~Name: _____~~

~~Address: _____~~

~~Phone Number: Day: _____ Evening: _____~~

~~E-mail address, if any: _____~~

~~Location of the problem that is the subject of this complaint:~~

~~School: _____~~

~~Course title/grade level and teacher name: _____~~

~~Room number/name of room/location of facility: _____~~

~~Date problem was observed: _____~~

~~Only the following issues may be the subject of this complaint process. If you wish to complain about an issue not specified below, please use the appropriate district complaint procedure.~~

~~Specific issue(s) of the complaint: (Please check all that apply. A complaint may contain more than one allegation.)~~

, STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS:
COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers:

Pursuant to Education Code 35186, you are hereby notified that:

1. There should be sufficient textbooks Textbooks and instructional materials. That means each student: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681)

A pupil, including an English learner, must have a does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.

A pupil does not have access to instructional materials to use at home or after school. This does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each pupil.

Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.

A pupil was provided photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class to address a shortage of textbooks or instructional materials.

~~2. Teacher vacancy or misassignment: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681)
A semester begins and to take home.~~

~~2. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair.~~

~~3. There should be no teacher vacancies or misassignments. There should be a teacher assigned to each class and not a series of substitutes or other temporary teachers. The teacher should have the proper credential to teach the class, including the certification required to teach English learners, if present.~~

~~Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold.~~

~~Teacher vacancy means a teacher vacancy exists. A teacher vacancy is a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the school year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of a semester for an entire semester.-~~

~~Note: Education Code 35186 requires that the notice inform parents/guardians of the location to obtain a complaint form when there is a shortage and provides that posting a notice downloadable from the CDE's web site will satisfy this requirement. The law does not require that complaint forms be placed in any specific location. The following paragraph lists locations where complaint forms may be available and should be modified to reflect district practice, including adding the school and district web site addresses.~~

~~4. A complaint form may be obtained at the school office or district office, or downloaded from the school or district web site. You may also download a copy of the California Department of Education complaint form from the following web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc>. However, a complaint need not be filed using either the district's complaint form or the complaint form from the California Department of Education.~~

~~A teacher lacking credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English learners in the class.~~

~~A teacher is assigned to teach a class for which the teacher lacks subject matter competency.~~
~~3. Facility conditions: (Education Code 35186, 35292.5; 5 CCR 4683)~~

~~A condition exists that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff including gas leaks; nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air conditioning systems; electrical power failure; major sewer line stoppage; major pest or vermin infestation; broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk; abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to pupils or staff; or structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition.~~

Rescue Union ESD

Board Policy

Nondiscrimination In Employment

BP 4030

Personnel

Note: The following Board policy and accompanying administrative regulation are **mandated** pursuant to Government Code 11138 and 2 CCR 11023, as added by Register 2015, No. 50. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) (Government Code 12900-12996) prohibits employers from discriminating against employees and job applicants on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religious creed, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or genetic information. Pursuant to 2 CCR 11009, as amended by Register 2015, No. 50, these same protections apply to unpaid interns and volunteers. Consequently, the district is required to also notify unpaid interns and volunteers about these protections. For more information about volunteers, see BP/AR 1240 - Volunteer Assistance.

The same or similar protections are available to employees and job applicants under various provisions of federal law, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-2000d-7), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e-2000e-17), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101-12213), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (42 USC 2000ff-2000ff-11).

For policy addressing sexual harassment of and by employees, see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment.

The Governing Board is determined to provide district employees, interns, volunteers, and job applicants a safe, positive environment where they are assured of full and equal employment access and opportunities, protection from harassment or intimidation, and freedom from any fear of reprisal or retribution for asserting their employment rights in accordance with law. This policy shall apply to all~~The Board prohibits~~ district employees and, to the extent required by law, to interns, volunteers, and job applicants.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)

No district employee shall be discriminated~~from discriminating~~ against or harassed by~~harassing~~ any coworker, supervisor, manager, or other person with whom the employee comes in contact in the course of employment,~~district employee or job applicant~~ on the basis of the employee's~~person's~~ actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, or sexual orientation or his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. ~~4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Employees with Infectious Disease~~)

Note: The following paragraph illustrates unlawful discriminatory practices as specified in Government Code 12940. Pursuant to Labor Code 1197.5, an employer is prohibited from paying an employee at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of the opposite sex for work requiring equal skill, effort, and responsibility and performed under similar conditions, except when the payment is based on some other bona fide factor such as education, training, or experience. In addition, Labor Code 1197.5, as amended by SB 1063 (Ch. 866, Statutes of 2016) prohibits the payment of different wage rates to employees for similar work based on race or ethnicity and prohibits the use of prior salary history by itself to justify any disparity in compensation under the bona fide factor exception.

Discrimination in employment based on the characteristics listed above is prohibited in all areas of employment and in all employment-related practices, including the following:

1. Discrimination in hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment
2. ~~Taking and the taking of any~~ adverse employment action, ~~such as including, but not limited to,~~ termination or the denial of employment, promotion, job assignment, or training, ~~against an employee or job applicant based on any of the categories listed above.~~

~~(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)~~

(cf. 4151/4251/4351 - Employee Compensation)

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

3. Unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is so severe or pervasive as to adversely affect an employee's employment opportunities, or that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment

Note: Item #4 below addresses the numerous specific practices prohibited under Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086 in relation to certain protected categories. For example, because "sex" as defined in Government Code 12926 includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions, any of these conditions may be the basis for an employee's sex discrimination claim. As the specific prohibitions are too numerous to list in policy, it is recommended that district legal counsel be consulted when questions arise as to any specific claim.

4. Actions and practices identified as unlawful or discriminatory pursuant to Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086, such as:

~~a. Sex discrimination based on an employee's. Prohibited discrimination on the basis of religious creed includes discrimination based on an employee's or job applicant's religious belief or observance, including his/her religious dress or grooming practices. In accordance with Government Code 12940, prohibited discrimination on the basis of religious creed also includes the district's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee's or job applicant's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement. However, the district shall not accommodate an employee's religious dress~~

~~practice or religious grooming practice if it requires segregation of the individual from other employees or the public or if it would result in a violation of this policy or any law prohibiting discrimination.~~

~~Prohibited sex discrimination includes discrimination based on an employee's or job applicant's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical condition or on an employee's gender, gender expression, or gender identity, including transgender status.~~

(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)

~~Harassment consists of unwelcome verbal, physical, or visual conduct that is based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above and that is so severe or pervasive that it adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.~~

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

- b. Religious creed discrimination based on an employee's religious belief or observance, including his/her religious dress or grooming practices, or based on the district's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement.
- c. Disability discrimination based on a district requirement for a medical or psychological examination of a job applicant, or an inquiry into whether a job applicant has a mental or physical disability or a medical condition or as to the severity of any such disability or condition, without the showing of a job-related need or business necessity

(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)

- d. Disability discrimination based on the district's failure to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an employee or to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with an employee, to determine effective reasonable accommodations for the employee, when he/she has requested reasonable accommodation for a known physical or mental disability or medical condition

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

Note: Retaliation against complainants or other participants in the grievance procedures is prohibited by Government Code 12940 and 34 CFR 110.34. In addition to the general prohibition against retaliation, Government Code 12940 provides that an employee who requests accommodation for his/her physical or mental disability or religious belief is protected from retaliation as specified below. CSBA recommends that this protection be extended to all protected characteristics and has modified the policy accordingly.

In Thompson v. North American Stainless LP, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a third party may file an anti-retaliation suit.

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee ~~or job applicant~~ who opposes any discriminatory employment practice by the district or its ~~employees, agent~~employee, agent, or ~~representatives~~representative or who complains, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint ~~process~~procedures pursuant to this policy. No employee ~~or job applicant~~ who requests an accommodation for any protected characteristic listed in this policy shall be subjected to any punishment or sanction, regardless of whether the request was granted. (Government Code 12940)

Complaints concerning employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation shall immediately be investigated in accordance with procedures specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Note: Pursuant to 2 CCR 11019, in certain instances, an employee's (especially a supervisor's) knowledge or notice of prohibited conduct of another employee or individual may subject the district to liability. Therefore, it is recommended that the district require its employees with knowledge of harassment or discrimination to report the incident to the appropriate district authorities. In addition, Government Code 12940 provides that an employer may be responsible for the sexual harassment of employees by nonemployees where the employer knows or should have known of the conduct and failed to take immediate and corrective action. See BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment. See the accompanying administrative regulation for requirements related to the identification of the employee who will be responsible for compliance with the nondiscrimination laws.

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment shall report the incident to the Superintendent or designated district coordinator as soon as practical after the incident. All other employees are encouraged to report such incidents to their supervisor immediately. The district shall protect any employee who ~~reports~~does report such incidents from retaliation.

Note: Government Code 12940 requires districts to take all reasonable steps, including training, to prevent prohibited discrimination and harassment. In addition, 2 CCR 11023, as added by Register 2015, No. 15, imposes an affirmative duty on the district to create a workplace environment that is free from all prohibited practices. For details of such measures, see the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall use all appropriate means to reinforce the district's nondiscrimination policy. He/she shall provide training and information to employees about how to recognize harassment, ~~and~~ discrimination, or other related conduct, how to respond appropriately, and components of the district's policies and regulations regarding discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the district's employment practices and, as necessary, shall take action to ensure district compliance with the nondiscrimination laws.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post, in a conspicuous place on district premises, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing publication on workplace discrimination and harassment issued pursuant to 2 CCR 11013.

Any district employee who engages in prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to engage or attempt to engage in such behavior in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

CIVIL CODE

51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Unlawful discrimination

11138 Rules and regulations

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

PENAL CODE

422.56 Definitions, hate crimes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11006-11086 Discrimination in employment

11013 Recordkeeping

11019 Terms, conditions and privileges of employment

11023 Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction

11024 Sexual harassment training and education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

621-634 Age Discrimination in Employment Act

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended

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2000ff-2000ff-11 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

6101-6107 Age discrimination in federally assisted programs

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.6 Compliance information

104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

104.8 Notice

106.8 Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures

106.9 Dissemination of policy

110.1-110.39 Nondiscrimination on the basis of age

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U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rescue, California

Rescue Union ESD

Administrative Regulation

Nondiscrimination in Employment

AR 4030

Personnel

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 11138 and 2 CCR 11023, as added by Register 2015, No. 50, districts are **mandated** to adopt rules and regulations to ensure that district programs and activities are free from unlawful discriminatory practices. Pursuant to 2 CCR 11009, as amended by Register 2015, No. 50, it is unlawful to discriminate against any person who serves in an unpaid internship or other limited-duration program to gain unpaid work experience, on any basis protected by Government Code 12940.

All allegations of discrimination in employment, including those involving an intern, volunteer, or job applicant, shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with procedures specified in this administrative regulation.

Note: Many nondiscrimination laws and regulations require identification of an employee who will be responsible for compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. For example, pursuant to 34 CFR 104.7, 106.8, and 110.25, the district is required to designate the person(s) responsible for the overall implementation of the requirements of federal laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, sex, and age, i.e., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (29 USC 621-634). The district should fill in the blanks below to designate the responsible employee and his/her contact information.**Nondiscrimination In Employment**

AR 4030–
Personnel

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The district designates the position identified below as its coordinator for nondiscrimination in employment (coordinator) to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The coordinator may be contacted at:

Director of Human Resources
2390 Bass Lake Road
Rescue, CA 95672
(530) 677-4461

charris@rescueusd.org

Measures to Prevent Discrimination

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12940 and 2 CCR 11023, as added by Register 2015, No. 50, the district is required to take all reasonable steps to prevent unlawful discrimination and harassment. 2 CCR 11023, as added, specifies certain requirements to be included in the district's policy. The following section reflects the requirements of 2 CCR 11023 and other applicable laws or regulations, as indicated.

To prevent unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation ~~in~~^{against} district ~~employment~~~~employees, volunteers, interns, and job applicants~~, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

1. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and regulation, including the complaint procedures and the coordinator's contact information, ~~to employees, volunteers, interns, job applicants, and the general public~~ by: (5 CCR 4960; 34 CFR 100.6, 106.9)

~~a.~~ ~~a.~~ Including them in each announcement, bulletin, or application form that is used in employee recruitment

~~b.~~ ~~b.~~ Posting them in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and other prominent locations

~~c.~~ ~~e.~~ Posting them on the district's web site and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

~~2.~~ Disseminate the district's nondiscrimination policy to all employees by one or more of the following methods: (2 CCR 11023)

~~a.~~ Printing and providing a copy of the policy to all employees, with an acknowledgment form for each employee to sign and return

~~b.~~ Sending the policy via email with an acknowledgment return form

~~c.~~ Posting the policy on the district intranet with a tracking system ensuring all employees have read and acknowledged receipt of the policies

~~d.~~ Discussing the policy with employees upon hire and/or during a new hire orientation session

~~e.~~ Any other way that ensures employees receive and understand the policy

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(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

~~3.~~ Provide to employees a handbook that contains information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to anyone who feels that he/she has been the victim of any discriminatory or harassing behavior

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(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

3. Provide training to employees, volunteers, and interns regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy, including what constitutes unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and how and to whom a report of an incident should be made__

Note: Pursuant to 2 CCR 11023, as added by Register 2015, No. 50, if the district has 50 or more employees, its sexual harassment prevention training must include instruction for its supervisors as specified in the following paragraph.

Training for supervisors shall include the requirement to report any complaint of misconduct to a designated representative, such as the coordinator, human resources manager, or Superintendent or designee as a topic in the sexual harassment prevention training required pursuant to 2 CCR 11024 (2 CCR 11023)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

54. Periodically review the district's recruitment, hiring, and promotion processes and regularly monitor the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment to ensure district compliance with law__

6. For any district facility where 10 percent of employees have a language other than English as their spoken language, translate the policy into every language spoken by at least 10 percent of the workforce

Complaint Procedure

Note: 2 CCR 11023, as added by Register 2015, No. 50, **mandates** that a district's policy include a complaint process with specified requirements. Some of the requirements of 2 CCR 11023 are similar to those required under existing case law.

Courts have held that an employer may mitigate liability for hostile environment employment discrimination when (1) the employer took reasonable care to prevent and promptly correct the discriminatory or harassing conduct (i.e., provided a complaint procedure) and (2) the aggrieved employee unreasonably failed to take advantage of corrective opportunities offered by the employer (i.e., failure to file a complaint). In its June 1999 Enforcement Guidance: Vicarious Employer Liability for Unlawful Harassment by Supervisors, EEOC outlines the elements of an effective complaint procedure to include (1) a clear explanation of the process; (2) protection against retaliation; (3) designation of multiple individuals authorized to receive complaints; (4) a mechanism for prompt, thorough, and impartial investigation; (5) assurance of immediate and appropriate corrective action; and (6) information about time frames for filing charges with the EEOC or the DFEH.

While the EEOC's guidance recommends a "prompt" investigation, neither the law nor the EEOC delineates a specific time frame for resolution. The EEOC's guidance acknowledges that whether an investigation is considered "prompt" may vary depending on the seriousness and complexity of the circumstances and that intermediate measures may be necessary to prevent further harassment during the investigation.

The following section, including the listed timelines, is consistent with the EEOC's guidance and should be modified to reflect district practice.

~~Any complaint alleging unlawful~~Any complaint by an employee or job applicant alleging discrimination or harassment shall be addressed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Notice and Receipt of Complaint:** ~~—A complainant may who is an employee shall~~ inform his/her direct supervisor, another. ~~—However, if the supervisor is the person against whom the employee is complaining, the employee shall inform~~ the coordinator, ~~or~~ the Superintendent or, if available, a complaint hotline. ~~—A job applicant shall inform the coordinator or an ombudsman~~the Superintendent or designee.

The complainant may file a written complaint in accordance with this procedure, or if he/she is an employee, may first attempt to resolve the situation informally with his/her supervisor.

A supervisor or manager who has received information about an incident of discrimination or harassment, or has observed such an incident, shall report it to the coordinator, whether or not the complainant files a written complaint.

The written complaint should contain the complainant's name, the name of the individual who allegedly committed the act, a description of the incident, the date and location where the incident occurred, any witnesses who may have relevant information, other evidence of the discrimination or harassment, and any other pertinent information which may assist in investigating and resolving the complaint.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

~~(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)~~

2. **Investigation Process:** The coordinator shall initiate an impartial investigation of an allegation of discrimination or harassment within five business days of receiving notice of the alleged discriminatory or harassing behavior, regardless of whether a written complaint has been filed or whether the written complaint is complete.

The coordinator shall meet with the complainant to describe the district's complaint procedure and discuss the actions being sought by the complainant in response to the allegation. The coordinator shall inform the complainant that the investigation of the allegations will be fair, timely, and thorough and will be conducted in a manner that provides all parties due process and reaches reasonable conclusions based on the evidence collected. He/she shall also inform the parties that the investigationallegations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, but that some information may be revealed as necessary to conduct an effective investigation.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

If the coordinator determines that a detailed fact-finding investigation is necessary, he/she shall begin the investigation immediately. As part of this investigation, the coordinator should interview the complainant, the person accused, and other persons who could be expected to have relevant information.

The coordinator shall track and document the progress of the investigation to ensure reasonable progress and shall inform the parties as necessary.

When necessary to carry out his/her investigation or to protect employee safety, the coordinator may discuss the complaint with the Superintendent or designee, district legal counsel, or the district's risk manager.

The coordinator also shall determine whether interim measures, such as scheduling changes, transfers, or leaves, need to be taken before the investigation is completed to ensure that further incidents ~~are prevented, do not occur~~. The coordinator shall ensure that such interim measures do not constitute retaliation.

3. **Written Report on Findings and Remedial/Corrective Action:** No more than 20 business days after receiving the complaint, the coordinator shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of his/her findings. This timeline may be extended for good cause. If an extension is needed, the coordinator shall notify the ~~parties~~complainant and explain the reasons for the extension.

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. If a determination has been made that discrimination or harassment occurred, the report also shall include any corrective action(s) that have been or will be taken to address the behavior, provide appropriate options for remedial actions and resolutions ~~correct the effect on~~ the complainant, and ensure that retaliation or further discrimination or harassment ~~is prevented~~does not occur.

The report shall be presented to the complainant, the person accused, and the Superintendent or designee.

4. **Appeal to the Governing Board:** The complainant or the person accused may appeal any findings to the Board within 10 business days of receiving the written report of the coordinator's findings. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with all information presented during the investigation. Upon receiving an appeal, the Board shall schedule a hearing as soon as practicable. Any complaint against a district employee shall be addressed in closed session in accordance with law. The Board shall render its decision within 10 business days.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

Other Remedies

Note: Items #1-3 below state the time limits within which employees must file their complaints. The EEOC's guidance states that it is important for employers' nondiscrimination policies to contain information about time frames for filing charges of unlawful discrimination or harassment with the EEOC or DFEH. Employees should be informed that the deadline for filing charges starts to run from the last date of the unlawful act, not from the conclusion of the employer's complaint investigation. Pursuant to DFEH procedures, DFEH will automatically forward any complaint it has accepted for investigation to the EEOC when the matter falls within the EEOC's jurisdiction.

In addition to filing a discrimination or harassment complaint with the district, a person may file a complaint with either the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The time limits for filing such complaints are as follows:

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12960, an employee has one year to file a complaint with DFEH, although that period may be extended under certain circumstances, such as when a person obtains knowledge of the unlawful practice after the expiration of the one-year period.

1. To file a valid complaint with DFEH, within one year of the alleged discriminatory act(s), unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code 12960

Note: 42 USC 2000e-5 specifies that a person must file a discrimination complaint with the EEOC within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Pursuant to 42 USC 2000e-5, the 180-day timeline for compensation discrimination starts when the discriminatory paycheck is received and that each discriminatory paycheck restarts the timeline for the filing of a complaint.

2. To file a valid complaint directly with EEOC, within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) (42 USC 2000e-5)
3. To file a valid complaint with EEOC after first filing a complaint with DFEH, within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by DFEH, whichever is earlier (42 USC 2000e-5)

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rescue, California

Rescue Union ESD

Board Policy

Sexual Harassment

Personnel	BP 4119.11(a)
	4219.11
SEXUAL HARASSMENT	4319.11

Note: Education Code 231.5 mandates the district to have a written policy on sexual harassment. As part of this mandate, the district also should adopt a sexual harassment policy related to students; see BP/AR 5145.7 -

Generally, courts recognize two types of conduct as constituting sexual harassment. "Quid Pro Quo" ("this for that") sexual harassment is considered to have occurred when a person in a position of authority makes another individual's educational or employment benefits conditional upon that other person's willingness to engage in unwanted sexual behavior (e.g., promising a promotion for sex). "Hostile environment" sexual harassment, on the other hand, is conduct by the perpetrator that is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates a hostile, intimidating, or abusive educational or professional environment for another. Sexual harassment also covers retaliatory behavior against a complainant, witness, or other participant in the complaint process. Pursuant to Government Code 12940 and 2 CCR 11009, as amended by Register 2015, No. 50, interns, volunteers, and job applicants are entitled to the same protection against sexual harassment as applicable to employees.

Sexual harassment is prohibited pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e-2000e-17) and/or Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (42 USC 2000h-2-2000h-6), as well as the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code 12900-12996.

Pursuant to Government Code 12940, employers may be held liable for sexual harassment committed against their workers by clients, customers, or other third parties if they knew or should have known of the harassment and failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action to stop the harassment.

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment of district employees, ~~and job applicants~~. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees or other persons who complain, testify, or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and accompanying administrative regulation. This policy shall apply to all district employees and, when applicable, to interns, volunteers, and job applicants.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Note: Federal and state courts have provided guidance that may help employers avoid liability or mitigate damages in sexual harassment cases. In Department of Health Services v. Superior Court (McGinnis), the California Supreme Court outlined measures that may enable employers to reduce damages, including establishing anti-harassment policies, communicating those policies to employees, consistently enforcing their policies, preserving the confidentiality of employees who report harassment, and preventing retaliation against reporting employees. The U.S. Supreme Court has held, in Burlington Industries v. Ellerth, that, for certain claims under federal law, an employer may defend against sexual harassment claims by proving that: (1) reasonable care was exercised to prevent and promptly correct any sexually harassing behavior, and (2) the employee (victim) failed to take advantage of the preventive and corrective opportunities provided by the employer.

Pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, employers with 50 or more employees are required to provide two hours of sexual harassment training to supervisory employees. See the accompanying administrative regulation for timelines and training requirements.

Items #1-4 below reflect the courts' guidance and Government Code 12950.1, and should be modified to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation, ~~as well as the procedures for filing complaints and employees' duty to use the district's complaint procedures.~~

2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to staff

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints

4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (25 CCR 110234964)

Note: Pursuant to 2 CCR 11034, as amended by Register 2015, No. 50, the district may be liable for sexual harassment committed by a supervisor, coworker, or a third party. In addition, as part of its affirmative duty to prevent sexual harassment, the district is required pursuant to 2 CCR 11023, as amended by Register 2015, No. 50, to instruct supervisors to report complaints.

Any district employee ~~or job applicant~~ who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee, ~~a job applicant or a student~~, shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor, the principal, district administrator, or Superintendent.

A supervisor, principal, or other district administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.

Note: In Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, one of the factors relied on by the U.S. Supreme Court in finding liability for harassment by a supervisor was the failure of the policy to provide an assurance to its employees that harassing supervisors may be bypassed in registering complaints.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4030 - ~~Nondiscrimination4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination~~ in Employment. An employee

may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

~~(cf. 4031—Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)~~

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment ~~against a district employee, job applicant, or student is~~ in violation of this policy ~~and~~ is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

~~(cf. 41184117.4 - Dismissal)~~

~~(cf. 4118—Suspension/Disciplinary Action)~~

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Note: In addition to district sanction against employees who engage in sexual harassment, Government Code 12940 provides that such employees may be held personally liable in a court of law for any damage to the victim(s).

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

GOVERNMENT CODE

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:

12940 Prohibited discrimination

12950.1 Sexual harassment training

LABOR CODE

1101 Political activities of employees

1102.1 Discrimination: sexual orientation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11009 Employment discrimination

110217287.8 Retaliation

11023 Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction

11024 7288.0 Sexual harassment training and education

11034 Terms, conditions, and privileges of employment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

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106.9 Dissemination of policy

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OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January, 1999

WEB SITES

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rescue, California

Rescue Union ESD

Administrative Regulation

<u>All Personnel</u>	AR 4119.11(a)
	4219.11
<u>SEXUAL HARASSMENT</u>	4319.11

Note: The following administrative regulation is **mandated** pursuant to Education Code 231.5 and includes reasonable steps for preventing the occurrence of discrimination and harassment as required pursuant to Government Code 12940 (California Fair Employment and Housing Act). The focus of this administrative regulation is on sexual harassment by and of employees. Pursuant to Government Code 12940 and 2 CCR 11009, as amended by Register 2015, No. 50, interns, volunteers, and job applicants are entitled to the same protection against sexual harassment as applicable to employees.

For information related to sexual harassment involving students, see BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

~~AR 4319.11-~~

~~Personnel~~ This administrative regulation shall apply to all allegations of sexual harassment involving employees, interns, volunteers, and job applicants, but shall not be used to resolve any complaint by or against a student.

Definitions

Note: In *Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, Inc.*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that same-sex sexual harassment could be actionable under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e-2000e-17).

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the work or educational setting when: (Education Code 212.5; Government Code 12940; ~~25~~ CCR ~~110344916~~)

1. Submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual's employment.
2. Submission to or rejection of ~~the~~ such conduct ~~by the individual~~ is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting ~~the individual~~ him/her.

~~33. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work or has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. Regardless of whether or not the alleged harasser was motivated by sexual desire, the conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent, pervasive, or objectively offensive as to create a hostile or abusive working environment or to limit the individual's ability to participate in or benefit from an education program or activity.~~

4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct ~~by the other individual~~ is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual~~him/her~~ regarding benefits, services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the district.

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12940, conduct may meet the definition of sexual harassment regardless of whether or not the alleged harasser is motivated by sexual desire for the victim.

Prohibited sexual harassment also includes conduct which, regardless of whether or not it is motivated by sexual desire, is so severe or pervasive as to unreasonably interfere with the victim's work performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12940, the district may be held liable for sexual harassment committed against employees by clients, customers, or other third parties if the district knew, or should have known, of the harassment and failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action to stop the harassment. The following paragraph clarifies that sexual harassment may include acts by supervisors, co-workers, or other parties and should be modified to reflect district practice.

Examples~~Other examples~~ of actions that might constitute sexual harassment in the work or educational setting, whether committed by a supervisor, a co-worker, or a non-employee, ~~in the work or educational setting~~ include, but are not limited to:

1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual's body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions, or the spreading of sexual rumors
2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, or gestures; sexually explicit emails; displaying sexually suggestive objects
3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body; touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over, or impeding normal movements

Training

Note: The following paragraph is consistent with a district's affirmative duty to protect its employees from sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, pursuant to 2 CCR 11023, as added by Register 2015, No. 50. In addition, since BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment requires employees to report sexual harassment against students, training such employees to recognize and address sexual harassment incidents furthers the district's interest in protecting both employees and students against prohibited conduct. Thus, it is strongly recommended that districts periodically provide sexual harassment training or information to all their employees, especially those who work at school sites.

Provision of periodic training to all district employees could also help foster a positive work environment and mitigate damages against a district in the event of sexual harassment litigation. In Department of Health Services v. Superior Court (McGinnis), the California Supreme Court held that employers that have taken reasonable steps to prevent and correct workplace sexual harassment may be able to reduce damages in the event of a

lawsuit. Such steps may include establishing anti-harassment policies and communicating those policies to employees.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees receive training regarding the district's sexual harassment policies when hired and periodically thereafter. ~~The Such~~ training shall include the procedures for reporting and/or filing complaints involving an employee, employees' duty to use the district's complaint procedures, and employee obligations when a sexual harassment report involving a student is made to the employee.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. ~~4030 - Nondiscrimination~~ ~~4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination~~ in Employment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Note: The remainder of this section is for use by districts with 50 or more employees. Although the law does not require districts with fewer than 50 employees to provide sexual harassment training to supervisors, court decisions have held that providing training may help mitigate damages in sexual harassment suits. Additionally, provision of supervisor training may be a factor in determining whether a district has taken reasonable steps to prevent discrimination and harassment pursuant to Government Code 12940.

Government Code 12950.1 requires such districts to provide two hours of sexual harassment training and education once every two years to every supervisory employee, defined as any employee with the authority to take employment action, including hiring, transferring, suspending, and disciplining other employees, or recommend such action if the exercise of that authority is not merely routine or clerical in nature. All newly hired supervisors or employees promoted to a supervisory position must receive the training within six months of their hire or assumption of the supervisory position. Compliance with this law does not insulate the district from any liability for harassment.

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All such newly hired or promoted employees shall receive training within six months of their assumption of the new position. (Government Code 12950.1)

A *supervisory employee* is any employee ~~having with~~ the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to direct them, adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend such action, when the exercise of the authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 12926)~~to effectively recommend such action.~~

(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)

Note: Government Code 12950.1 and 2 CCR 11024, as amended and renumbered by Register 2015, No. 50, require that the training for supervisory employees contain specified components and be presented by trainers or educators with knowledge and expertise in the prevention of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation.

The district's sexual harassment training and education program for supervisory employees shall be aimed at assisting them in preventing and effectively responding to incidents of sexual harassment, as well as implementing mechanisms to promptly address and correct wrongful

behavior. The training shall include, but is not limited to, the following provision of: (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR ~~1102411023~~)

1. Information and practical guidance regarding federal and state laws on the prohibition, ~~against and the~~ prevention, and correction of sexual harassment, ~~and the~~ remedies available to ~~sexual harassment the~~ victims in civil actions, and potential district and/or individual exposure or liability of sexual harassment in employment
2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and practical~~Practical~~ examples which illustrate ~~sexual aimed at instructing supervisors in the prevention of~~ harassment, discrimination, and retaliation using training modalities such as role plays, case studies, and group discussions, based on factual scenarios taken from case law, news and media accounts, and hypotheticals based on workplace situations and other sources
3. A supervisor's obligation to report sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation of which he/she becomes aware and what to do if the supervisor himself/herself is personally accused of harassment
4. Strategies for preventing harassment, discrimination, and retaliation and appropriate steps to ensure that remedial measures are taken to correct harassing behavior, including an effective process for investigation of a complaint
5. The essential elements of the district's anti-harassment policy, including the limited confidentiality of the complaint process and resources for victims of unlawful sexual harassment, such as to whom they should report any alleged sexual harassment, and how to use the policy if a harassment complaint is filed
6. A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulation, which each participant shall acknowledge in writing that he/she has received
7. The definition and~~3.A component on the~~ prevention of abusive conduct that addresses the use of derogatory remarks, insults, or epithets, other verbal or physical conduct that a reasonable person would find threatening, intimidating, or humiliating, and the gratuitous sabotage or undermining of a person's work performance

~~4.A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulation, which each participant shall acknowledge in writing that he/she has received~~

~~5. All other contents of mandated training specified in 2 CCR 11023~~

The Superintendent or designee shall retain for at least two years the records of any training provided to supervisory employees. Such records shall include the names of trained employees, date of the training, the type of training, and the name of the training provider. (2 CCR ~~1102411023~~)

Notifications

Note: Education Code 231.5 requires that the district provide copies of its policy on sexual harassment to staff, as specified below. In addition, 2 CCR 11024 requires that supervisory employees undergoing mandatory training receive a copy of the district's policy and acknowledge receipt of the policy; see item #6 in the section "Training" above.

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall: (Education Code 231.5)

1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building, district office, or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted
2. Be provided to every district employee at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year or whenever a new employee is hired

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - *Employee Notifications*)

3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct

Note: Government Code 12950 requires the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) to develop posters and information sheets on employment discrimination and the illegality of sexual harassment. These documents are available on DFEH's web site.

All employees shall receive either a copy of information sheets prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or a copy of district information sheets that contain, at a minimum, components on: (Government Code 12950)

1. The illegality of sexual harassment
2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
4. The district's complaint process available to the employee
5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC
7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 11021 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

In addition, the district shall post, in a prominent and accessible location, DFEH's poster on discrimination in employment and the illegality of sexual harassment. (Government Code 12950)

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Policy

Work-Related Injuries

BP 4157.1-4257.1-4357.1

Personnel

The Governing Board desires to provide its employees with insurance and workers' compensation benefits in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an efficient claims handling process in order to reduce costs and facilitate employee recovery.

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

(cf. 4157.2/4257.2/4357.2 - Ergonomics)

(cf. 4161.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

(cf. 4261.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

An employee shall report any work-related injury or illness to his/her supervisor as soon as practicable. Upon learning of an injury, a supervisor shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent or designee and the insurance carrier as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that every new employee is notified of his/her right to receive workers' compensation if injured at work and that injured employees are given notice of rights in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notifications regarding workers' compensation are posted in accordance with law.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44984 Industrial accident and illness leaves, certificated employees

45192 Industrial accident and illness leaves, classified employees

LABOR CODE

3200-4855 Workers' compensation, especially:

3550-3553 Employee notice

3600-3605 Conditions of liability

3760 Report of injury to insurer

4600 Provision of medical and hospital treatment by employer

4906 Disclosures and statements

5400-5413 Notice of injury or death

6409.1 Reports
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
15596 Notice of employee rights

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Industrial Relations: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

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All Personnel

AR 4157.1(a)

4257.1

WORK-RELATED INJURIES

4357.1

In order to provide medical benefits, temporary or permanent disability benefits, wage replacement, retraining or skill enhancement, and/or death benefits in the event that an employee becomes injured or ill in the course of employment, the district shall provide all employees with insurance and workers' compensation benefits in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an efficient claims handling process that reduces costs and facilitates employee recovery.

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

(cf. 4157.2/4257.2/4357.2 - Ergonomics)

(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify every new employee, at the time of hire or by the end of the first pay period, of his/her right to receive workers' compensation benefits if injured at work. (Labor Code 3551; 8 CCR 15596)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

In addition, a notice regarding workers' compensation benefits shall be posted in a conspicuous location frequented by employees, where the notice may be easily read during the workday. (Labor Code 3550)

In the event that an employee is injured or becomes ill in the course of employment, he/she shall report the work-related injury or illness to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.

Within one working day of receiving notice or knowledge of any injury to an employee in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a claim form and notice of potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits to the employee or, in the case of the employee's death, to his/her dependents. The claim form and notice shall be provided personally or by first class mail. (Labor Code 5401)

The Superintendent or designee shall additionally ensure that any employee who is a victim of a crime that occurred at the place of employment is given written notice personally or by first class mail within one working day of the crime, or when the district reasonably should have known of

the crime, that the employee is eligible for workers' compensation benefits for injuries, including psychiatric injuries, that may have resulted from the crime. (Labor Code 3553)

WORK-RELATED INJURIES (continued)

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 3550, 3551, and 5401, all employee notices described above (i.e., the notice provided to all employees at the time of hire, the notice that must be posted in a conspicuous place, and the notice and claim form provided when an employee is injured) must be in a form prescribed by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC). These notices are available on the DWC's web site or through the district's insurer. For districts that employ Spanish-speaking employees, the information must be made available in English and Spanish.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employee notices described above are in the form prescribed by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Division of Workers Compensation.

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 6409.1, the district must file a report concerning any injury or illness which has, or is alleged to have, arisen out of and in the course of employment. The report is required to be filed with the DIR or, if the district is insured through a third party insurer, with the insurer. The district should select the option below that corresponds to the manner in which it insures for workers' compensation.

OPTION 1: (Districts insured for workers' compensation through a third party insurer)

Upon learning of a work-related injury or illness, or injury or illness alleged to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall report the incident to the district's insurance carrier within five days after obtaining knowledge of the injury or illness. If a subsequent death arises as a result of the reported injury or illness, an amended report indicating the death must be filed with the insurance carrier within five days after being notified of or learning about the death. (Labor Code 6409.1)

OPTION 2: (Districts insured for workers' compensation through self-insurance)

Upon learning of a work-related injury or illness, or injury or illness alleged to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall report the incident to the DIR within five days after obtaining knowledge of the injury or illness. If a subsequent death arises as a result of the reported injury or illness, an amended report indicating the death must be filed with the DIR within five days after being notified of or learning about the death. (Labor Code 6409.1)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that selected either Option 1 or 2 above.

In addition, in every case involving death or serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make a report by telephone or email to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health. (Labor Code 6409.1)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44984 *Industrial accident and illness leaves, certificated employees*

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5400-5413 *Notice of injury or death*

6409.1 *Reports*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

15596 *Notice of employee rights*

Management Resources:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

A Guidebook for Injured Workers, 2016

Notice to Employees -- Injuries Caused by Work

Time of Hire Pamphlet

Workers' Compensation Claim Form (DWC 1) & Notice of Potential Eligibility

WEB SITES

California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh>

California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers Compensation:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc>

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Administrative Regulation

Personal Illness/Injury Leave
Personnel

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4361.1

Note: The following administrative regulation is subject to collective bargaining. Education Code 44978 provides a minimum of 10 days of personal illness or injury leave (sick leave) per year for certificated employees working five days a week. The Governing Board may allow additional days at its discretion; if it does so, the following paragraph should be revised accordingly.

Labor Code 245-249 (the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act) require districts to grant a minimum of one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked to their employees who work for 30 days within a year of their employment, including temporary and substitute employees. Pursuant to Labor Code 246, a district may use a different sick leave accrual method which provides for the accrual to be on a regular basis so that an employee accrues at least 24 hours of sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of his/her employment or each calendar year or 12-month period.

The provisions of Labor Code 245-249 are very broad and **only** district employees covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement may be exempted from them, if the collective bargaining agreement expressly provides paid sick leave in an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of leave required pursuant to Labor Code 246, includes final and binding arbitration of disputes regarding the application of the paid sick days provisions, and provides premium wage rates for all overtime hours worked and a regular hourly rate of pay of not less than 30 percent more than the state minimum wage rate. Since many districts may not satisfy all the conditions for this exemption, this administrative regulation has been drafted to include the requirements of Labor Code 245-249. Any district whose collective bargaining agreement meets all the conditions for exemption may modify this administrative regulation accordingly.

For additional requirements of Labor Code 245-249, see the section titled "Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements" below. For paid sick leave for temporary and substitute certificated employees, see BP/AR 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel. For sick leave for classified employees, see AR 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

Certificated employees employed five school days ~~per~~ week are entitled to 10 days' leave of absence with full pay for personal illness or injury (sick leave); per school year of service. Employees who work less than five school days per week (part-time employees) shall be granted sick leave in proportion to the time they work. However, any part-time employee who is entitled to less than three days of paid sick leave per year due to the amount of time worked shall be granted sick leave pursuant to Labor Code 246, if he/she is eligible. (Education Code 44978; Labor Code 245-249)

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)

(cf. 4161.9/4261.9/4361.9 - Catastrophic Leave Program)

Use of Sick Leave

Certificated employees may use sick leave for absences due to:

1. Accident or illness, whether or not the absence arises out of or in the course of employment; quarantine which results from contact with other persons having a contagious disease during the employee's performance of his/her duties; or temporary inability to perform assigned duties because of illness, accident, or quarantine (Education Code 44964)

(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)

2. Pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and related recovery (Education Code 44965, 44978)

(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)

3. Personal necessity (Education Code 44981)

(cf. 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves)

Note: **Optional** item #4 below may be revised as desired to specify a different minimum increment for sick leave.

4. Medical and dental appointments, in half day or whole day increments of not less than one hour

5. Industrial accidents or illnesses when leave granted specifically for that purpose has been exhausted (Education Code 44984)

(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 233, any district that provides sick leave to its employees is required to permit them to use sick leave, in an amount not less than the sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement, for the purposes specified in items #6-7 below.

For the purpose of using sick leave to attend to the health care needs of a family member, as specified in item #6 below, defines "family member" as an employee's spouse, registered domestic partner, child (biological, adopted, or foster child; stepchild; legal ward; or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis), parent (biological, adoptive, or foster parent; stepparent; legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner; or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child), grandparent, grandchild, or sibling.)

For additional information about leaves for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking granted in accordance with item #7 below, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.

- 6a. Need of the employee or his/her family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care (Labor Code 233, 246.5)
- 7b. Need of the employee to seek or obtain any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and/or 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee, or his/her

child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

For the purposes specified in items #6-7, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave he/she would accrue during six months at his/her current rate of entitlement. (Labor Code 233)

An employee may take sick leave at any time during the school year, even if credit for sick leave has not yet been accrued. (Education Code 44978)

Unused days of sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year without limitation. (Education Code 44978)

Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

At the beginning of each school year, employees shall be notified of the amount of sick leave they have accumulated.

The district shall not require new employees to waive leave accumulated in a previous district. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44979-44980, a certificated employee is entitled to have his/her accumulated sick leave transferred with him/her in the circumstances specified in the following optional paragraph.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any certificated employee who leaves the district after at least one school year of employment that if the employee accepts a certificated position in another district, county office of education, or community college district within one year, he/she may request that the district transfer his/her accumulated sick leave to the new employer. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans

Note: Education Code 44978.2, as added by SB 1180 (Ch. 728, Statutes of 2016), provides that an employee hired on or after January 1, 2017, who is a military veteran with a qualifying military service-connected disability (i.e., an injury or disease that occurred during active duty or was made worse by active military service and that has a disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs of 30 percent or higher) is entitled to additional sick leave with pay for up to 10 days. Such leave may only be taken during the first year of employment for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, as specified below.

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a newly hired certificated employee who is a military veteran with a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 10 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for his/her military service-connected disability. An eligible employee employed less than five days per week shall be entitled to such leave in proportion to the time he/she works. (Education Code 44978.2)

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee on the first day of employment and shall remain available for the following 12 months of employment. Leave not used during the 12-month period shall not be carried over and shall be forfeited. (Education Code 44978.2)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44978.2, the district may require proof that a leave granted under this law is used for treatment of a military service-connected disability. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification, in accordance with the section "Verification Requirements" below, that the employee used the leave to obtain treatment of a military service-connected disability.

Notification of Absence

Note: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice.

An employee shall notify the district of his/her need to be absent as soon as such need is known, so that substitute services may be secured. This notification shall include an estimate of the expected duration of absence. If the absence becomes longer than estimated, the employee shall so notify the district. If the duration of absence becomes shorter than estimated, the employee shall notify the district not later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the day preceding the day on which he/she intends to return to work. If the employee fails to notify the district and the failure results in a substitute being secured, the cost of the substitute shall be deducted from the employee's pay.

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44977, an employee who is absent for up to five months after exhausting all his/her available sick leave must receive his/her regular salary minus the cost of a substitute. Option 1 below reflects this requirement. However, Education Code 44983 provides that Education Code 44977 does not apply to those districts that adopt a rule that gives certificated employees 50 percent or more of their regular salary during the period of absence. Option 2 below is for use by districts that choose to specify such a level of compensation; these districts are mandated to adopt a rule to this effect.

When an employee is absent for a period of more than five months, or is absent for a cause other than illness, Education Code 44977 and 44983 provide that the amount deducted from his/her salary shall be determined according to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board as long as such rules are not in conflict with State Board of Education regulations. **If not covered in the district's negotiated agreement, the district may add provisions in this section reflecting salary deductions for employees absent longer than five months.**

OPTION 1:

During each school year, when a certificated employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and, due to illness or ~~accident~~injury, continues to be absent from his/her duties for an additional period of up to five school months, the employee shall receive his/her regular salary minus the actual cost of a substitute to fill the position. If the district has made every reasonable effort to secure the services of a substitute and has been

unable to do so, the amount that would have been paid to a substitute shall be deducted from the employee's salary. (Education Code 44977)

An employee shall not be provided more than one five-month period per illness or accident/injury. However, if the school year ends before the five-month period is exhausted, the employee may take the balance of the five-month period in a subsequent school year. (Education Code 44977)

In addition, during each school year, any certificated employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of maternity or paternity leave (baby bonding) pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 shall receive, for up to 12 school weeks, his/her regular salary minus the actual cost of a substitute to fill the position or, if no substitute was employed, the amount that would have been paid had a substitute been employed. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such maternity or paternity leave. (Education Code 44977.5)

Absence Beyond Five-Month Period/Reemployment List

Note: The following paragraph is required for districts that select Option 1 (i.e., differential pay) in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above and should be carefully considered by districts that select Option 2 (i.e., 50 percent pay). Education Code 44978.1 requires the establishment of a reemployment list for employees who are unable to resume their duties after the five-month period provided pursuant to Education Code 44977. Although Education Code 44978.1 does not explicitly require a reemployment list for districts selecting Option 2, such districts should be aware that failure to establish a reemployment list may subject employees to termination following a five-month absence. Therefore, any district that selects Option 2 and currently maintains a reemployment list for employees who are absent beyond the five-month period, or that wishes to establish such a list, should consult legal counsel before changing its policy or practices.

If a certificated employee is not medically able to resume his/her duties after the five-month period provided pursuant to Education Code 44977, the employee shall be placed either in another position or on a reemployment list. Placement on the reemployment list shall be for 24 months for probationary employees or 39 months for permanent employees and shall begin at the expiration of the five-month period. If during this time the employee becomes medically able, he/she shall be returned to employment in a position for which he/she is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

Differential Pay for Parental Leave

Note: The following section is subject to any conflicting provision in a collective bargaining agreement that provides greater parental leave rights. Pursuant to Education Code 44977.5, as amended by AB 2393 (Ch. 883, Statutes of 2016), the district is required to provide differential pay to a certificated employee when he/she has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent due to parental leave for the birth of the employee's child or placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care (baby bonding), pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 (California Family Rights Act). Such an employee is entitled to receive differential pay, calculated in the same manner described in Option 1 or 2 in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above, for up to 12 work weeks.

As amended, Education Code 44977.5 provides that such parental leave will run concurrently with parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2. However, unlike leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2, leave taken pursuant to Education Code 44977.5 does not require an employee to have at least 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12-month period in order to be eligible for parental leave. See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave for further information on requirements related to the California Family Rights Act.

During each school year, any certificated employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave (baby bonding) pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 shall receive differential pay for up to 12 work weeks. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such parental leave. Such parental leave shall run concurrently with the parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 and the aggregate amount of parental leave shall not exceed 12 work weeks in a 12-month period. Eligibility for parental leave pursuant to Education Code 44977.5 shall not require 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12 months. (Education Code 44977.5)

Verification Requirements

Note: Education Code 44978 mandates the Board to adopt regulations requiring proof of illness or injury and prescribing the means of verification. However, Education Code 44978 provides that these regulations shall not discriminate against evidence of treatment and the need for treatment by the practice of a well-recognized religion. For verification requirements for employees on leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave. The following section should be modified to reflect district practice and any procedures which have been specified in negotiated agreements.

Labor Code 233 requires districts to allow their employees to use sick leave for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5, the paid sick leave law. Because the paid sick leave law is silent on requests for verification, and actually requires an employer to provide an employee with paid sick days upon oral or written request, districts should be cautious in requiring verification for sick leave used for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5 (items #6-7 in the section "Use of Sick Leave" above). Although a district is permitted to require verification from an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, pursuant to Labor Code 230 and 230.1, a general insistence on verification could be deemed a violation of Labor Code 246.5. Any district with questions regarding its authority related to verification should consult legal counsel.

After any absence due to illness or injury, the employee shall verify the absence by submitting a completed and signed district absence form to his/her immediate supervisor.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification whenever an employee's absence record shows chronic absenteeism or a pattern of absences immediately before or after weekends and/or holidays or whenever available evidence clearly indicates that an absence is not related to illness or injury.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may require an employee to visit a physician selected by the district, at district expense, in order to receive a report on the medical condition of the employee. The report shall include a statement as to the employee's need for further leave of absence and a prognosis as to when the employee will be able to return to work. If the report concludes that the employee's condition does not warrant continued absence, the Superintendent or designee may, after giving notice to the employee, deny further leave.

Note: 42 USC 2000ff-1, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, and its implementing regulations, 29 CFR 1635.1-1635.12, specify that it is unlawful for a district to request, require, or purchase an employee's or his/her family member's individual genetic information except in complying with the medical certification requirements for family care and medical leave purposes or with the employee's prior written authorization. See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1635.9, any such information received by the district must be kept confidential as specified below.

Any district request for additional verification by an employee's physician or a district-selected physician shall be in writing and shall specify that the report to be submitted to the district should not contain the employee's genetic information.

Any genetic information received by the district on behalf of an employee shall be treated as a confidential medical record, maintained in a file separate from the employee's personnel file, and shall not be disclosed except in accordance with 29 CFR 1635.9.

Before returning to work, an employee who has been absent for surgery, hospitalization, or extended medical treatment may be asked to submit a letter from his/her physician stating that he/she is able to return to duty and stipulating any necessary restrictions or limitations.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)

Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 245-249, all employers, including those that provide paid time off to their employees under existing policy or other law, must comply with the requirements specified in the following section. Pursuant to Labor Code 248.5, noncompliance with the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act could result in enforcement action against the employer, including the imposition of civil and monetary penalties. Any district with questions regarding the applicability of this new law should consult its legal counsel.

No employee shall be denied the right to use accrued sick days, and the district shall not in any manner discriminate or retaliate against an employee for using or attempting to use sick leave, filing a complaint with the Labor Commissioner, or alleging district violation of Labor Code 245-249.

To ensure the district's compliance with Labor Code 245-249, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. At a conspicuous location in each workplace, display a poster on paid sick leave that includes the following information:
 - a. That an employee is entitled to accrue, request, and use paid sick days
 - b. The amount of sick days provided by Labor Code 245-249
 - c. The terms of use of paid sick days

- d. That discrimination or retaliation against an employee for requesting and/or using sick leave is prohibited by law and that an employee has the right to file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner if the district discriminates or retaliates against him/her
2. Provide at least 24 hours or three days of paid sick leave to each eligible employee to use per year and allow eligible employees to use accrued sick leave upon reasonable request
3. Provide eligible employees written notice, on their pay stub or other document issued with their pay check, of the amount of paid sick leave they have available

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

4. Keep a record documenting the hours worked and paid sick days accrued and used by each eligible employee for three years

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44964 Power to grant leave of absence in case of illness, accident, or quarantine

44965 Granting of leaves of absence for pregnancy and childbirth

44976 Transfer of leave rights when school is transferred to another district

44977 Salary deduction during absence from duties up to five months after sick leave is exhausted

44977.5 ~~Differential pay~~ **Salary deduction** during ~~parental~~ **absence from duties for maternity or paternity** leave up to 12 weeks after sick leave is exhausted

44978 Provisions for sick leave of certificated employees

44978.1 Inability to return to duty; placement in another position or on reemployment list

44978.2 Leave for military service connected disability

44979 Transfer of accumulated sick leave to another district

44980 Transfer of accumulated sick leave to a county office of education

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44984 Industrial accident or illness

44986 Leave of absence for disability allowance applicant

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220 Sections inapplicable to public employees

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233 Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5601 Transfer of accumulated sick leave

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rescue, California

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Administrative Regulation

Personal Illness/Injury Leave

AR 4261.1

Personnel

Note: The following administrative regulation is subject to collective bargaining. Twelve days of paid A personal illness or injury leave (sick leave) per year is the minimum prescribed by Education Code 45191 district for classified employees employed five days a week in both merit and non-merit system districts. The Governing Board may allow more sick leave at its discretion; if it does so, the following paragraph should be revised accordingly. –

Labor Code 245-249 (the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act) require districts to grant a minimum of one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked to their employees who work for 30 days within a year of their employment, including classified employees. Pursuant to Labor Code 246, a district may use a different sick leave accrual method which provides for the accrual to be on a regular basis so that an employee accrues at least 24 hours of sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of his/her employment or each calendar year or 12-month period.

The provisions of Labor Code 245-249 are very broad and **only** district employees covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement may be exempted from them, if the collective bargaining agreement expressly provides paid sick leave in an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of leave required pursuant to Labor Code 246, includes final and binding arbitration of disputes regarding the application of the paid sick days provisions, and provides premium wage rates for all overtime hours worked and a regular hourly rate of pay of not less than 30 percent more than the state minimum wage rate. Since many districts may not satisfy all the conditions for this exemption, this administrative regulation reflects the requirements of Labor Code 245-249. Any district whose collective bargaining agreement meets all the conditions for exemption may modify this administrative regulation accordingly.

For additional requirements of Labor Code 245-249, see sections titled "Short-Term and Substitute Employees" and "Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements" below. For sick leave for certificated employees, see AR 4161.1/4361.1 - .

Classified employees employed five days a week are entitled to 12 days' leave of absence with full pay for personal illness or injury (sick leave) per fiscal year. Employees who work less than a full fiscal year or fewer than five days a week (part-time employees) shall be granted sick leave in proportion to the time they work. However, any part-time employee whose work hours are so few as to entitle him/her to less than 24 hours of paid sick leave per fiscal year shall be granted sick leave pursuant to Labor Code 246, if he/she is eligible. (Education Code 45191; Labor Code 245-249)

1. ~~_____ Absences caused by accident~~(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)
(cf. 4161.9/4261.9/4361.9 - Catastrophic Leave Program)

Use of Sick Leave

A classified employee may use sick leave for absences due to:

1. Accident or illness, whether or not the absence arises out of or in the course of employment, or by quarantine which results from contact ~~during the performance of the employee's duties~~ with other persons having a ~~contagious disease (Education Code 45199)~~ contagious disease during the employee's performance of his/her duties (Education Code 45199)

2. ~~Pregnancy Absences due to pregnancy~~, childbirth, and recovery ~~_(Education Code 45193)-~~

(cf. ~~4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave~~)-

3. ~~Personal~~ ~~Cases of personal~~ necessity as specified in Education Code 45207-

(cf. ~~4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves~~)-

Note: Optional item #4 below may be revised to specify a different minimum increment.

4. ~~Medical or dental appointments, in increments.~~ ~~Cases of~~ not less than one hour

5. ~~Industrial~~ ~~industrial~~ accident or illness when leave granted specifically for that purpose has been exhausted ~~_(Education Code 45192)-~~

(cf. ~~4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave~~)-

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 233, any district that provides sick leave to its employees is required to permit them to use sick leave in an amount not less than the sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement, for the purposes specified in items #6-7 below.

For the purpose of using sick leave to attend to the health care needs of a family member, as specified in item #6 below, Labor Code 245.5 defines "family member" as an employee's spouse, registered domestic partner, child (biological, adopted, or foster child; stepchild; legal ward; or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis), parent (biological, adoptive, or foster parent; stepparent; legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner; or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child), grandparent, grandchild, or sibling.

For additional information about leaves for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking granted in accordance with item #7 below, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.

6. Need of the employee or his/her family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

7. Need of the employee to seek or obtain any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee, or his/her child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

For the purposes specified in items #6-7, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave he/she would accrue during six months at his/her current rate of entitlement. (Labor Code 233)

An employee may take leave for personal illness or injury at any time during the year, even if credit for such leave has not yet been accrued. However, a new full-time classified employee shall not be entitled to more than six days of sick leave until he/she has completed six months of active service with the district. (Education Code 45191)

Unused days of sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year without limitation. (Education Code 45191)

Note: The following paragraph is optional.

An employee shall reimburse the district for any unearned sick leave used as of the date of his/her termination.

The district shall not require newly employed classified employees to waive leave accumulated in a previous district. However, if the employee's previous employment was terminated for cause, the transfer of the accumulated leave shall be made only if approved by the Governing Board. (Education Code 45202)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45202, a classified employee who is terminated after at least one year of employment for any reason unrelated to discipline is entitled to have his/her accumulated sick leave transferred with him/her in certain circumstances. The following paragraph, which provides for the notification of employees as a way to implement this provision, is optional and may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any classified employee whose employment with the district is terminated after at least one calendar year for reasons other than for cause that, if he/she accepts employment in another district, county office of education, or community college district within one year of the termination of employment, he/she shall be entitled to request that the district transfer his/her accumulated sick leave to his/her new employer. (Education Code 45202)

Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans

Note: Education Code 45191.5, as added by SB 1180 (Ch. 728, Statutes of 2016), provides that an employee hired on or after January 1, 2017, who is a military veteran with a qualifying military service-connected disability (i.e., an injury or disease that occurred during active duty or was made worse by active military service and that has a disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs of 30 percent or higher) is entitled to additional sick leave with pay for up to 12 days. Such leave may only be taken during the first year of employment for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, as specified below.

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a newly hired classified employee who is a military veteran with a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or higher by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 12 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for his/her military

service-connected disability. An eligible employee employed less than five days per week shall be entitled to such leave in proportion to the time he/she works. (Education Code 45191.5)

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee on the first day of employment and shall remain available for the following 12 months of employment. Leave not used during the 12-month period shall not be carried over and shall be forfeited. (Education Code 45191.5)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45191.5, the district may require proof that a leave granted under this law is used for treatment of a military service-connected disability. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification, in accordance with the section “Verification Requirements” below, that the employee used the leave to obtain treatment of a military service-connected disability.

Notification of Absence

Note: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice.

An employee shall notify the Superintendent or the designated manager or supervisor of his/her need to be absent as soon as such need is known so that the services of a substitute may be secured as necessary. This notification shall include an estimate of the expected duration of absence. If the absence becomes longer than estimated, the employee shall so notify the district. If the duration of absence becomes shorter than estimated, the employee shall notify the district not later than three o'clock in the afternoon~~3 p.m.~~ of the day preceding the day on which he/she intends to return to work. If the employee fails to notify the district and the failure results in a substitute being secured, the cost of the substitute shall be deducted from the employee's pay.

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45196, a district is authorized to pay any employee who has exhausted his/her paid leaves his/her salary minus the actual pay received by a substitute for the remainder of a five-month absence to which the employee is entitled (Option 1 below). Alternatively, such an employee may be compensated at 50 percent or more of his/her salary for up to 100 working days, regardless of whether or not a substitute is hired (Option 2 below).

Districts that maintain a catastrophic leave program for their classified employees should specify how the program will affect the differential leave pay to which the employee may be entitled.

Note: In 53 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 111 (1970), the Attorney General clarified that a classified employee is entitled to a total period of five months, commencing with the first day of illness, during which the amount deducted from his/her salary may not exceed the sum which is actually paid a substitute. This five-month period runs concurrently with any other paid leave. After the employee has exhausted all paid leaves, he/she is entitled to differential pay for the balance of the five-month period.

In California School Employees Association v. Tustin Unified School District, the court ruled that a district could deduct from the absent employee's salary only the cost of an outside substitute employee, not the cost of existing classified employee(s) working additional hours to fill the position during the absence.

Pursuant to Education Code 45196, the amount paid to a substitute must be less than the absent employee's salary unless the Board has adopted a salary schedule for substitutes.

A classified employee who has exhausted all paid leaves, including sick leave, shall for the remainder of the five-month period of absence to which he/she is entitled, receive his/her salary minus the actual amount paid a substitute to fill the employee's position during his/her absence. (Education Code 45196)

The five-month period shall commence on the first day of the leave of absence and shall run concurrently with any other paid leave.

Differential Pay for Parental Leave

Note: The following section is subject to any conflicting provision in a collective bargaining agreement that provides greater parental leave rights. Pursuant to Education Code 45196.1, as added by AB 2393 (Ch. 883, Statutes of 2016), the district is required to provide differential pay to a classified employee when he/she has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent due to parental leave for the birth of the employee's child or placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care (baby bonding), pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 (California Family Rights Act). Such an employee is entitled to receive differential pay, calculated in the same manner described in Option 1 or 2 in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above, for up to 12 work weeks.

Education Code 45196.1 provides that such parental leave will run concurrently with parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2. However, unlike leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2, leave taken pursuant to Education Code 45196.1 does not require an employee to have at least 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12-month period in order to be eligible for parental leave. See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave for further information on requirements related to the California Family Rights Act.

During each school year, any classified employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave (baby bonding) pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 shall receive differential pay for up to 12 work weeks. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such parental leave. Such parental leave shall run concurrently with the parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 and the aggregate amount of parental leave shall not exceed 12 work weeks in a 12-month period. Eligibility for parental leave pursuant to Education Code 45196.1 shall not require 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12 months. (Education Code 45196.1)

Extension of Leave

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45195, the following extension of leave may be either paid or unpaid, and the Board may grant full pay for the full 18 months' allowable absence, if desired.

A permanent employee who is absent because of a personal illness or injury and who has exhausted all available sick leave, vacation, compensatory overtime, and any other paid leave shall be so notified, in writing, and offered an opportunity to request additional leave. The Board

may grant the employee additional leave, paid or unpaid, for a period not to exceed six months and may renew this leave for two additional six-month periods or for lesser periods. The total additional leave granted shall not exceed 18 months. (Education Code 45195)

(cf. 4216 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

If the employee is still unable to resume his/her duties after all available paid and unpaid leaves have been exhausted, the employee shall be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 39 months. If during this time the employee becomes able to resume the duties of his/her position, he/she shall be offered reemployment in the first vacancy in the classification of his/her previous assignment. During the 39 months, the employee's reemployment shall take preference over all other applicants except those laid off for lack of work or lack of funds, in which case the employee shall be ranked according to his/her seniority. (Education Code 45195)

Verification Requirements—

Note: Education Code 45191 mandates the Board to adopt regulations that require proof of illness or injury and prescribe the means of verification. However, Education Code 45191 provides that these regulations shall not discriminate against evidence of treatment and the need for treatment by the practice of a well-recognized religion. The following section should be modified to reflect district practice and any procedures that have been specified in negotiated agreements.

Labor Code 233 requires districts to allow their employees to use sick leave for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5, the paid sick leave law. Because the paid sick leave law is silent on requests for verification, and actually requires an employer to provide an employee with paid sick days upon oral or written request, districts should be cautious in requiring verification for sick leave used for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5 (items #6-7 in the section "Use of Sick Leave" above). Although a district is permitted to require verification from an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, pursuant to Labor Code 230 and 230.1, a general insistence on verification could be deemed a violation of Labor Code 246.5. Any district with questions regarding its authority related to verification should consult legal counsel.

After any absence due to illness or injury, the employee shall submit a completed and signed district absence form to his/her immediate supervisor.—

The Superintendent or designee may, ~~at any time,~~ require ~~additional written verification by the employee's physician or medical practitioner.~~ Such ~~verification shall be required~~ whenever an employee's absence record shows chronic absenteeism or a pattern of absences immediately before or after weekends and/or holidays or whenever ~~available~~ ~~clear~~ evidence clearly indicates that an absence is not related to illness or injury.—

~~In addition, the~~The Superintendent or designee may require an employee to visit a physician selected by the district, ~~and~~ at district expense, in order to receive a report on the medical condition of the employee. ~~The report shall include a~~ statement as to the employee's need for ~~additional~~ ~~further~~ leave of absence and a prognosis as to when the employee will be able to return to work. If the ~~report~~ ~~statement~~ concludes that the employee's condition does not warrant continued absence, the Superintendent or designee may, after giving notice to the employee, ~~may~~ deny ~~the request for additional~~ ~~further~~ leave.—

Note: 42 USC 2000ff-1, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, and its implementing regulations, 29 CFR 1635.1-1635.12, specify that it is unlawful for a district to request, require, or purchase an employee's or his/her family member's individual genetic information except in complying with the medical certification requirements for family care and medical leave purposes or with the employee's prior written authorization. See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1635.9, any such information received by the district must be kept confidential as specified below.

Any district request for additional verification by an employee's physician or a district-selected physician shall be in writing and shall specify that the report to be submitted to the district should not contain the employee's genetic information.

Any genetic information received by the district on behalf of an employee shall be treated as a confidential medical record, maintained in a file separate from the employee's personnel file, and shall not be disclosed except in accordance with 29 CFR 1635.9.

Before returning to work, an employee who has been absent for surgery, hospitalization, or extended medical treatment may be asked to submit a letter from his/her physician stating that he/she is able to return to work and stipulating any recommended restrictions or limitations.—

~~(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)–~~

~~(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)–~~

~~Verification requirements shall not discriminate against any employee on the basis of his/her religious practice.~~

~~(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)~~

~~(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)~~

~~Accrual of Leave~~

~~Any classified employee employed five days a week is entitled to 12 days leave of absence, with full pay, for personal illness or injury per fiscal year. An employee who serves less than a full fiscal year or fewer than five days a week shall be granted comparable leave in proportion to the time he/she works.—(Education Code 45191)–~~

~~(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)–~~

~~(cf. 4161.9/4261.9/4361.9 - Catastrophic Leave Program)–~~

~~An employee may take leave for personal illness or injury at any time during the year, even if credit for such leave has not yet been accrued. However, a new employee shall not be entitled to more than six days of such leave until he/she has completed six months of active service with the district. (Education Code 45191)–~~

~~Unused days of personal illness or injury leave shall be accumulated from year to year without limitation. (Education Code 45191)–~~

~~At the beginning of each school year, each employee shall be notified of the amount of leave which he/she has accumulated.—~~

~~Upon employment with the district, a new classified employee shall receive credit for any personal illness or injury leave accumulated in a previous school district, county office of education, or community college district if he/she left employment with that district within the previous year and had been employed by the previous district for at least one year. If the employee's previous employment had been terminated for cause, the Governing Board may determine whether to accept the transfer of the accumulated leave. (Education Code 45202)~~

~~An employee who does not complete a given year of service shall be charged for any unearned personal illness or injury leave used as of the date of termination.—~~

~~Reemployment Rights—~~

~~If the employee is still unable to resume his/her duties after all available paid and unpaid leaves have been exhausted, the employee shall be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 39 months. If during this time the employee becomes able to resume the duties of his/her position, he/she shall be reemployed in the first vacancy in the classification of his/her previous assignment. The employee's reemployment shall take preference over all other applicants except those laid off for lack of work or lack of funds, in which case the employee shall be ranked according to his/her seniority. (Education Code 45195)—~~

~~Compensation~~

~~A classified employee who has exhausted all paid leave, including personal illness or injury leave shall receive his/her salary, minus the actual amount paid a substitute employed to fill the position during the employee's absence for the remaining days within a total five month period of absence. (Education Code 45196)—~~

~~The five month period shall commence on the first day of the leave of absence and shall run concurrently with any other paid leave.~~

Short-Term and Substitute Employees

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 245-249, the district is required to grant a minimum of one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked by an employee who works for 30 days within a year of his/her employment. In implementing this requirement, Labor Code 246 permits the district to use any of the options specified below. Option 1 provides for paid leave accrual based on one hour for every 30 hours worked. Option 2 allows an accrual method that provides for a regular accrual basis and ensures that the employee receives 24 hours of paid sick leave by the 120th calendar day of his/her employment. Option 3 is for any district that credits employees with 24 hours of paid sick leave at the beginning of each year and does not allow unused sick leave to carry over to the next year. In addition, pursuant to Labor Code 245.5, retired annuitants who have not reinstated to the applicable public retirement system are excluded from participation in these leave benefit provisions. The district should select the option below which corresponds to its approach under Labor Code 246.

See section below titled "Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements" for additional requirements.

OPTION 1:

Except for a retired annuitant who is not reinstated to the retirement system, any short-term or substitute employee who works for 30 or more days within a year of his/her employment shall be entitled to one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked. Accrued paid sick days shall carry over to the following year of employment, up to a maximum of 48 hours. (Labor Code 246)

Note: The following paragraph applies to all the above options.

Any short-term or substitute employee may begin to use accrued paid sick days on the 90th day of his/her employment, after which he/she may use the sick days as they are accrued. (Labor Code 246)

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the above options and reflects the intent of the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act to enable California workers to address their own and their family's health needs and to provide them with economic security when they need to take time off work for reasons of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The following paragraph may be revised to include additional reasons for which short-term or substitute employees may use sick leave, pursuant to district policy or practice. Pursuant to Labor Code 247.5, a district is not required to inquire into the purposes for which an employee uses paid leave.

A short-term or substitute employee may use accrued sick leave for absences due to: (Labor Code 246.5)

1. His/her own need or the need of a family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care
2. Need of the employee to obtain or seek any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee, or his/her child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking

Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 245-249, all employers, including those that provide paid time off to their employees under existing policy or other law, must comply with the requirements specified in the following section. Pursuant to Labor Code 248.5, noncompliance with the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act could result in enforcement action against the employer, including the imposition of civil and monetary penalties. Any district with questions regarding the applicability of this new law should consult its legal counsel.

No employee, including a short-term or substitute employee, shall be denied the right to use accrued sick days and the district shall not in any manner discriminate or retaliate against an employee for using or attempting to use sick leave, filing a complaint with the Labor Commissioner, or alleging district violation of Labor Code 245-249.

To ensure the district's compliance with Labor Code 245-249, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. At a conspicuous location in each workplace, display a poster on paid sick leave that includes the following information:
 - a. That an employee is entitled to accrue, request, and use paid sick days
 - b. The amount of sick days provided by Labor Code 245-249
 - c. The terms of use of paid sick days
 - d. That discrimination or retaliation against an employee for requesting and/or using sick leave is prohibited by law and that an employee has the right to file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner if the district discriminates or retaliates against him/her
 2. Provide at least 24 hours or three days of paid sick leave to each eligible employee to use per year and allow eligible employees to use accrued sick leave upon reasonable request
 3. Provide eligible employees written notice, on their pay stub or other document issued with their pay check, of the amount of paid sick leave they have available
- (cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)*
4. Keep a record documenting the hours worked and paid sick days accrued and used by each eligible employee for three years

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

45103 Substitute employees

45190 Leaves of absence and vacations

45191 Leaves of absence for illness and injury

45191.5 Leave for military service connected disability

45193 Leave of absence for pregnancy (re use of sick leave under certain circumstances)

45195 Additional leave for nonindustrial accident or illness; reemployment preference

45196 Salary; deductions during sick leave

45196.1 Differential pay during parental leave up to 12 weeks after sick leave is exhausted

45202 Transfer of accumulated sick leave and other benefits

LABOR CODE

230 Jury duty; legal actions by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off

230.1 Employers with 25 or more employees; domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off

233 Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Policy

Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions

Students

BP 5141.21(a)–

Note: The following optional policy and accompanying administrative regulation apply to the administration of medication to students pursuant to Education Code 49414, 49414.3, 49414.5, 49423, and 49423.1 and the permissive guidelines in 5 CCR 600-611. Education Code 49414.3, as added by AB 1748 (Ch. 557, Statutes of 2016), authorizes districts to make emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available to school nurses or trained personnel who have volunteered to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose.

Education Code 49414.7, which authorized trained, unlicensed school personnel to administer medication to students with epilepsy suffering from seizures, is repealed on its own terms effective January 1, 2017. Although the procedures in Education Code 49414.7 are no longer required, health providers may train unlicensed school personnel to administer medication, including emergency anti-seizure medication, pursuant to the general authority in Education Code 49423 and 5 CCR 600-611, as interpreted by the California Supreme Court in American Nurses Association v. Torlakson.

This policy and regulation do not address situations in which a district might be engaged in a collaborative arrangement with another entity for the provision of school health services to students; see BP/AR 5141.6 - School Health Services.

The Governing Board believes that regular school attendance is critical to student learning and that students who need to take medication prescribed for them by their authorized health care providers should have an opportunity to participate in the educational program.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Any medication prescribed for a student with a disability who is qualified to receive services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall be administered in accordance with the student's individualized education program or Section 504 services plan, as applicable.

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Note: 5 CCR 604 authorizes a parent/guardian to administer medication to his/her child or designate an individual to administer the medication, as specified below. In addition, California law allows students to carry and self-administer medication needed for the treatment or management of certain medical conditions, when the district has received a written request from the student's parent/guardian and written authorization from the student's authorized health care provider, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. Students have legal authorization to self-administer diabetes medication pursuant to Education Code 49414.5, auto-injectable epinephrine for anaphylactic reactions pursuant to Education Code 49423, and inhaled asthma

medication pursuant to Education Code 49423.1. Pursuant to 5 CCR 605, districts may choose to allow students to carry and self-administer other types of medication beyond those specifically authorized by the Education Code.

For the administration of medication to other students during school or school-related activities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols which shall include options for allowing a parent/guardian to administer medication to his/her child at school, designate other individuals to do so on his/her behalf, and, with the child's authorized health care provider's approval, request the district's permission for his/her child to self-administer a medication or self-monitor and/or self-test for a medical condition. –Such processes shall be implemented in a manner that preserves campus security, minimizes instructional interruptions, and promotes student safety and privacy.

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)

The Superintendent or designee shall make available epinephrine auto-injectors at each school for providing emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction. (Education Code 49414)

Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that a district's emergency and disaster preparedness plan include procedures for dealing with medical emergencies, such as a pandemic flu outbreak or public disaster.

~~The~~In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with city and county emergency responders, including local public health administrators, to design procedures or measures for addressing an emergency such as a public disaster or epidemic.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Note: Various provisions of state law allow districts to train nonmedical district employees (i.e., those who do not possess a medical license) to provide medical assistance to students at school when a credentialed school nurse or other licensed individual is unavailable. For example, Education Code 49414, 49414.3, 49414.5, 49423, and 49423.1 specifically authorize the use of trained, unlicensed school employees to administer medications to students suffering from allergic reactions, opioid overdose, severe hypoglycemia, or asthma. Moreover, in *American Nurses Association v. Torlakson*, the California Supreme Court held that, as with other prescription medications, state law permits trained, unlicensed school personnel to administer insulin to students where a physician has determined that unlicensed school personnel may safely and appropriately administer the

medication. The medication must be administered in accordance with a written health care provider statement and parental consent.

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~~When allowed by law, medication prescribed to a student by an authorized health care provider may be administered by a school nurse or, when a school nurse or other medically licensed person is unavailable and the physician has authorized administration of medication by unlicensed personnel, including, but not limited to, emergency antiseizure medication for a particular student, by other student who suffers epileptic seizures, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel with appropriate training. School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications to students in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and, the written statement provided by only when the Superintendent or designee has received written statements from both the student's parent/guardian and authorized health care provider. Such personnel shall be afforded appropriate liability protection. (Education Code 49414.7, 49423; 5 CCR 600)~~

~~(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)~~

~~(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)~~

~~(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)~~

~~When The medically unlicensed school personnel are authorized by law to administer any medication to students, such as emergency antiseizure medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school personnel designated to administer any medication receive appropriate training and, as necessary, retraining from qualified medical personnel before any medication is administered. At a minimum, the training shall cover how and when such medication should be administered, the recognition of symptoms and treatment, emergency follow-up procedures, and the proper documentation and storage of medication. Such trained, unlicensed designated school personnel shall be supervised by, and provided with immediate communication access to, a school nurse, physician, or other appropriate individual. (Education Code 49414, 49414.35, 49414.57, 49423, 49423.1)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation of the training and ongoing supervision, as well as annual written verification of competency of other designated school personnel.

~~(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)~~

~~School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications to students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.~~

~~(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)~~

~~(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)~~

~~(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)~~

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49408 Emergency information

49414 Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors

~~49414.3 Emergency medical assistance; administration of medication for opioid overdose~~

~~EDUCATION CODE (continued)~~

~~49414.5 Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training~~

~~49414.7—Emergency medical assistance: administration of epilepsy medication~~

~~49422-49427 Employment of medical personnel, especially:~~

~~49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student~~

~~49423.1 Inhaled asthma medication~~

~~49480 Continuing medication regimen; notice~~

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2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general

3501 Definitions

~~4119.2 Acquisition of epinephrine auto-injectors~~

~~4119.8 Acquisition of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist~~

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600-611 Administering medication to students

~~620-627—Administration of emergency antiseizure medication by trained volunteer nonmedical school personnel~~

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Administrative Regulation

Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions

Students

AR 5141.21(a)-

Note: The following administrative regulation reflects requirements for the administration of medication to students on a continuing medication regimen or in emergency medical situations at school or a school-related activity. The district should consult legal counsel as necessary to ensure that all legal requirements are met.

Education Code 49414.7, which authorized trained, unlicensed school personnel to administer anti-seizure medication to students with epilepsy, repealed on its own terms effective January 1, 2017. However, districts may choose to continue to train unlicensed school personnel to administer anti-seizure medication under the general authority in Education Code 49423 and 5 CCR 600-611, as interpreted by the California Supreme Court in American Nurses Association v. Torlakson. Such administration must be contingent upon a physician's written authorization for unlicensed personnel to administer the medication to the particular student. The district may revise the following regulation to reflect any district requirements related to the administration of such medication.

Definitions

Authorized health care provider means an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe medication, including, but not limited to, a physician or physician assistant. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 601)

Other designated school personnel means any individual employed by the district, including a nonmedical school employee, who has volunteered or consented to administer medication or otherwise assist the student and who may legally administer the medication to the student or assist the student in the administration of the medication. (5 CCR 601, 621)

Medication may include not only a substance dispensed in the United States by prescription, but also a substance that does not require a prescription, such as over-the-counter remedies, nutritional supplements, and herbal remedies. (5 CCR 601)

Note: Education Code 49414, as amended by AB 1386 (Ch. 374, Statutes of 2016), defines "epinephrine auto-injector" as follows.

~~Emergency medical assistance for a student suffering an epileptic seizure means the administration of an emergency antiseizure medication such as diazepam rectal gel and other emergency medications approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for patients suffering from epileptic seizures. (Education Code 49414.7; 5 CCR 621)~~

Epinephrine auto-injector means a disposable ~~drug-delivery device~~ ~~system with a spring-activated needle that is~~ designed for ~~the automatic injection~~ ~~emergency administration of a premeasured dose of~~ epinephrine ~~into the human body to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic~~ ~~provide rapid, convenient first aid for persons suffering a potentially fatal~~ reaction, ~~to anaphylaxis.~~ (Education Code 49414)

Anaphylaxis means a potentially life-threatening hypersensitivity to a substance, which may result from an insect sting, food allergy, drug reaction, exercise, or other cause. Symptoms may include shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing, difficulty talking or swallowing, hives, itching, swelling, shock, or asthma. (Education Code 49414)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

Notifications to Parents/Guardians

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48980, districts must notify parents/guardians, at the beginning of each school year, of their rights and responsibilities (see section "Parent/Guardian Responsibilities" below) under Education Code 49423 pertaining to the administration of medication by school employees and self-administration of epinephrine by students. Though notification is not required for self-administration of any medication other than epinephrine, it is recommended that the annual notification include other medications to facilitate implementation by school personnel.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the options available to students who need to take prescribed ~~medication during medication~~ ~~during~~ the school day and the rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians regarding those options. (Education Code 49480)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parents/guardians of any student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition of the following requirements: (Education Code 49480)

1. The parent/guardian is required to inform the school nurse or other designated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician.
2. With the parent/guardian's consent, the school nurse or other designated employee may communicate with the student's physician regarding the medication and its effects and may counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose.

Note: The following paragraph is optional.

When a student requires medication during the school day in order to participate in the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall, as appropriate, inform the student's parents/guardians that the student may qualify for services or accommodations pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC 1400-1482) or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794).

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the parent/guardian of any student who may need medication during the school day shall include, but are not limited to:

Note: Education Code 49423 and 5 CCR 600 authorize districts to administer prescribed medication only upon receipt of written statements from the student's authorized health care provider and parent/guardian. Appropriate statements must be received before students are allowed to carry and self-administer diabetes medication pursuant to Education Code 49414.5, auto-injectable epinephrine pursuant to Education Code 49423, or asthma medication pursuant to Education Code 49423.1. Districts may choose to allow students to carry and self-administer other types of medication beyond those authorized by the Education Code. If so, the district should modify the following section accordingly. See the accompanying Board policy.

1. Providing parent/guardian and authorized health care provider written statements each school year as described in the sections "Parent/Guardian Statement" and "Health Care Provider Statement" below. The parent/guardian shall provide a new authorized health care provider's statement if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes. (Education Code 49414.5, ~~49414.7~~, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 600, 626)
2. If the student is on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition, informing the school nurse or other designated certificated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician and updating the information when needed. (Education Code 49480)

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 606, the district is authorized to establish rules for the delivery and storage of medication on a school site.

~~33.If the student suffers from epilepsy, notifying the principal or designee whenever the student has had an emergency antiseizure medication administered to him/her within the past four hours on a school day.—(Education Code 49414.7)~~

4. Providing medications in properly labeled, original containers along with the authorized health care provider's instructions. For prescribed or ordered medication, the container also shall bear the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, and the name and phone number of the authorized health care provider. (5 CCR 606)

Parent/Guardian Statement

Note: 5 CCR 603 authorizes the district to establish specific requirements regarding the parent/guardian's written statement. The following list should be modified to reflect the district's requirements.

When district employees are to administer or assist in the administration of medication to a student, the parent/guardian's written statement shall:

1. Identify the student
2. Grant permission for an authorized district representative to communicate directly with the student's authorized health care provider and pharmacist, as may be necessary, regarding the health care provider's written statement or any other questions that may arise with regard to the medication
3. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands how district employees will administer the medication or otherwise assist the student in its administration
4. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands his/her responsibilities to enable district employees to administer or otherwise assist the student in the administration of medication, including, but not limited to, the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide a written statement from the authorized health care provider, to ensure that the medication is delivered to the school in a proper container by an individual legally authorized to be in possession of the medication, and to provide all necessary supplies and equipment
5. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands that he/she may terminate the consent for the administration of the medication or for otherwise assisting the student in the administration of medication at any time

In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, or prescribed diabetes medication the parent/guardian's written statement shall: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

1. Consent to the self-administration
2. Release the district and school personnel from civil liability if the student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication

In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian wishes to designate an individual who is not an employee of the district to administer medication to his/her child, the parent/guardian's written statement shall clearly identify the individual and shall state:

1. The individual's willingness to accept the designation
2. That the individual is permitted to be on the school site

3. Any limitations on the individual's authority

Health Care Provider Statement

Note: Education Code 49423 and 49423.1 and 5 CCR 602 list items that the authorized health care provider's written statement must contain, as specified in items #1-5 below. Districts that request additional information in the statement should modify the following list accordingly.

When any district employee is to administer prescribed medication to a student, or when a student is to be allowed to carry and self-administer ~~auto-injectable epinephrine or~~ prescribed ~~diabetes or asthma~~ medication during school hours, the authorized health care provider's written statement shall include:

1. Clear identification of the student (Education Code ~~49414.7,~~ 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602, ~~626~~)
2. The name of the medication (Education Code ~~49414.7,~~ 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602, ~~626~~)
3. The method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken (Education Code ~~49414.7,~~ 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602, ~~626~~)
4. If a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to self-administer medication, confirmation that the student is able to self-administer the medication (Education Code ~~49414.5,~~ 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
5. For medication that is to be administered by unlicensed personnel, confirmation by the student's health care provider that the medication may safely and appropriately be administered by unlicensed personnel (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)

Note: Items #6-8 below may be revised to reflect district practice.

- ~~65.~~ For medication that is to be administered on an as-needed basis, the specific symptoms that would necessitate administration of the medication, allowable frequency for administration, and indications for referral for medical evaluation
- ~~76.~~ Possible side effects of the medication
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7. Name, address, telephone number, and signature of the student's authorized health care provider

~~When authorizing a~~ District Responsibilities

Note: The following section should be modified to reflect district practice.

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any unlicensed school personnel authorized employee to administer emergency antiseizure medication to a student receives appropriate training from the school nurse or other qualified medical personnel, the authorized health care provider's written statement shall also include the following: (Education Code 49414.7; 5 CCR 626)~~

~~1. Detailed seizure symptoms, including frequency, type, or length of seizures that identify when the administration of the medication becomes necessary~~

~~2. Any potential adverse responses by the student and recommended mitigation actions, including when to call emergency services~~

~~3. A protocol for observing the student after a seizure, including, but not limited to, whether he/she should rest in the school office or return to his/her class and the length of time he/she should be under direct observation~~

~~4. A statement that, following a seizure, a school administrator or other staff member shall contact the school nurse and the student's parent/guardian to continue the observation plan~~

~~District Responsibilities~~

The school nurse or other designated school personnel shall:

1. Administer or assist in administering medication in accordance with the authorized health care provider's written statement
2. Accept delivery of medications from parents/guardians and count and record all controlled medications upon receipt

~~Note: 5 CCR 601 specifies items that districts may, but are not required to, include in the medication log, as provided in item #4 below.~~

4. Maintain for each student a medication log which will:
 - a. Specify the student's name, medication, dose, method of administration, time of administration during the regular school day, date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication, and the authorized health care provider's name and contact information
 - b. Contain space for daily recording of the date, time, and amount of medication administered, and the signature of the individual administering the medication

~~Note: 5 CCR 601 specifies items that may be included in the medication record, as detailed below. In addition, 5 CCR 607 authorizes the district to establish policies regarding documentation of medication, including the maintenance of the medication record.~~

5. Maintain for each student a medication record which will include the authorized health care provider's written statement, the parent/guardian's written statement, the medication log, and any other written documentation related to the administration of medication to the student

6. Ensure that student confidentiality is appropriately maintained

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

7. Coordinate and, as appropriate, ensure the administration of medication during field trips and other school-related activities

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

8. Report to a student's parent/guardian and the site administrator any refusal by the student to take his/her medication

9. Keep all medication to be administered by district personnel in a locked drawer or cabinet

10. As needed, communicate with a student's authorized health care provider and/or pharmacist regarding the medication and its effects

11. Counsel other designated school personnel regarding the possible effects of a medication on a student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose

Note: 5 CCR 609 authorizes the district to establish policies regarding unused, discontinued, or outdated medication.

12. Ensure that any unused, discontinued, or outdated medication is returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the school year or, if the medication cannot be returned, dispose of it in accordance with state laws and local ordinances

13. In the event of a medical emergency requiring administration of medication, provide immediate medical assistance, directly observe the student following the administration of medication, call 911 and contact the student's parent/guardian.

14. ~~Report~~13.~~Provide immediate medical assistance if needed and report~~ to the site administrator, the student's parent/guardian, and, if necessary, the student's authorized health care provider any instance when a medication is not administered properly, including administration of the wrong medication or failure to administer the medication in accordance with authorized health care provider's written statement

Additional Requirements for Management of Epileptic Seizures

~~In addition to applicable provisions in the sections above, the Superintendent or designee shall make arrangements for assisting students with epilepsy who may suffer a seizure at school.— Such arrangements shall include the following:—(~~

~~**Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**~~

~~Note: Education Code 49414 requires districts to provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses or other employees who volunteer and receive training, which they may use to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction.~~

~~(cf. 6159—Individualized Education Program)~~

~~(cf. 6164.4—Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)~~

~~(cf. 6164.6—Identification and Education Under Section 504)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall assist the parent/guardian to explore that option and shall encourage him/her to adopt the option if the student is determined to be eligible for such service or accommodation.~~

~~If the student's parent/guardian refuses to have him/her assessed for services or accommodations under IDEA or Section 504, the Superintendent or designee may develop an individualized health plan, seizure action plan, or other appropriate health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the student's health care needs in school.~~

~~2.Request for Volunteers: The Superintendent or designee shall distribute an electronic notice to school staff no more than twice per school year per student whose parent/guardian has requested provision of emergency medical assistance pursuant to Education Code 49414.7.— The notice shall be in bold print and, in accordance with Education Code 49414.7, shall contain a description of the request for a volunteer school employee, the training that such volunteer school employee will receive, the voluntary nature of the program, and the timelines for the volunteer school employee to rescind his/her offer.— No other means of soliciting volunteer school employees shall be conducted.~~

~~(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9—Employee Notifications)~~

~~If no employee volunteers to administer emergency antiseizure medication to a student, the Superintendent or designee shall again notify the student's parent/guardian of the option to have the student assessed for services and accommodations under IDEA or Section 504.~~

~~3.— Training: Any employee who volunteers to administer an emergency antiseizure medication shall receive a licensed health care professional the training specified in 5 CCR 623 before administering such medication. The training shall include, but is not limited to:~~

~~a. _____ Recognition and treatment of different types of seizures~~

~~b. _____ Administration of an emergency antiseizure medication~~

~~c. Basic emergency follow-up procedures, including, but not limited to, a requirement for the~~

~~principal or designee to call the emergency 911 telephone number and to contact the student's parent/guardian, but not necessarily to transport the student to an emergency room~~

~~d. _____ Techniques and procedures to ensure student privacy~~

~~(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)~~

~~When a trained employee has not administered an emergency antiseizure medication to a student within two years after completing the training and a student who may need the administration of an emergency antiseizure medication is enrolled in the school, the employee shall be retrained in order to retain the ability to administer an emergency antiseizure medication.~~

~~4. Notification of Administration: The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for notifying the credentialed school nurse, or the Superintendent or designee as applicable, whenever an employee administers an emergency antiseizure medication to a student at a school site.~~

~~5. Supervision of Volunteers: Volunteer school employees shall be supervised by a licensed health care professional in accordance with 5 CCR 627.~~

Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

The Superintendent or designee shall provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses or other employees who have volunteered to administer them in an emergency and have received training. The school nurse, or a volunteer employee when a school nurse or physician is unavailable, may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to provide emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from potentially life-threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis at school or a school activity. (Education Code 49414)

At least once per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall distribute to all staff a notice requesting volunteers to be trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector and describing the training that the volunteer will receive. (Education Code 49414)

~~(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)~~

~~Note: Education Code 49414 specifies topics to be included in training for employees who volunteer to be trained in the use of epinephrine auto-injectors. Education Code 49414 requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), in consultation with specified agencies and organizations, to review the minimum standards for the training at least every five years. These standards are available on the California Department of Education's web site.~~

The principal or designee at each school may designate one or more volunteers to receive initial and annual refresher training, which shall be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by a physician and surgeon authorized pursuant to Education Code 49414, and shall be based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). Written

materials covering the required topics for training shall be retained by the school for reference. (Education Code 49414)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Note: Education Code 49414 specifies the type of epinephrine auto-injectors that must be provided to each school and the district personnel authorized to obtain the prescriptions. The following paragraphs may be revised to reflect the position(s) assigned to fulfill this responsibility and the grade levels maintained by the district.

A school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health, or a district administrator if the district does not have a qualified supervisor of health, shall obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors for each school from an authorized physician and surgeon. Such prescription may be filled by local or mail order pharmacies or epinephrine auto-injector manufacturers. Elementary schools shall, at a minimum, be provided one adult (regular) and one junior epinephrine auto-injector. Secondary schools shall be provided at least one adult (regular) epinephrine auto-injector, unless there are any students at the school who require a junior epinephrine auto-injector. (Education Code 49414)

If an epinephrine auto-injector is used, the school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health shall restock the epinephrine auto-injector as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two weeks after it is used. In addition, epinephrine auto-injectors shall be restocked before their expiration date. (Education Code 49414)

Information regarding defense and indemnification provided by the district for any and all civil liability for volunteers administering epinephrine auto-injectors shall be provided to each volunteer and retained in his/her personnel file. (Education Code 49414)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

A school may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the support of the school in carrying **out** the requirements of Education Code 49414, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of epinephrine auto-injectors from a manufacturer or wholesaler. (Education Code 49414)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records regarding the acquisition and disposition of epinephrine auto-injectors for a period of three years from the date the records were created. (Business and Professions Code 4119.2)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

BP 5141.4

Students

The Governing Board is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of ~~recognizes that the~~ district ~~has a responsibility to protect~~ students and desires to facilitate by facilitating the ~~prevention~~ prompt reporting of ~~known and response to suspected incidents of~~ child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a student who is a victim of abuse with school-based mental health services or other support services and/or may refer the student to resources available within the community as needed.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Child Abuse Prevention

Note: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice.

Education Code 51220.5 specifies that the district's course of study for grades 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills education, including instruction on child abuse and neglect; see AR 6143 - Courses of Study.

The district's instructional program shall include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum. This curriculum shall explain students' right to live free of abuse, include instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, inform students of available support resources, and teach students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Education Code 51900.6, as added by AB 2016 (Ch. 809, Statutes of 2014), authorizes districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention in grades K-12, provided that students are allowed to be excused from such instruction upon the written request of their parents/guardians. It also requires the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction to consider addressing these issues in the next revision of the state health education content standards and curriculum framework.

The district's program also may include age-appropriate curriculum in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Upon written request of a student's parent/guardian, the student shall be excused from taking such instruction. (Education Code 51900.6)

The Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent feasible, seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs and may use these resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

Child Abuse Reporting

Note: The Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Penal Code 11164-11174.3) identifies persons who are mandated to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect and establishes procedures for filing a report; see the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect~~such incidents~~ in accordance with law.

(cf. ~~4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards~~5141.41 - Child Abuse Prevention)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

(cf. ~~0450 - Comprehensive~~5142 - Safety Plan)

Note: Education Code 44252, as amended by AB 2560 (Ch. 110, Statutes of 2014), requires that teachers applying to the Commission on Teacher Credential for a new credential or a renewal of their credential read and sign a statement that they understand the duties imposed on them as mandated reporters pursuant to Penal Code 11164-11174.3.

District employees~~Employees~~ who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and ~~district~~ administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. ~~Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for reporting, investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.~~

Note: As amended by AB 1432 (Ch. 797, Statutes of 2014), Education Code 44691 and Penal Code 11165.7 require districts to annually train their employees regarding the duties of mandated reporters; see the accompanying administrative regulation. However, pursuant to Penal Code 11165.7, a lack of training does not excuse any mandated reporter from the duty to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the ~~reporting~~ duties of ~~mandated reporters~~.

~~(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)~~

~~In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (Penal Code 11165.7)~~

~~Parents/guardians may contact the Superintendent or designee to obtain procedures for filing a complaint against a district employee or other person whom they suspect has engaged in abuse of a child at a school site.~~

~~(cf.~~

~~1312.1—Complaints Concerning District Employees)~~

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

~~32280-32288 Comprehensive school safety plans~~

~~33195 Heritage schools, mandated reporters~~

~~33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints~~

~~44252 Teacher credentialing~~

~~44690-44691 Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect~~

~~44807 Duty concerning conduct of students~~

~~48906 Notification when student released to peace officer~~

~~48987 Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents~~

~~49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment~~

~~51220.5 Parenting skills education~~

~~51900.6 Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention~~

PENAL CODE

~~152.3 Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act~~

~~273a Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health~~

~~288 Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting~~

~~11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act~~

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

~~15630-15637 Dependent adult abuse reporting~~

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

~~4650 Filing complaints with CDE, special education students~~

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

~~11434a McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions~~

COURT DECISIONS

~~Camreta v. Greene (2011) 131 S.Ct. 2020~~

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

~~Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve~~

~~Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve~~

~~CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES~~

~~0514.93—Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse by school district employees or other persons against a pupil at school site~~

WEB SITES

~~California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form CDE:~~

~~http://www.ag.cde.ca.gov/childabuse/pdf/ss_8572.pdf~~

~~California Department of Education, Safe Schools~~
~~School/Law Enforcement Partnership:~~
~~<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/aps/branch/safety/partnership.html>~~

~~California Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>~~

~~California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division:~~
~~<http://www.childsworld.ca.dss.ca.gov>~~

~~U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway:~~
~~<https://www.childwelfare.gov/can>~~

~~Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning: <http://www.cejp.ca.gov>~~

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rescue, California

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Administrative Regulation

Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting

AR 5141.4

Students

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44691, as amended by AB 1432 (Ch. 797, Statutes of 2014), the California Department of Education (CDE) is required to disseminate information to all school districts regarding the detection and reporting of child abuse and to provide guidance on the responsibilities of mandated reporters. See the CDE web site for information and resources.

Definitions

Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

1. A physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person

Note: AB 1775 (Ch. 264, Statutes of 2014) amended Penal Code 11165.1 to revise the definition of sexual exploitation to also include knowingly downloading, streaming, or accessing through any electronic or digital media a film, photograph, videotape, video recording, negative, or slide in which a child is engaged in an act of obscene sexual conduct.

2. Sexual abuse of a child, including sexual assault or sexual exploitation, as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Child abuse or neglect does not include:

1. A mutual affray between minors_ (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his/her employment (Penal Code 11165.6)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Note: Education Code 44807 provides that physical control of a student under the conditions specified in item #3 below is not subject to criminal prosecution or penalties.

3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, vice principal, principal, or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a school employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, to protect himself/herself, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of athe student (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by athe student (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 11165.15, as added by AB 652 (Ch. 486, Statutes of 2013), the fact that a child is homeless or is classified as an unaccompanied minor, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11434a), is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect.

6. Homelessness or classification as an unaccompanied minor (Penal Code 11165.15)

Note: The following definition of "mandated reporters" does not list non-school persons (e.g., physicians, clergy members) who are also mandated to report suspected child abuse or neglect and may be revised to reflect additional positions applicable to the district as specified in Penal Code 11165.7.

Penal Code 11165.7 clarifies that volunteers whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children are not mandated reporters. However, the law encourages volunteers to obtain training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect and to report known or suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect.

Mandated reporters include, but are not limited to, teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; athletic coaches, administrators, and directors; administrators and employees of a licensed child day care facility; Head Start teachers; district police or security officers; licensed nurses or health care providers; and administrators, presenters, and counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Reasonable suspicion means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when

appropriate on his/her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. However, *reasonable suspicion* does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Reportable Offenses

Note: Penal Code 11166 specifies that a mandated reporter has a duty to report when acting in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of employment. When a mandated reporter is acting in a private capacity, like other private citizens, he/she has the discretion whether or not to make a report.

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, he/she has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage, based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166.05, 11167)

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 152.3, it may be a misdemeanor, with specified exceptions, for a witness to not report a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act as defined in Penal Code 288 where the victim is under age 14. Persons who fail to report such offenses may be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment.

Any district employee who reasonably believes that he/she has observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury against a victim who is a child under age 14 shall notify a peace officer. (Penal Code 152.3, 288)

Responsibility for Reporting

The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

Note: Penal Code 11166.01 provides that it may be a crime, punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment, for a supervisor or administrator to knowingly inhibit or impede a mandated reporter from making a report.

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

Reporting Procedures

1. Initial Telephone Report

Note: Penal Code 11165.9 specifies the agencies that are authorized to receive reports of suspected child abuse and neglect, as detailed in the following paragraph. The agency must accept a report even if it lacks subject matter or geographical jurisdiction to investigate the case; the agency is then responsible for referring the case to an agency with proper jurisdiction.

Immediately or as soon as practicable after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11165.9, 11166)

Note: It is recommended that the district's administrative regulation include the name, address, and phone number of the appropriate agencies in its area.

El Dorado County Child Protective Services
(Name of appropriate agency)
Department of Human Services – Social Services Division
3057 Briw Road, Suite A
Placerville, CA 95667
(Address)
Hotline (24 Hour) 530-642-7100
(Phone number)

Note: The following paragraph is optional.

When the initial telephone report is made, the mandated reporter shall note the name of the official contacted, the date and time contacted, and any instructions or advice received.

2. Written Report

Within 36 hours of knowing or observing the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall then prepare and either send, fax, or electronically submit to the appropriate agency a written follow-up report, which includes a completed Department of Justice form (SS 8572). (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 11168, the Department of Justice form shall be distributed by the police department, sheriff's department, county probation department, or county welfare department as appropriate and is available on the Department of Justice's web site. It may also be made available at the district office or school site. The following optional paragraph should be revised to reflect district practice.

—The Department of Justice form may be obtained from the district office or other appropriate agencies, such as the county probation or welfare department or the police or sheriff's department.

Note: Penal Code 11167 requires the mandated reporter to give his/her name when reporting known or suspected child abuse. However, the reporter's name and the report are confidential and are only disclosed in limited circumstances provided by law.

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location, and, where applicable, school, grade, and class
- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person who might have abused or neglected the child
- e. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information

The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to him/her. (Penal Code 11167)

The mandated reporter may give to an investigator from an agency investigating the case, including a licensing agency, any information relevant to an incident of child abuse or neglect or to a report made for serious emotional damage pursuant to Penal Code 11166.05. (Penal Code 11167)

Note: Item #3 below is optional and may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Penal Code 11166, school districts may establish internal reporting procedures encouraging employees to notify supervisors and administrators of reports that are made. These internal procedures must not inhibit or impede immediate and direct reporting by employees to appropriate agencies. Penal Code 11166 prohibits internal procedures from requiring the employee to make a report to the district or requiring that the identity of the mandated reporter be disclosed to the district.

3. Internal Reporting

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose his/her identity to his/her supervisor, the principal, or the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166)

However, employees reporting child abuse or neglect to an appropriate agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the principal as soon as possible after the initial telephone report to the appropriate agency. When so notified, the principal shall inform the Superintendent or designee.

The principal so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that reporting procedures are carried out in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. At the mandated reporter's request, the principal may assist in completing and filing the necessary forms.

~~The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose his/her identity to the principal. (Penal Code 11166)~~

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, principal, school counselor, co-worker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

Training

Note: As amended by AB 1432 (Ch. 797, Statutes of 2014), Education Code 44691 and Penal Code 11165.7 require districts to annually train their employees and any other mandated reporters working on their behalf regarding the duties of mandated reporters. Education Code 44691, as amended, also requires the CDE to develop an online training module to be provided to the California Department of Social Services for use by districts.

~~Within the first six weeks of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide training on mandated reporting requirements to district employees and persons working on their behalf who are mandated reporters. Any school personnel hired during the school year shall receive such training within the first six weeks of employment. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)~~

Note: Optional Paragraph to reflect AB 1058 (Ch. 748, Statutes of 2015), as follows:

~~In addition, at least once every three years, school personnel may receive training in the prevention of child abuse, including sexual abuse, on school grounds by school personnel, or in school-sponsored programs. (Education Code 44691)~~

~~Training of mandated reporters shall include identification and mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect. (Penal Code 11165.7)~~

~~Training shall also include guidance in the appropriate discipline of students, physical contact with students, and maintenance of ethical relationships with students to avoid actions that may be misinterpreted as child abuse.~~

~~(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 Professional Standards)~~

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Note: Education Code 44691 requires school districts to use the online training module provided by the California Department of Social Services. However, if the online training module is not used, the Superintendent or designee is required to report to the CDE regarding the training being used in its place.

The Superintendent or designee shall use the online training module provided by the California Department of Social Services. (Education Code 44691)

The training shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, training in identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. In addition, the training shall include information that failure to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect as required by law is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine as specified. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

Note: Education Code 44691, as amended by AB 1432 (Ch. 797, Statutes of 2014), requires districts to develop a process by which all persons required to receive training must provide proof of receiving the training (e.g., the use of a sign-in sheet, submission of a certificate of completion). The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain and retain proof of each mandated reporter's completion of the training. (Education Code 44691)

~~(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)~~

Victim Interviews by Social Services

Note: Penal Code 11174.3 authorizes a representative from the Department of Social Services or another government agency investigating suspected child abuse or neglect to interview a student during school hours, on school grounds concerning a report of child abuse or neglect that occurred at home or in an out-of-home care facility. However, there is no clear guidance regarding the procedures to be followed if a social worker is accompanied by law enforcement. In Greene v. Camreta, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled that, absent exigent circumstances, a social worker and sheriff could not question a student in school without obtaining a warrant, court order, or parent/guardian consent. Subsequently, that ruling was vacated by the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal (Camreta v. Greene) since the case was then moot. Districts should proceed with caution and consult with legal counsel as necessary.

Whenever the Department of Social Services or another government agency is investigating suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility, the student may be interviewed by an agency representative during school hours, on school premises. -The Superintendent or designee shall give the student the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the student. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the principal or designee shall inform him/her of the following requirements: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable him/her to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

Release of Child to Peace Officer

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the Superintendent or designee and/or principal shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. ~~It is the responsibility of the peace officer or agent to notify the parent/guardian of the situation.~~—(Education Code 48906)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

Parent/Guardian Complaints

Note: Education Code 48987 requires the district to disseminate guidelines, upon request, advising parents/guardians of procedures for filing child abuse complaints. As required by Education Code 33308.1, the CDE has prepared sample guidelines for this purpose, which were updated in March 2014 and are available on the CDE's web site.

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with ~~a copy of this administrative regulation which contains~~ procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is not English, such procedures shall be in their primary language and, when communicating orally regarding those procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

To file a complaint against a district employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school site, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person, or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint about an employee to any other employee, the employee receiving the information shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the

appropriate agency. The employee also is obligated pursuant to Penal Code 11166 to file a report himself/herself using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

Note: Parents/guardians of special education students also may file a complaint with the CDE as provided in the following paragraph. The CDE does not investigate allegations of child abuse or neglect, but may investigate conditions that may involve immediate physical danger or threaten the health, safety, or welfare of the child and which may result in denial of a free appropriate public education.

In addition, if the child is enrolled in special education, a separate complaint may be filed with the California Department of Education pursuant to 5 CCR 4650.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them of their status as mandated reporters, their reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166, and their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167. The district also shall provide these new employees with a copy of Penal Code 11165.7, 11166, and 11167. (Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

Before beginning employment, any person who will be a mandated reporter by virtue of his/her position shall sign a statement indicating that he/she has knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and will comply with those provisions. The signed statement shall be retained by the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

~~*(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)*~~

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be notified of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630-15637.

Note: The remainder of this section is **optional** and should be deleted by districts that do not provide these additional notifications.

The Superintendent or designee also shall notify all employees that:

1. A mandated reporter who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report and this immunity shall apply even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect outside of his/her professional capacity or outside the scope of his/her employment. Any other person making a report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that he/she knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11172)

2. If a mandated reporter fails to timely report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, he/she may be guilty of a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166)
3. No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report unless it can be shown that he/she knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report.- (Penal Code 11166)

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Policy

Nondiscrimination/Harassment

BP 5145.3-

Students

Note: The following **mandated** policy reflects various provisions of state and federal law which prohibit discrimination against students in educational programs and activities based on certain actual or perceived characteristics of an individual, including Education Code 220, which prohibits discrimination based on race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes in Penal Code 422.55; Title VI (42 USC 2000d-2000e-17), which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin; Title IX (20 USC 1681-1688), which prohibits discrimination based on sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, and parental status; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination based on age; and Title II (20 USC 12101-12213) and Section 504 (29 USC 794), which prohibit discrimination based on disability. Education Code 260 gives the Governing Board primary responsibility for ensuring that district programs and activities are free from discrimination based on age or any of these characteristics. See also BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

Moreover, this sample Board policy and the accompanying administrative regulation reflect the statutory right of a transgender student to participate in sex-segregated educational programs and use facilities consistent with his/her gender identity as specified in Education Code 221.5, best practices based on existing state and federal law, and regulatory agency guidance such as the May 2016 Dear Colleague Letter: Transgender Students jointly issued by the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR). Though OCR's enforcement of the May 2016 Dear Colleague Letter has been enjoined by a federal court, many of the recommended practices have already been adopted by California school districts to reflect state law protecting the rights of transgender students. Districts with questions about the rights of transgender and gender-nonconforming students should consult legal counsel as appropriate. For more information on the rights of transgender students, see CSBA's policy brief Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students and its Final Guidance Regarding Transgender Students, Privacy, and Facilities.

Education Code 234.1 **mandates** that districts adopt policy prohibiting, at school or in any school activity related to school attendance or under the authority of the district, discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, based on the foregoing characteristics. The California Department of Education (CDE), through its Federal Program Monitoring process, reviews districts' uniform complaint procedures (UCP) and other anti-discrimination policies and practices to ensure compliance with these requirements. In addition, OCR is responsible for the administrative enforcement of federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the department, and requires the adoption of nondiscrimination policies and complaint procedures.

CSBA staff received feedback and comment from representatives of CDE and OCR regarding this policy and the accompanying regulation as they relate to the UCP requirements. As a result, the sample policy and regulation have been drafted to go beyond the minimal requirements under California's UCP laws and regulations in an attempt to address issues and concerns raised by CDE and OCR. While CDE and OCR have not approved or signed off on them, CSBA believes that the additional details provided herein may help school districts and county offices of education during any compliance check by CDE or in the event that a CDE or OCR investigation occurs.

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access and opportunities in the district's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities. –The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at ~~of~~ any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; ~~the perception of one or more of such characteristics~~; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Note: Education Code 234.1 prohibits unlawful discrimination in school-related activities and when it affects school attendance. However, OCR has clarified in several publications that conduct that occurs off campus may have an adverse effect on a student at school (i.e., create a "hostile environment" for the student). When that happens, the district has an obligation to investigate and to take steps to protect the student.

This policy shall apply to all acts related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, and to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Unlawful~~Prohibited~~ discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may result from ~~includes~~ physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on anyone of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also includes the creation of a hostile environment through prohibited conduct that is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects a student's educational opportunities.

Note: In addition to the types of prohibited student conduct described below, prohibited conduct also includes different treatment of students with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services. See BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs And Activities.

Unlawful discrimination also includes disparate treatment of students based on one of the categories above with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services.

The Board also prohibits any form of retaliation against any individual student who reports or participates in the reporting of unlawful discrimination, files or participates in the filing of a

complaint, or investigates or participates in the investigation of a complaint or report alleging unlawful discrimination. Retaliation complaints shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as a discrimination complaint regarding an incident of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 234.1 and 34 CFR 106.8, a district is required to adopt and publicize its nondiscrimination policies to the school community. The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice.

In addition, in its October 2010 Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, OCR identifies training of the school community as one of the key measures for minimizing discriminatory and harassing behavior in school. See the accompanying administrative regulation for specific measures to prevent discrimination and facilitate students' access to the educational program.

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees. He/she shall provide training and information on the scope and use of the policy and complaint procedures and take other measures designed to increase the school community's understanding of the requirements of law related to discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the implementation of the district's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to remove any identified barrier to student access to or participation in the district's educational program. He/she shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

~~The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate training and information to students, parents/guardians, and employees regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including, but not limited to, the district's nondiscrimination policy, what constitutes prohibited behavior, how to report incidents, and to whom such reports should be made.~~

(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

~~In providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to district students, employees and volunteers shall carefully guard against segregating or stereotyping students.~~

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Regardless of whether The principal or designee shall develop a complainant complains plan to provide students with appropriate accommodations when necessary for their protection from threatened or potentially harassing or discriminatory behavior.

~~Students who engage in the writing, timeline, and/or other formal filing requirements, all complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be investigated and prompt action taken to stop the discrimination, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students.~~

Note: Policies related to discrimination must be consistent with the First Amendment right to free speech. Education Code 48950 prohibits a district from subjecting a high school student to disciplinary sanctions solely on the basis of speech or other communication that would be constitutionally protected if engaged in outside of campus. However, Education Code 48950 also specifies that the law does not prohibit discipline for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless constitutionally protected. Whether such speech might be entitled to constitutional protection would be determined on a case-by-case basis, with consideration for the specific words used and the circumstances involved. The district should consult legal counsel as necessary.

~~Students who engage in unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, –in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline, which may include up to and including counseling, suspension, and/or expulsion when the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900.4.– Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation, or bullying, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.~~

~~(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)~~

Record-Keeping

~~The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of unlawfulGrievance Procedures~~

~~The following position is designated Coordinator for Nondiscrimination to handle complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies:~~

~~Director of Human Resources
2390 Bass Lake Road
Rescue, CA 95672
(530) 677-4461~~

~~(cf. 1312.1 – Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures)~~

~~including discriminatory~~

~~Any student who feels that he/she has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying should immediately contact the Coordinator, the principal, or any other staff member. In addition, any student who observes any such incident should report the incident to the~~

~~Coordinator or principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.~~

~~Any school employee who observes an incident of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or to whom such an incident is reported shall report the incident to the Coordinator or principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.~~

~~In addition, to enable the employee shall immediately intervene when safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)~~

~~Upon receiving a complaint of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the Coordinator shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the student handbook clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the resources that are available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior. The district's policy shall also be posted on the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive prohibited behavior in district schools web site or any other location that is easily accessible to students.~~

~~(cf. 35801113 - District Records and School Web Sites)~~

~~(cf. 1114 – District Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology)~~

~~When required pursuant to Education Code 48985, complaint forms shall be translated into the student's primary language.~~

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
48900.3 Suspension or expulsion for act of hate violence
48900.4 Suspension or expulsion for threats or harassment
48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct
48907 Student exercise of free expression
48950 Freedom of speech
48985 Translation of notices
49020-49023 Athletic programs
51500 Prohibited instruction or activity
51501 Prohibited means of instruction
60044 Prohibited instructional materials

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime
422.6 Crimes, harassment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

432 Student record

4600-4687 Uniform ~~complaint procedures~~ **Complaint Procedures**
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
12101-12213 Title II equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000e-17 Title VI and Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
6101-6107 Age Discrimination Act of 1975
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
99.31 Disclosure of personally identifiable information
100.3 Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin
104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX
106.9 Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex
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Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students, May 2016

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Notice of Non-Discrimination, January 1999

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

First Amendment Center: <http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

Policy

adopted: September 2004

revised: November 13, 2012

revised: September 10, 2013

considered: October 10, 2017

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rescue, California

CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5145.3(a)

NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT

Note: The following **mandated** administrative regulation provides measures that may be implemented by a district to comply with state and federal laws and regulations prohibiting, at school or in school-sponsored or school-related activities, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, of any student based on his/her actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression, or any other legally protected category or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Federal and state law also prohibit retaliation against those who engage in activity to protect civil rights.

5 CCR 4621 **mandates** the district to identify in its policies and procedures the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs, including the receiving and investigating of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying. In addition, 34 CFR 106.8 and other federal regulations **mandate** districts that receive federal financial assistance to adopt procedures for the "prompt and equitable" resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints, including the designation of one or more responsible employees to ensure district compliance with federal laws and regulations governing the district's educational programs.

During the Federal Program Monitoring process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will check to ensure that the district's procedures list the specific title(s) of the employee(s) responsible for investigating complaints. The U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is the agency responsible for the administrative enforcement of federal antidiscrimination laws and regulations in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the department. In reviewing a district's discrimination policies and procedures, OCR will examine whether the district has identified the employee(s) responsible for coordinating compliance with federal civil rights laws, including the investigation of complaints.

The following paragraphs identify the employee(s) designated to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with state and federal civil rights laws (e.g. Title IX and Section 504 coordinators), including the investigation and resolution of discrimination complaints under AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Note also that a district may designate more than one employee to coordinate compliance and/or receive and investigate complaints, although each employee designated as a coordinator/compliance officer must be properly trained.

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district's efforts to comply with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The individual(s) shall also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination targeting a student, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability,

sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or any other legally protected status or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at: (Education Code 234.1; 5 CCR 4621)

Director of Human Resources

(title or position)

2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue CA 95672

(address)

530-677-4461

(telephone number)

charris@rescueusd.org

(email)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Measures to Prevent Discrimination

To prevent unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying, of students at district schools or in school activities and to ensure equal access of all students to the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

Note: As part of its responsibility to monitor district compliance with legal requirements concerning discrimination pursuant to Education Code 234.1, CDE is required to ensure that the district posts its nondiscrimination policies in all schools, offices, staff lounges, and student government meeting rooms. In addition, federal regulations enforced by OCR require the district to notify students, parents/guardians, and employees of its policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex (34 CFR 106.8), disability (34 CFR 104.7 and 28 CFR 35.107), and age (34 CFR 110.25) and of related complaint procedures.

Item #1 below may be revised to specify the means by which the district publicizes its nondiscrimination policies and complaint procedures.

1. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, including the coordinator/compliance officer's contact information, to students, parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, and the general public by posting them on the district's web site and other prominent locations and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available.

Note: Education Code 221.61, as added by SB 1375 (Ch. 655, Statutes of 2016), requires districts and public schools to post on their web sites information related to Title IX (20 USC 1681-1688). A comprehensive list of rights based on the federal regulations implementing Title IX can be found in Education Code 221.8. A district that does not maintain a web site may comply by posting the information below on the web site of its county office of education. A school without a web site may comply by posting the information on the web site of the district or county office of education.

2. Post in a prominent and conspicuous location on the district and school web sites

information regarding Title IX prohibitions against discrimination based on a student's sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, and parental status, including the following: (Education Code 221.61)

- a. The name and contact information of the district's Title IX coordinator, including the phone number and email address
- b. The rights of students and the public and the responsibilities of the district under Title IX, including a list of rights as specified in Education Code 221.8 and web links to information about those rights and responsibilities located on the web sites of the Office for Equal Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
- c. A description of how to file a complaint of noncompliance with Title IX in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, which shall include:
 - (1) An explanation of the statute of limitations within which a complaint must be filed after an alleged incident of discrimination has occurred and how a complaint may be filed beyond the statute of limitations
 - (2) An explanation of how the complaint will be investigated and how the complainant may further pursue the complaint, including web links to this information on the OCR's web site
 - (3) A web link to the OCR complaints form and the contact information for the office, including the phone number and email address for the office

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

3. Provide to students a handbook that contains age-appropriate information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior. (Education Code 234.1)

Note: In its October 2010 [Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying](#), OCR identifies training of the school community as one of the key measures for minimizing discriminatory and harassing behavior in school. See also CSBA's policy brief [Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students](#). Item #4 below may be modified to reflect district practice.

4. Annually notify all students and parents/guardians of the district's nondiscrimination policy, including its responsibility to provide a safe, nondiscriminatory school environment for all students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming students. The notice shall inform students and parents/guardians that they may request to meet with the compliance officer to determine how best to accommodate or resolve concerns that may arise from the district's implementation of its nondiscrimination policies. The notice

shall also inform all students and parents/guardians that, to the extent possible, the district will address any individual student's interests and concerns in private.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: Both federal and state laws contain requirements for translation of certain information and documents. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires school districts to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency. OCR has interpreted this to require that, whenever information is provided to parents/guardians, districts must notify limited-English-proficient (LEP) parents/guardians in a language other than English in order to be adequate. OCR enforces this requirement consistent with the Department of Justice's 2002 Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons. Under the Guidance, a recipient of federal funds has an obligation to provide language assistance to LEP individuals based on balancing four factors: (1) the number or proportion of LEP individuals likely to encounter the program, (2) the frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with the program, (3) the nature and importance of the services provided by the program, and (4) the resources available to the recipient. State law is more specific than federal law: Education Code 48985 requires translation of certain information and documents if 15 percent or more of students enrolled in the school speak a single primary language other than English.

5. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students and parents/guardians, including those with limited English proficiency, are notified of how to access the relevant information provided in the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, notices, and forms in a language they can understand.

If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning nondiscrimination shall be translated into that language in accordance with Education Code 234.1 and 48985. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

6. Provide to students, employees, volunteers, and parents/guardians age-appropriate training and information regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy; what constitutes prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying; how and to whom a report of an incident should be made; and how to guard against segregating or stereotyping students when

providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to them. Such training and information shall include details of guidelines the district may use to provide a discrimination-free environment for all district students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming students.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

7. At the beginning of each school year, inform school employees that any employee who

witnesses any act of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, against a student is required to intervene if it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

Note: Item #8 below may be revised to reflect district practice. In some situations, the district may need to provide assistance to a student to protect him/her from harassment or bullying. Each situation will need to be analyzed to determine the most appropriate course of action to meet the needs of the student, based on the circumstances involved.

8. At the beginning of each school year, inform each principal or designee of the district's responsibility to provide appropriate assistance or resources to protect students' privacy rights and ensure their safety from threatened or potentially discriminatory behavior.

Enforcement of District Policy

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. As needed, these actions may include any of the following:

1. Removing vulgar or offending graffiti

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

2. Providing training to students, staff, and parents/guardians about how to recognize unlawful discrimination, how to report it or file a complaint, and how to respond
3. Disseminating and/or summarizing the district's policy and regulation regarding unlawful discrimination
4. Consistent with the laws regarding the confidentiality of student and personnel records, communicating the school's response to students, parents/guardians, and the community

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

5. Taking appropriate disciplinary action against students, employees, and anyone determined to have engaged in wrongdoing in violation of district policy, including any student who is found to have filed a complaint of discrimination that he/she knew was not true

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

Process for Initiating and Responding to Complaints

Note: Education Code 234.1 requires that districts adopt a process for receiving and investigating complaints of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying. Such a process, which is required to be consistent with the uniform complaint procedures specified in 5 CCR 4600-4687, must include (1) a requirement that school personnel who witness an act take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so, (2) a timeline for investigating and resolving complaints, (3) an appeal process, and (4) translation of forms when required by Education Code 48985. In addition, federal regulations require districts to adopt procedures providing for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex (34 CFR 106.8), disability (34 CFR 104.7 and 28 CFR 35.107), and age (34 CFR 110.25). OCR guidance on federal civil rights requirements notes that districts may have a responsibility to respond to notice of discrimination whether or not a formal complaint is filed. In addition, in its April 2011 Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence, OCR cautions that districts may have an obligation to respond to notice of sexual harassment of students which occurs off school grounds or outside school-sponsored or school-related programs or activities, since the sexual harassment may still create a hostile environment at school. This principle would also apply to harassment on other bases, such as race, gender, or disability.

Any student who feels that he/she has been subjected to unlawful discrimination described above or in district policy is strongly encouraged to immediately contact the compliance officer, principal, or any other staff member. In addition, any student who observes any such incident is strongly encouraged to report the incident to the compliance officer or principal, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who observes an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, or to whom such an incident is reported shall report the incident to the compliance officer or principal within a school day, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who witnesses an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

Note: Though a formal complaint must be in writing pursuant to 5 CCR 4600, the district's obligation to provide a safe school environment for its students overrides the need to comply with formalities. Thus, once the district receives notice of an incident, whether verbally or in writing, it is good practice to begin the investigation of the report and to take steps to stop any prohibited conduct and address any effect on students. The following paragraph reflects such practice and is consistent with OCR recommendation.

When a verbal report of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, is made to or received by the principal or compliance officer, he/she shall make a note of the report and encourage the student or parent/guardian to file the complaint in writing, pursuant to the provisions in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Once notified verbally or in writing, the principal or compliance officer shall begin the investigation and shall implement immediate measures necessary to stop the discrimination and ensure that all students have access to the educational program and a safe school environment. Any interim measures adopted to address unlawful discrimination shall, to the extent possible, not disadvantage the complainant or a student who is the victim of the alleged unlawful discrimination.

Any report or complaint alleging unlawful discrimination by the principal, compliance officer, or any other person to whom a report would ordinarily be made or complaint filed shall instead be

made to or filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students

Note: The following section may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.5, a district is required to permit a student to use facilities and participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities consistent with the student's gender identity, regardless of the gender listed on his/her educational records. Because Education Code 221.5 affords transgender students these rights, districts in California are not impacted by the February 22, 2017 action of the USDOE and U.S. Department of Justice to rescind earlier federal guidance which had indicated that, under Title IX, students must be allowed to use sex-segregated facilities in accordance with their gender identity. In implementing state law, districts may review recommended practices in the USDOE's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's [Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students](#). For more information on the rights of transgender students, see CSBA's policy brief [Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students](#) and its [Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination](#).

Gender identity of a student means the student's gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior as determined from the student's internal sense of his/her gender, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the student's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

Gender expression means a student's gender-related appearance and behavior, whether stereotypically associated with the student's assigned sex at birth. (Education Code 210.7)

Gender transition refers to the process in which a student changes from living and identifying as the sex assigned to the student at birth to living and identifying as the sex that corresponds to the student's gender identity.

Gender-nonconforming student means a student whose gender expression differs from stereotypical expectations.

Transgender student means a student whose gender identity is different from the gender he/she was assigned at birth.

Regardless of whether they are sexual in nature, acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility that are based on sex, gender identity, or gender expression, or that have the purpose or effect of producing a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment are prohibited. Examples of the types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute gender-based harassment include, but are not limited to:

1. Refusing to address a student by a name and the pronouns consistent with his/her gender identity

2. Disciplining or disparaging a student or excluding him/her from participating in activities for behavior or appearance that is consistent with his/her gender identity or that does not conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity, as applicable
3. Blocking a student's entry to the bathroom that corresponds to his/her gender identity
4. Taunting a student because he/she participates in an athletic activity more typically favored by a student of the other sex
5. Revealing a student's transgender status to individuals who do not have a legitimate need for the information, without the student's consent
6. Use of gender-specific slurs
7. Physical assault of a student motivated by hostility toward him/her because of his/her gender, gender identity, or gender expression

The district's uniform complaint procedures (AR 1312.3) shall be used to report and resolve complaints alleging discrimination against transgender and gender-nonconforming students.

Examples of bases for complaints include, but are not limited to, the above list, as well as improper rejection by the district of a student's asserted gender identity, denial of access to facilities that correspond with a student's gender identity, improper disclosure of a student's transgender status, discriminatory enforcement of a dress code, and other instances of gender-based harassment.

To ensure that transgender and gender-nonconforming students are afforded the same rights, benefits, and protections provided to all students by law and Board policy, the district shall address each situation on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the following guidelines:

Note: Timelines included in items #1-2 below may be modified to reflect district practice.

1. Right to privacy: A student's transgender or gender-nonconforming status is his/her private information and the district shall only disclose the information to others with the student's prior written consent, except when the disclosure is otherwise required by law or when the district has compelling evidence that disclosure is necessary to preserve the student's physical or mental well-being. In any case, the district shall only allow disclosure of a student's personally identifiable information to employees with a legitimate educational interest as determined by the district pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31. Any district employee to whom a student's transgender or gender-nonconforming status is disclosed shall keep the student's information confidential. When disclosure of a student's gender identity is made to a district employee by a student, the employee shall seek the student's permission to notify the compliance officer. If the student refuses to give permission, the employee shall keep the student's information confidential, unless he/she is required to disclose or report the student's information pursuant to this administrative regulation, and shall inform the student that honoring the student's request may limit the

district's ability to meet the student's needs related to his/her status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming student. If the student permits the employee to notify the compliance officer, the employee shall do so within three school days.

As appropriate given the student's need for support, the compliance officer may discuss with the student any need to disclose the student's transgender or gender-nonconformity status or gender identity or gender expression to his/her parents/guardians and/or others, including other students, teacher(s), or other adults on campus. The district shall offer support services, such as counseling, to students who wish to inform their parents/guardians of their status and desire assistance in doing so.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

2. **Determining a Student's Gender Identity:** The compliance officer shall accept the student's assertion of his/her gender identity and begin to treat the student consistent with his/her gender identity unless district personnel present a credible and supportable basis for believing that the student's assertion is for an improper purpose.
3. **Addressing a Student's Transition Needs:** The compliance officer shall arrange a meeting with the student and, if appropriate, his/her parents/guardians to identify and develop strategies for ensuring that the student's access to education programs and activities is maintained. The meeting shall discuss the transgender or gender-nonconforming student's rights and how those rights may affect and be affected by the rights of other students and shall address specific subjects related to the student's access to facilities and to academic or educational support programs, services, or activities, including, but not limited to, sports and other competitive endeavors. In addition, the compliance officer shall identify specific school site employee(s) to whom the student may report any problem related to his/her status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming individual, so that prompt action could be taken to address it. Alternatively, if appropriate and desired by the student, the school may form a support team for the student that will meet periodically to assess whether the arrangements for the student are meeting his/her educational needs and providing equal access to programs and activities, educate appropriate staff about the student's transition, and serve as a resource to the student to better protect the student from gender-based discrimination.
4. **Accessibility to Sex-Segregated Facilities, Programs, and Activities:** When the district maintains sex-segregated facilities, such as restrooms and locker rooms, or offers sex-segregated programs and activities, such as physical education classes, intermural sports, and interscholastic athletic programs, students shall be permitted to access facilities and participate in programs and activities consistent with their gender identity. To address any student's privacy concerns in using sex-segregated facilities, the district shall offer available options such as a gender-neutral or single-use restroom or changing area, a bathroom stall with a door, an area in the locker room separated by a curtain or screen, access to a staff member's office, or use of the locker room before or after the other students. However, the district shall not require a student to utilize these options because he/she is transgender or gender-nonconforming. In addition, a student shall be permitted

to participate in accordance with his/her gender identity in other circumstances where students are separated by gender, such as for class discussions, yearbook pictures, and field trips. A student's right to participate in a sex-segregated activity in accordance with his/her gender identity shall not render invalid or inapplicable any other eligibility rule established for participation in the activity.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Note: 5 CCR 432 requires the legal name, sex, date of birth, etc., of a student to be maintained as part of the student's "mandatory permanent student records" but does not prohibit keeping of other records, such as a student's preferred name, as part of the student's "permitted student records."

5. Student Records: A student's legal name or gender as entered on the mandatory student record required pursuant to 5 CCR 432 shall only be changed pursuant to a court order. However, at the written request of a student or, if appropriate, his/her parents/guardians, the district shall use the student's preferred name and pronouns consistent with his/her gender identity on all other district-related documents. Such preferred name may be added to the student's record and official documents as permitted by law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

6. Names and Pronouns: If a student so chooses, district personnel shall be required to address the student by a name and the pronouns consistent with his/her gender identity, without the necessity of a court order or a change to his/her official district record. However, inadvertent slips or honest mistakes by district personnel in the use of the student's name and/or consistent pronouns will, in general, not constitute a violation of this administrative regulation or the accompanying district policy.

7. Uniforms/Dress Code: A student has the right to dress in a manner consistent with his/her gender identity, subject to any dress code adopted on a school site.

(cf. 5132 - Dress Code)

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Considered: October 10, 2017

Rescue Union School District

AGENDA ITEM: Sunshine Document for 2017-2018 RUFT Negotiations

BACKGROUND:

The Board is required to set a date for public comment on collective bargaining unit re-openers for the upcoming sessions.

STATUS:

The Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT) bargaining unit has presented the District with the following topics to be discussed in the negotiations for 2017-2018:

Article X	Class Size and Assignments
Article XI	Duty Hours
Article XXXVII	Compensation

The Administration has presented the following topics to be discussed in the negotiations for 2017-2018:

Article XX	Shared Contract
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The Board is asked to set November 14, 2017 the next regularly scheduled Board meeting as the date for public comments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Unknown at this time

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal IV – STAFF NEEDS:

Attract and retain diverse, knowledgeable, dedicated employees who are skilled and supported in their commitment to providing quality education for our students.

RECOMMENDATION:

Set November 14, 2017 Board Meeting for public comment on RUFT negotiations openers.