

**Rescue Union School District**

**2-Apr-18**

	GREEN VALLEY	JACKSON	LAKE FOREST	LAKEVIEW	RESCUE	MARINA VILLAGE	PLEASANT GROVE	Tot.
TR. KDG	24	41	23	21	23	0	0	132
KDG.*	62	66	49	77	81	0	0	335
FIRST	63	70	68	79	65	0	0	345
SECOND	64	63	56	84	75	0	0	342
THIRD	77	80	67	84	72	0	0	380
FOURTH	61	82	64	107	70	0	0	384
FIFTH	69	74	100	108	77	0	0	428
SIXTH	0	0	0	0	0	253	184	437
SEVENTH	0	0	0	0	0	238	152	390
EIGHTH	0	0	0	0	0	269	198	467
SDC		16					13	
*COOL School						10		10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>3684</b>
Ending 16-17	456	470	470	577	470	773	556	3766
Difference	-36	22	-43	-17	-7	-13	-9	-82

**Low Housing Projection 2017-18	Variance
100	32
389	-54
348	-3
349	-7
362	18
363	21
393	35
393	44
348	42
438	29
0	29
0	10
<b>3483</b>	<b>201</b>

\*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 5**

**ENROLLMENT HISTORY**

	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>3624</b>	<b>3632</b>	<b>3642</b>	<b>3655</b>	<b>3685</b>	<b>3688</b>	<b>3682</b>	<b>3684</b>		
<b>2016/2017</b>	3723	3709	3723	3731	3734	3774	3792	3792	3786	3794	3766
<b>2015/2016</b>	3666	3658	3673	3673	3676	3686	3707	3717	3734	3740	3733
<b>2014/2015</b>	3690	3697	3699	3702	3712	3735	3753	3771	3772	3775	N/A
<b>2013/2014</b>	3797	3775	3770	3776	3774	3797	3804	3821	3823	3825	N/A
<b>2012/2013</b>	3889	3902	3895	3900	3893	3885	3912	3919	3920	3929	N/A
<b>2011/2012</b>	3984	3984	3989	3995	3995	4002	4019	4024	4032	4038	N/A
<b>2010/2011</b>	4124	4088	4070	4071	4074	4083	4092	4099	4097	4095	N/A
<b>2009/2010</b>	4173	4123	4115	4116	4113	4119	4122	4121	4112	4115	4110
<b>2008/2009</b>	4176	4105	4104	4106	4115	4110	4095	4091	4097	4099	4117
<b>2007/2008</b>	4093	4079	4090	4094	4091	4097	4110	4096	4101	4085	4082
<b>2006/2007</b>	3916	3905	3918	3927	3934	3933	3952	3967	3964	3972	3973
<b>2005/2006</b>	3777	3771	3788	3776	3768	3784	3780	3783	3786	3785	3785
Diff 2016-2017 2017-2018	0	-85	-91	-89	-79	-89	-104	-110	-102		
Avg Diff		-85	-88	-88	-86	-87	-90	-87	-94		

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM:      **Certificated Employee Week Proclamation****

**BACKGROUND:**

Teachers are honored each year on the second Wednesday of May. This year the California Day of the Teacher is May 9, 2018.

**STATUS:**

The Rescue USD has proclaimed May 7-11, 2018 as Certificated Employee Week and takes this time to honor the dedicated men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children and to acknowledge the crucial role that teachers play in making sure every child receives a quality public education. Teachers impact our students on a daily basis and we celebrate their achievements.

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District administration has prepared and recommends approval of the Certificated Employee Week Proclamation.

Rescue Union School District

# *Proclamation* - May 7-11, 2018

## Certificated Employee Week

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*Whereas, teachers make public schools great; and*

*Whereas, teachers work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams; and*

*Whereas, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship; and*

*Whereas, teachers fill many roles as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and*

*Whereas, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Education of the Rescue Union School District proclaims the week of May 7-11, 2018, as the Certificated Employee week; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Board of Trustees urges that we observe this week by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the impact of teachers on our lives.

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Nancy Brownell, President, Board of Trustees

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Date

**ITEM #: 5**  
**DATE: April 10, 2018**

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM:**      **Classified and Confidential School Employee Week**

**BACKGROUND:**

Classified School Employee Week began as a resolution at CSEA's Annual Conference in 1984. Two years later, it was adopted as California Senate Bill 1552 and decreed to be an official recognition of classified school employees. Rescue USD celebrates classified and confidential employees during the third week in May.

**STATUS:**

The District appreciates our classified and confidential staff and takes this time to honor them and acknowledge the contributions they make and the hard work they do each day to make public schools great for every child. Classified and confidential staff impact our schools, our students, our staff and our parents by providing their services to the District.

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District administration prepared and recommends approval of the Classified and Confidential School Employee Proclamation.

## Rescue Union School District

# Classified and Confidential School Employee Week May 21-25, 2018

*Whereas, the efforts of classified and confidential staff members in the Rescue Union School District are essential and critical to the successful functioning of the District and programs, and*

*Whereas, classified and confidential school employees contribute to the establishment and promotion of a positive instructional environment and play a vital role in providing for the welfare and safety of Rescue Union School District, and*

*Whereas, Rescue Union School District classified and confidential staff members assist in the support of all educational programs and services; and*

*Whereas, classified and confidential employees are indispensable in providing high quality business, data processing, transportation, maintenance, and educational-related programs and services; and*

*Whereas, classified and confidential employees in the Rescue Union School District are deserving of special recognition for their many contributions in a wide variety of roles to the institution of public education in this county, state and nation;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rescue Union School District proclaims the week of May 21-25 2018, to be Classified and Confidential School Employee Week, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees urges all schools and staff members throughout the District to recognize classified and confidential employees during this week as partners in education and to applaud their hard work and dedication to the success of public education.

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Nancy Brownell, President, Board of Trustees

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Date

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM:      Naming of Marina Village Field and the Two-Story Building**

**BACKGROUND:**

Information went out to the Rescue community inviting interested individuals to participate in an ad hoc committee to name the new Marina Village field. There were over 40 people who expressed interest and an application process was established to give everyone interested, whether on the committee or not, an opportunity to submit a nomination based on the criteria listed below. The actual ad hoc committee was selected on Friday, February 9 and was comprised of (2) Marina Village students, (4) parents, (2) community members and (2) staff members.

Criteria:

1. Must be a person of known integrity and quality character.
2. Must have had a significant impact on the broader Rescue community.
3. Must have had a significant impact on Marina Village School.
4. Must have had a significant impact on students in a direct way.
5. Must have made other substantial contributions to society at large.
6. Due to potential conflict of interest, names of active board members or active, permanent employees shall not be considered.

**STATUS:**

The committee met on February 20 to review the nominations, take public comment, and determine which names qualified according to the criteria. At the March 13 meeting the Board tabled this item in order to also possibly include the naming of the new Marina Village two-story classroom. All names fulfilling the criteria are presented to the Board for final consideration per BP 7310.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

NA.

**BOARD GOAL:**

Board Focus Goal III – COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

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.

Board Focus Goal V. – FACILITY / HOUSING:

Build, improve and maintain school facilities to meet current and future education needs while integrating the most effective and efficient use of resources.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board will consider selection and approval of the names presented for the naming of the Marina Village field and possibly the new two-story building.

# Rescue Union ESD

## Board Policy

### Naming Of Facility

BP 7310

#### Facilities

The Governing Board shall name schools or individual buildings or athletic fields in recognition of:

1. In honor of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community; or
2. In recognition of the geographic areas in which the school or building is located; or
3. By other criteria deemed consistent with the district's education program.

The Board encourages community participation in the process of selecting names. A citizen advisory committee shall be appointed to review name suggestions and submit recommendations for the Board's consideration.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The renaming of existing schools or major facilities shall occur only under extraordinary circumstances and after thorough study.

#### Memorials

Upon request, the Board shall consider naming buildings, parts of buildings or athletic fields in honor of the contributions of students, staff members and community members who have been deceased for at least one year.

#### Appointments by the Superintendent

The Superintendent shall maintain procedures for the creation of ad hoc committees representing school site community, district staff, parents, students and the public. The committee shall be responsible for receiving and screening name suggestions, and submitting recommendations to the Superintendent for the Board's consideration and adoption.

#### Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

Policy RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: May 24, 2005 Rescue, California

revised: January 23, 2018

**Rescue Union School District**  
**Resolution No. 08-13**  
**A Resolution in Loving Memory of Alan Wilcox**

**WHEREAS**, Alan Wilcox was appointed to the Rescue Union School District Board of Trustees in 1997, was subsequently elected to the Board in 1998 and re-elected in 2002 and 2006. In his eleven years of service to the District on the Board of Trustees, he was Board President in 1998, 1999 and 2006; Vice President in 2003, 2004 and 2005; and Clerk in 2002; served as Rescue Union School District representative to El Dorado Schools Financing Authority for three years and as alternate for two years, and to El Dorado County School Boards Association for three years; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan Wilcox passed away on May 11, 2008 after losing his battle with cancer, is survived by his wife, Debbie, daughters and son-in-laws Julia and Ryan Armstrong, and Christina and Garrett Hansen, son Matthew, and grandchildren Lucas and Nathan Armstrong and Jayden and Caleb Hansen; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan Wilcox was highly respected in the District and community for his broad knowledge, fiscal accountability, and calm and cautious approach to the business of the District, as well as his keen sense of humor; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan's ability to place life's challenges into a hopeful context, and most of all, his commitment, caring and dedication to the welfare of the District, its employees and students and their families, will be cherished.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees authorize the dedication of the "Wilcox Memorial Grove and Memorial Bench" at Jackson school in Alan Wilcox's memory; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees authorize the dedication and naming of the multipurpose room of the next Rescue Union School District school as the "Alan Wilcox Center."

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 by the following vote:

**AYES:**   3  

**NOES:**   0  

**ABSENT:**   1  

  
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Ellen Driscoll, President of the Board

Attest:

  
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Bruce Lagomarsino, Vice President of the Board



**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  
April 10, 2018**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
<i>First Reading</i>		
BP/AR 1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures <i>REVISE</i>	Policy updated to list all state and federal programs subject to the uniform complaint procedures (UCP) as specified in the Federal Program Monitoring instrument, reflect <b>NEW LAW (AB 699)</b> which includes immigration status as a prohibited basis for discrimination, and reflect <b>NEW LAW (AB 365)</b> which authorizes the use of UCP for alleged noncompliance with certain educational rights of children of military families. Policy also revised to clarify that, although complaints of employment discrimination are not subject to UCP, the district has an obligation to investigate such complaints using other district procedures. Regulation updated to reflect a requirement in AB 365 that the annual UCP notice include the educational rights of children of military families. Regulation also clarifies that any individual, public agency, or organization may file a complaint alleging violation of law regarding applicable state or federal programs, and deletes references to Office of Civil Rights resources on sexual violence which have been withdrawn.  3/18
BP 4111 4211 4311	Recruitment and Selection <i>REVISE</i>	Policy reflects <b>NEW LAW (AB 168)</b> which prohibits districts from seeking salary history information about an applicant and from relying on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment or the salary to offer an applicant, unless the salary information is disclosable under state or federal law or the applicant voluntarily discloses the information without prompting.  3/18
BP/AR 4119.11 4219.11 4319.11	Sexual Harassment <i>REVISE</i>	Policy updated to provide a strong statement of the board's commitment to provide a safe work environment that is free of sexual harassment and intimidation and to align the process for filing complaints of sexual harassment with AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. Regulation updated to reflect <b>NEW LAW (SB 396)</b> which requires districts to post a Department of Fair Employment and Housing poster on transgender rights and, if the district has 50 or more employees, to provide training to supervisors regarding harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.  3/18
BP 4119.21 4219.21 4319.21	Professional Standards	Policy updated to reflect <b>NEW LAW (AB 500)</b> which requires any district that has an employee code of conduct addressing employee interactions with students to post that section of its code of conduct on each school's web site (or on the district web site if a school does not maintain one) and to provide it to parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year.  12/17

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws**  
**April 10, 2018**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
E 4219.21	Professional Standards <i>ADOPT</i>	Currently RUSD has an exhibit for the professional standards for certificated and leadership but information for classified personnel is not correctly listed in Gamut. Administration recommends adopting the E 4219.21 to provide a listing of professional conduct for classified employees.
AR 4161.1 4361.1	Personal Illness/Injury Leave <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to reflect <b>NEW LAW (SB 63)</b> which extends the requirement to grant parental leave to an eligible employee for the purpose of bonding with a child after the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of the child to any district that employs 20-49 employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed. Regulation also updated to reflect <b>NEW LAW (SB 731)</b> which entitles an employee who is a military veteran or current member of the California National Guard or federal reserve component to 10 days of additional sick leave for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for a qualifying military service-connected disability, effective on either the date the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs rates the employee's disability or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later.  3/18
AR 4261.1	Personal Illness/Injury Leave <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to reflect <b>NEW LAW (SB 63)</b> which extends the requirement to grant parental leave to any district that employs 20-49 employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed. Regulation also updated to reflect <b>NEW LAW (SB 731)</b> which entitles an employee who is a military veteran or current member of the California National Guard or federal reserve component to 12 days of additional sick leave for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for a qualifying military service-connected disability, effective on either the date the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs rates the employee's disability or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later.  3/18
BP 5144	Discipline <i>REVISE</i>	Policy updated to reflect <b>NEW LAW (SB 250)</b> which requires districts to ensure that any discipline imposed on a student does not result in the denial or delay of a nutritionally adequate meal to the student.  12/17

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws**  
**April 10, 2018**

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>REQUIREMENT</b>
BP/AR 5144.1	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process <i>REVISE</i>	<p>Policy updated to add homeless students as one of the numerically significant student subgroups for whom the district must monitor suspension/expulsion data, and to add board review of disaggregated suspension/expulsion data for the purpose of identifying any disparities in the imposition of discipline. Updated regulation revises the grounds for suspension and expulsion to more directly reflect law which separates out aiding or abetting a crime of physical violence from causing, attempting to cause, or threatening physical violence. Regulation also adds definition of cyber sexual bullying as a ground for suspension/expulsion and reflects <b>NEW LAW (AB 667)</b> which requires a student to be informed, during the informal conference required prior to suspension, of the other means of correction that were attempted before suspension.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12/17</p>

# Rescue Union ESD

## Board Policy

### Uniform Complaint Procedures

BP 1312.3

#### Community Relations

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.

#### Complaints Subject to the UCP

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

Note: The FPM process includes a review of the district's policies and procedures to determine whether all district programs and activities that are subject to the UCP, as listed in the FPM instrument, are addressed. Item #1 lists all programs identified on the FPM instrument and should be revised to reflect the programs offered by the district. If the district does not list all such programs in its policy, it is required to comment in the FPM which programs and activities are not in operation.

1. Any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, After School Education and Safety programs, agricultural vocational education, American Indian education centers and early childhood education program assessments, bilingual education, peer assistance and review programs for teachers after school education and safety programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, compensatory special education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, Economic Impact Aid, English learner programs, federal education programs in Title I-VII, migrant education, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs, school safety plans, special education programs, State Preschool Programs, Tobacco-Use Prevention Education 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. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*

*(cf. ~~5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting~~)*

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)  
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)  
(cf. 6174 - Education for English 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)

**Note: As amended by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017), Education Code 200, 220, and 234.1 expressly include immigration status as a prohibited basis for discrimination in district programs and activities. See BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.**

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, immigration status, ethnic ———group identification, age, religion, marital status, 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)

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 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)*

8. 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

9. Any other complaint as specified in a district policy

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.

The district shall protect all complainants from retaliation. In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved shall be protected as required by law. For any complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the Superintendent or designee shall keep 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)

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.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

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.
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 Legal, Audits and Compliance Branch of the California Department of Education.

Note: Complaints of employment discrimination are not subject to the UCP. Instead, pursuant to 2 CCR 11023, the district must establish an impartial and prompt process for addressing such complaints. In addition, 5 CCR 4611 requires that employment discrimination complaints be referred to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH). See AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment for applicable complaint procedures.

Any complaint alleging employment discrimination or harassment shall be investigated and resolved by the district in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

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, CDE has created a separate uniform complaint process



for the Williams complaints. See AR 1312.4 - Williams ~~In addition, the district's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve any~~ for the separate procedure.

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 shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures in AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (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

~~32280-32289~~ School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures

~~33380-33384~~ California Indian Education Centers

35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures

~~44500-44508~~ California Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers

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

~~49701~~ Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51210 Courses of study grades 1-6

51223 Physical education, elementary schools

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

~~51226-51226.1~~ Career technical education

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-~~52462~~~~52490~~ Career technical education

52500-52616.24 Adult schools

~~54000-54029~~ Economic Impact Aid

54400-54425 Compensatory education programs

54440-54445 Migrant education

54460-54529 Compensatory education programs

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# **Rescue Union ESD**

## **Administrative Regulation**

### **Uniform Complaint Procedures**

AR 1312.3

#### **Community Relations**

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**

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.

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 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 requires the district to include specified information in its annual UCP notice to students, parents/guardians, employees, and others. Education Code 51225.1-51225.2, as amended by AB 365 (Ch. 739, Statutes of 2017), require that the notice include information about specified educational rights of children of military families 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 related to the rights of homeless students, former juvenile court school students, and children of military families.

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 to students, employees, parents/guardians of district students, district advisory committee members, school advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. The notification shall include, including information regarding the prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying; unlawful student fees; local control and accountability plan (LCAP) requirements; and requirements related to the educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court school students, and children of military families. 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, 49010-49013, 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)  
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)  
(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)~~

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

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

~~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.~~

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 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.
- 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.
- 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, former juvenile court school student, or child of a military family 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.

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

Note: The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.61, 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, complete contact information of the compliance officer(s), and information related to Title IX as required pursuant to Education Code 221.61 shall be posted on the district web site and may be 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.

## **District Responsibilities**

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)

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)

All complainants shall be protected from retaliation.

## 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 a 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 complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing ~~theadult education~~ programs specified in the accompanying Board policy (item #1 of the section "Complaints Subject to the UCP"), ~~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)
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.
5. When the complainant 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**

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 ~~upon~~ through the mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the district shall then continue with subsequent steps specified in this administrative regulation.

### **Investigation of Complaint**

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.

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.

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)

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)

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)

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.

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.

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. The manner in whichHow 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.

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](http://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.

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, an appropriate remedy is provided to the complainant or other affected person. However, in certain instances, the law may require a remedy 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 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.

When a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy shall be provided to the complainant or other affected person.

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 CDE, as provided below. Pursuant to Education Code 49013, the district is **mandated** to adopt procedures that include the right to appeal to 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 regard 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, former juvenile court school students, and children of military families; (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 #6-9 of the accompanying Board policy.

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision of a complaint regarding any specified federal or state educational program subject to the UCP 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: Although not required pursuant to 5 CCR 4631-4633, OCR recommends that the right to appeal the district's decision to CDE be extended to the respondent to an allegation of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) to ensure fairness for all parties involved. The following paragraphs reflect OCR's recommendation.

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 ~~how whether~~ the facts of the district's decision are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be sent to CDE with~~accompanied by~~ a copy of the original locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision in that complaint. (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

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# Rescue Union ESD

## Board Policy

### Recruitment And Selection

Personnel

BP 4111

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Note: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice and related provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

The Governing Board should ensure that district hiring procedures are designed to avoid liability for negligent hiring. In C.A. v. William S. Hart Union High School District, the California Supreme Court held that a district can be held vicariously liable for the negligence of its administrators and supervisors in the hiring, retention, and supervision of a counselor who sexually harassed and/or abused a student.

The Governing Board is committed to employing suitable, qualified individuals to effectively carry out the district's vision, mission, and goals ~~to provide high quality education to its students and to ensure the efficient running of district operations.~~

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

~~0100~~(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 4100 - Certificated Personnel)

(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)

(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)

~~(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall develop equitable, fair, open, and transparent recruitment and selection processes and procedures ~~that which~~ ensure individuals that employees are selected based on demonstrated knowledge, skills, and competence and not on any bias, personal preference, or unlawful discrimination.

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

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

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

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

(cf. 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2 - Legal Status Requirement)

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent or designee shall review the job description for the position to ensure that it accurately describes the major functions and duties of the position. He/she ~~also~~ shall also disseminate job announcements to ensure a wide range of candidates.

The district's ~~Superintendent or design~~ selection procedures shall include screening processes,

interviews, ~~observations, and~~ recommendations from previous employers, and observations when appropriate, –as necessary to identify the best possible candidate for a position.

~~–The district's Superintendent or designee shall develop selection procedures that identify the best possible candidate for a position and to determine candidate does not have a history of unlawful conduct, or a propensity to engage in unlawful conduct. –(cf. 4112.61/4212.61/4312.61 - Employment References)~~

The Superintendent or designee may establish an interview committee, ~~–as appropriate,~~ to rank candidates and recommend finalists. ~~All discussions and recommendations shall be confidential– in accordance with law.~~

During job interviews, applicants may be asked to describe or demonstrate how they will be able to perform the duties of the job. All discussions and recommendations~~No inquiry shall be confidential in accordance~~ made with regard to any category of discrimination prohibited by state ~~or federal~~ law.

*(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*

No inquiry shall be made with regard to any information prohibited by state or federal nondiscrimination laws.

Note: Labor Code 432.3, as added by AB 168 (Ch. 688, Statutes of 2017), prohibits districts from seeking a job applicant's salary history information and from relying on salary history as a factor in determining whether to offer employment to an applicant or the salary to offer. However, if the applicant discloses salary history information voluntarily and without prompting, the district is not prohibited from considering or relying on such information in determining the salary for that applicant. Labor Code 432.3 is not applicable to salary history information that is disclosable pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code 6250-6270) or the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552).

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire, orally or in writing, in regard to an applicant's salary history information, including compensation and benefits. He/she shall also not rely on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment to an applicant or the salary to offer. However, the Superintendent or designee may consider salary information that is disclosable under state or federal law or that the applicant discloses voluntarily and without prompting. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the applicant the pay scale for the position to which he/she is applying. (Labor Code 432.3)

For each position, the Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board one candidate who meets all qualifications established by law and the Board for the position. –No person shall be employed by the Board without the recommendation or endorsement of the Superintendent or designee.

*(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

*(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Learners*~~4112.24 –Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)~~

*(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)*

*(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)*  
*(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*  
*(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)*

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200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*

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44066 *Limitations on certification requirement*

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~~44735 Incentive grants for recruiting teachers for low performing schools~~

~~44740-44741 Personnel management assistance teams~~

44750 *Teacher recruitment resource center*

44830-44831 *Employment of certificated persons*

44858 *Age or marital status in certificated positions*

44859 *Prohibition against certain rules and regulations re: residency*

45103-45139 *Employment (classified employees)*

49406 *Examination for tuberculosis*

~~52051 Academic Performance Index~~

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12940-~~12957~~12956 *Discrimination prohibited; unlawful practices*

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432.3 Salary information

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552 Freedom of Information Act

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*California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>*  
*Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>*  
*Education Job Opportunities Information Network: <http://www.edjoin.org>*  
*Teach USA: <https://culturalvistas.org>~~<http://www.calteach.org/programs/us/teach-usa>~~*  
*U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>*

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# Rescue Union ESD

## Board Policy

### Sexual Harassment

BP 4119.11

Personnel

BP 4119.11

4219.11

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, 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 (20 USC 1681-1688), 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 is committed to providing a safe work environment that is free of harassment and intimidation. The Board prohibits sexual harassment of district employees. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees and retaliatory behavior or action against any person who complains, testifies or other persons who complain, testify, or otherwise participates/participate in the complaint process established for the purpose of/pursuant to this policy.

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, harassment that is based on the gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation of the victim.

~~and accompanying administrative regulation.~~ This policy shall apply to all district employees and, ~~when applicable,~~ to other persons on district property or with some employment relationship with the district, such as interns, volunteers, contractors, and job applicants.

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

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Note: In addition to district discipline imposed on 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).

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal. In addition, employees may be held personally liable in a court of law for any damage to the victim.

*(cf. 4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports)*  
*(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

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
2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to employees and others to whom the policy may applystaff

*(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

### **Sexual Harassment Reports and Complaints**

Note: Pursuant to 2 CCR 11034, 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 to instruct supervisors to report complaints.

Any district employee who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed in the performance of his/her district responsibilities or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee shall immediately report the incident to his/her direct supervisor, another supervisor, the district's coordinator for nondiscrimination, the Superintendent, or, if available, a complaint hotline or an ombudsman. A supervisor or administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the coordinator.

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 and investigated in accordance with the complaint procedure specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

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. (2 CCR 11023)

~~Any district employee who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee 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.~~

~~Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4030 — Nondiscrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.~~

~~Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy is 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 on the basis of sex

GOVERNMENT CODE

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:

12940 Prohibited discrimination

12950 Sexual harassment; distribution of information

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

11021 Retaliation

11023 Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction

11024 Sexual harassment training and education

11034 Terms, conditions, and privileges of employment

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

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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

~~106.1-106.9 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities~~

~~106.51-106.61 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in employment in education program or activities~~

~~106.9 Dissemination of policy~~

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rescue, California

# Rescue Union ESD

## Administrative Regulation

### Sexual Harassment

#### Personnel

AR 4119.11  
4219.11  
4319.11

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

*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; 2 CCR 11034)

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 conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the individual.
3. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits, services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the district.

*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.

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, 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. In its informal guidance, Promising Practices for Preventing Harassment, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recommends that employers provide sexual harassment training to all employees, not just supervisors and managers. In addition, since BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment requires employees to report sexual harassment against students, training 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** supervisory employees receive training regarding the district's sexual harassment policies when hired and periodically thereafter. The training shall include how to recognize prohibited or harassing conduct, 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. The training shall also include information about processes for employees to informally share or obtain information about harassment without filing a complaint.

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*  
*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*  
*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual 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 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)

*(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)*

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: (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 11024)

1. Information and practical guidance regarding federal and state laws on the prohibition, prevention, and correction of sexual harassment, the remedies available to sexual harassment victims in civil actions, and potential district and/or individual exposure or liability
2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and practical examples which illustrate sexual 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 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

Note: Item #8 below is required pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, as amended by SB 396 (Ch. 858, Statutes of 2017).

8. Practical examples of harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation

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 11024)

## Notifications

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

All employees shall receive ~~either~~ a copy of an information ~~sheet~~sheets prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or ~~the a copy of~~ district ~~information sheets~~ that ~~contain~~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

Note: Government Code 12950, as amended by SB 396 (Ch. 858, Statutes of 2017), requires districts to post, in a prominent and accessible location, a poster developed by DFEH regarding transgender rights. This poster is available on DFEH's web site.

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

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Rescue, California

# Rescue Union ESD

## Board Policy

### Professional Standards

#### Personnel

BP 4119.21(a)  
4219.21  
4319.21

**Note:** The following **optional** policy should be revised to reflect district practice and/or any related provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

The Governing Board expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, **behave professionally**~~exhibit professional behavior~~, follow district policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employees shall engage in~~Employee~~ conduct that enhances~~should enhance~~ the integrity of the district, advances~~advance~~ the goals of the district's educational programs, and contributes~~contribute~~ to a positive school climate.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)  
(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)  
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)  
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

**Note:** The following **optional** paragraph encourages district employees to abide by standards developed by their professional associations. These standards are reproduced at E 4119.21 (certificated personnel), E 4219.21 (classified personnel), and E 4319.21 (administrative and supervisory personnel).

The Board encourages district employees to accept as guiding principles the professional standards and codes of ethics adopted by educational or professional associations to which they may belong.

(cf. 2111 - Superintendent Governance Standards)  
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

Each employee is expected~~should make a commitment~~ to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill his/her responsibilities and should focus on his/her contribution to the learning and achievement of district students.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)  
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

#### **Inappropriate Conduct**

Inappropriate employee conduct includes, but is not limited to:



1. Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, threats of violence, or possession of a firearm or other weapon

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. [3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds](#))

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

2. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed

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

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

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

3. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child
4. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student
5. Possessing or viewing any pornography on school grounds, or possessing or viewing child pornography or other imagery portraying children in a sexualized manner at any time
6. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members
7. Willfully disrupting district or school operations by loud or unreasonable noise or other action

(cf. [3515.2 - Disruptions](#))

8. Using tobacco, alcohol, or an illegal or unauthorized substance, or possessing or distributing any controlled substance, while in the workplace, on district property, or at a school-sponsored activity

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. [3513.4 - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools](#))

(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)

(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

9. Being dishonest~~Dishonesty~~ with students, parents/guardians, staff, or members of the public, including, but not limited to, falsifying~~falsification of~~ information in employment records or other school records

10. Divulging confidential information about students, district employees, or district operations to persons or entities not authorized to receive the information

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

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

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)*

11. Using district equipment or other district resources for the employee's own commercial purposes or for political activities

*(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)*

12. Using district equipment or communications devices for personal purposes while on duty, except in an emergency, during scheduled work breaks, or for personal necessity

Employees shall be notified that computer files and all electronic communications, including, but not limited to, email and voice mail, are not private. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technological resources at any time without the employee's consent.

*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*

13. Causing damage to or engaging in theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district

14. Wearing inappropriate attire

*(cf. 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 - Dress and Grooming)*

### **Reports of Misconduct**

An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of or suspects child abuse or neglect shall file a report pursuant to the district's child abuse reporting procedures as detailed in AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*

*(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*

Any reports of employee misconduct shall be promptly investigated. Any employee who is found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct in violation of law or Board policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and, in the case of a certificated employee, may be subject to a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. -The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

(cf. ~~4117.4 - Dismissal~~)  
(cf. ~~4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports~~)  
(cf. 4118 - ~~Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action~~)  
(cf. 4218 - ~~Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action~~)

An employee who has knowledge of but fails to report inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.

The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

## **Notifications**

Note: Beginning January 1, 2018, Education Code 44050, as added by AB 500 (Ch. 580, Statutes of 2017), requires districts maintaining an employee code of conduct that addresses employee interactions with students to post the section(s) on employee-student interactions in a publicly accessible manner on each school's web site, or the district web site if a school does not maintain one. Beginning July 1, 2018, at the beginning of each school year, the district must also provide parents/guardians with written copies of the sections of the employee code of conduct that address employee interactions with students. The applicable sections of the code of conduct may appear in a variety of district documents, including, but not limited to, portions of this Board policy, employee handbooks, and/or the code of conduct adopted by the district for use by certificated, classified, or administrative personnel as presented in the accompanying Exhibits.

The section(s) of the district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

(cf. 1113 - *District and School Web Sites*)  
(cf. 5145.6 - *Parental Notifications*)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*  
44050 Employee code of conduct; interaction with students  
44242.5 *Reports and review of alleged misconduct*  
48980 Parental notifications

#### PENAL CODE

11164-11174.4 *Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act*  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
80303 *Reports of dismissal, resignation and other terminations for alleged misconduct*  
80331-80338 *Rules of conduct for professional educators*

### *Management Resources:*

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS  
California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders, February 2014  
California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 2009

COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS PUBLICATIONS

~~Professional Standards for Educational Leaders, 2015~~ Leadership Policy Standards: ISLLC 2008, 2008

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Code of Ethics of the Education Profession, 1975

WESTED PUBLICATIONS

Moving Leadership Standards into Everyday Work: Descriptions of Practice, 2003

~~WESTED AND ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS PUBLICATIONS~~

~~California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders, 2001~~

WEB SITES

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

Association of California School Administrators: <http://www.acsa.org>

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

California Federation of Teachers: <http://www.cft.org>

California School Employees Association: <http://www.csea.com>

California Teachers Association: <http://www.cta.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

Council of Chief State School Officers: <http://www.ccsso.org>

WestEd: <http://www.wested.org>

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# Rescue USD

## Exhibit

### Professional Standards

E 4219.21

#### Personnel

#### CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

School employees who are in daily contact with many phases of educational work should be persons whose conduct is beyond reproach and who sincerely believe in the advancement of education and the betterment of working conditions; therefore, the California School Employees' Association proposes this Code of Ethics as a standard for its members.

#### AS A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE I WILL:

1. Be proud of my vocation in order that I may use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of my position so that I may merit a reputation for high quality of service -- to the end that others may emulate my example.
2. Be a person of integrity, clean speech, desirable personal habits, and physical fitness.
3. Be just in my criticism and be generous in my praise; to improve and not destroy.
4. At all times be courteous in my relations with students, parents, teachers and others.
5. Be a resourceful person who readily adapts himself to different kinds of work and changed conditions and finds better ways to do things.
6. Conduct myself in a spirit of friendly helpfulness to my fellow employees to the end that I will consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of another.
7. Associate myself with employees of other districts for the purpose of discussing school problems and cooperating in the improvement of public school conditions.
8. Always uphold my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, my school district and my community, and give them unswerving loyalty.
9. Always bear in mind that the purpose of CSEA is to promote the efficiency and raise the standards of all school employees and that I shall be equally obligated to assist all my fellow workers.

# Rescue Union ESD

## Administrative Regulation

Personal Illness/Injury Leave

Certificated Personnel

AR 4161.1(a)  
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

Note: Items #1-8 below reflect allowable uses of sick leave specified in law. The district may expand this list to include any additional purposes authorized by law, authorized by the district, or included in a bargaining agreement.

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)

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 the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) (29 USC 2612) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA) (Government Code 12945.2), a district is required to grant leave to an eligible employee to bond with a child after the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of the child, if the district employs 50 or more employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed. For this purpose, employees may, but are not required to, use sick leave for any otherwise unpaid FMLA or CFRA leave.

Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 63 (Ch. 686, Statutes of 2017), extends the right to parental leave to an eligible employee who is not covered by FMLA or CFRA when the district employs 20-49 employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed.

For further information regarding parental leave, see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

6. Need of the employee to bond with a child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement (parental leave) (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6; 29 USC 2612; 29 CFR 825.112)

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 #7-8 below.

For the purpose of using sick leave to attend to the health care needs of a family member, as specified in item #7 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 #8 below, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.

76. 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)
87. 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 #6-7-8, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave he/she would accrue during ~~six months~~ the current school year 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)

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)

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 amended by SB 731 (Ch. 597, Statutes of 2017), provides that an employee who is a military veteran or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component is entitled to additional sick leave with pay for up to 10 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for 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). As amended, Education Code 44978.2 provides that credit for such leave



begins on either the effective date of the employee's disability rating decision from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later.

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a ~~newly hired~~ certificated employee who is a ~~former active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component~~ shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 10 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, ~~for military veteran with~~ a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. ~~An eligible employee who works 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)~~

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee either on the date the employee receives confirmation of the submission of his/her disability application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later. When the employee receives his/her disability rating decision, he/she shall report that information to the Superintendent or designee. If the disability rating decision makes the employee eligible for the leave, the time used before the decision shall be counted toward the 10-day maximum leave. If the disability rating decision makes the employee ineligible for the leave, the district may change the sick leave time used before the disability rating decision to an alternative leave balance. (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.

Leave for military-service connected disability shall be available for 12 months following the first date that the leave was credited. Leave not used during the 12-month period shall not be carried over and shall be forfeited. (Education Code 44978.2)

### **Notification of Absence**

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 bargaining agreement, the district may add provisions to this section reflecting salary deductions for employees absent longer than five months.

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, 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. 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**

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.

During each school year, ~~any~~ certificated employee ~~may use who has exhausted~~ all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, ~~for the purpose and continues to be absent on account of~~ parental leave ~~(baby bonding) pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 shall receive differential pay for a period~~ 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. ~~(Education Code 44977.5) 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)~~

Note: 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.

~~Eligibility for such leave shall not require 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12 months. (Education Code 44977.5)~~

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44977.5, 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 pursuant to Government Code 12945.2. 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.

Since Education Code 44977.5 does not expressly require districts to provide differential pay to employees who are eligible for parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 63 (Ch. 686, Statutes of 2017), it is unclear whether such employees would be entitled to differential pay. Districts should consult legal counsel if they have questions regarding differential pay for such employees.

~~An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave shall receive differential pay for the remainder of the 12 work weeks. (Education Code 44977.5)~~

~~Parental leave taken pursuant to Education Code 44977.5 shall run concurrently with the parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 or 12945.6, and the aggregate amount of parental leave shall not exceed 12 work weeks in a 12-month period. (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6)~~

## **Verification Requirements**

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.

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**

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 during parental 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
- 44981 Leave of absence for personal necessity
- 44983 Exception to sick leave when district adopts specific rule
- 44984 Industrial accident or illness
- 44986 Leave of absence for disability allowance applicant

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act
- 12945.6 Parental leave

LABOR CODE

- 220 Sections inapplicable to public employees
- 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
- 234 Absence control policy
- 245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 5601 Transfer of accumulated sick leave

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

2601-2654 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

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

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

825.100-825.800 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

1635.1-1635.12 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

COURT DECISIONS

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rescue, California

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## Administrative Regulation

### Personal Illness/Injury Leave

AR 4261.1

#### Classified Personnel

Note: The following administrative regulation is subject to collective bargaining. Twelve days of paid personal illness or injury leave (sick leave) per year is the minimum prescribed by Education Code 45191 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 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

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)

(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 with other persons having a contagious disease during the employee's performance of his/her duties (Education Code 45199)

2. Pregnancy, childbirth, and recovery (Education Code 45193)

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

3. Personal necessity as specified in Education Code 45207

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

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

5. 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 the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) (29 USC 2612) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA) (Government Code 12945.2), a district is required to grant leave to an eligible employee to bond with a child after the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of the child, if the district employs 50 or more employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed. For this purpose, employees may, but are not required to, use sick leave for any otherwise unpaid FMLA or CFRA leave.

Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 63 (Ch. 686, Statutes of 2017), extends the right to parental leave to an eligible employee who is not covered by FMLA or CFRA when the district employs 20-49 employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed.

For further information regarding parental leave, see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

6. Need of an employee to bond with a child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement (parental leave) (Education Code 45196.1; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6; 29 USC 2612; 29 CFR 825.112)

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 #7-8 below.

For the purpose of using sick leave to attend to the health care needs of a family member, as specified in item #7 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 #8 below, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.



76. 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)
87. 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 #~~6-7-8~~, 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)

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 amended by SB 731 (Ch. 597, Statutes of 2017), provides that an employee who is a military veteran or is a former or current member of the California National Guard or federal reserve component is entitled to additional sick leave with pay for up to 12 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for 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). As amended, Education Code 45191.5 provides that credit for such leave**

begins on the effective date of the employee's disability rating decision from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later.

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a ~~newly hired~~-classified employee who is a former active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 12 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, ~~formilitary veteran with~~ a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or higher by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. ~~An eligible employee who works 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 either on the date the employee receives confirmation of the submission of his/her disability application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later. When the employee receives his/her disability rating decision, he/she shall report that information to the Superintendent or designee. If the disability rating decision makes the employee eligible for the leave, the time used before the decision shall be counted toward the 12-day maximum leave. If the disability rating decision makes the employee ineligible for the leave, the district may change the sick leave time used before the disability rating decision to an alternative leave balance. (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.

Leave for military-service connected disability shall be available for 12 months following the first date that the leave was credited. ~~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)

~~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**

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 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).—~~

After all earned leave is exhausted; additional non-accumulated long-term illness leave shall be available for a period not to exceed five(5) school months. The amount deducted for leave purposes from the Association member's salary shall be the amount actually paid a substitute employee employed to fill the position during the leave. Long term illness leave is only for employees; however Family and Medical leave (FMLA) may be requested for long term family illness.

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

### **Parental Leave**

Note: The following section is subject to any conflicting provision in a collective bargaining agreement that provides greater parental leave rights.

### Differential Pay for Parental Leave

During each school year, ~~any~~ classified employee ~~may use who has exhausted~~ all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, ~~for the purpose of parental leave for a period 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. ~~(Education Code 45196.1) 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)~~

Note: 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.

~~Eligibility for such leave shall not require 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12 months. (Education Code 45196.1)~~

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45196.1, 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 pursuant to Government Code 12945.2. 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.

Since Education Code 45196.1 does not expressly require districts to provide differential pay to employees who are eligible for parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 63 (Ch. 686, Statutes of 2017), it is unclear whether such employees would be entitled to differential pay. Districts should consult legal counsel if they have questions regarding differential pay for such employees.

~~An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave shall receive differential pay for the remainder of the 12 work weeks. (Education Code 45196.1)~~

~~Parental leave taken pursuant to Education Code 45196.1 shall run concurrently with the parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 or 12945.6, and the aggregate amount of parental leave shall not exceed 12 work weeks in a 12-month period. (Education Code 45196.1; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6)~~

### Extension of Leave

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**

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 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 additional 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 the request for additional leave.

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)

## 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.

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

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

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#### 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

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act



12945.6 Parental leave

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

245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014

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## Board Policy

### Discipline

#### BP 5144

#### Students

Note: The following policy is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 52060-52077, the Governing Board is required to adopt a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) that includes a description of the specific actions that the district intends to take in order to achieve its annual goals in specific priority areas, including student engagement and school climate. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Since a district's ability to meet its goals around these priorities is impacted by its student discipline policies and practices, the Board must be careful to enact rules that are effective in maintaining safety and order on campus and in correcting student misbehavior without unnecessarily excluding students from school or participation in instruction. State law specifies behaviors for which a student may be suspended and/or recommended for expulsion (see BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process) and authorizes the use of age-appropriate alternatives designed to address a student's specific misbehavior, including those listed in Education Code 48900.5 and 48900.6.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, state that studies have suggested a correlation between exclusionary discipline policies and practices (such as suspension and expulsion) and an array of serious educational, economic, and social problems, including school avoidance, diminished educational engagement, decreased academic achievement, increased behavior problems, and increased likelihood of dropping out, substance abuse, and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Consequently, they recommend that districts adopt alternative disciplinary measures that provide students with appropriate interventions and supports as a means for preventing and addressing student misbehavior.

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive school environment which is conducive to student learning and to preparing students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and classroom management strategies, provision of appropriate intervention and support, and parent involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. ~~5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation~~)

(cf. ~~5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior~~)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Superintendent or designee shall ~~develop~~design a complement of effective, age-appropriate strategies for maintaining a positive school climate and correcting student misbehavior at district

schools. The strategies shall focus on providing students with needed supports; communicating clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations and consequences for student conduct; and ensuring equity and continuous improvement in the implementation of district discipline policies and practices.

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

In addition, the Superintendent or designee's strategies for correcting student misconduct shall reflect the Board's preference for the use of positive interventions and alternative disciplinary measures over exclusionary discipline measures ~~as a means for correcting student misbehavior~~.

Disciplinary measures that may result in loss of instructional time or cause students to be disengaged from school, such as detention, suspension, and expulsion, shall be imposed only when required or permitted by law or when other means of correction have been documented to have failed. (Education Code 48900.5)

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

*(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)*

*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49557.5, as added by SB 250 (Ch. 726, Statutes of 2017), districts must ensure that any discipline imposed on a student does not result in the denial or delay of a nutritionally adequate meal. The following paragraph is for use by districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program (42 USC 1751-1769j, 1773), or any district in which there is a school required to serve a free or reduced-price meal during the school day pursuant to Education Code 49550.

School personnel and volunteers shall not allow any disciplinary action taken against a student to result in the denial or delay of a school meal. (Education Code 49557.5)

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. According to Public Counsel's model policy issued as part of the Fix School Discipline Project, a discipline matrix that lists violations and consequences could be a useful guide to school site administrators with regard to when suspension or expulsion referrals should be utilized.

The Superintendent or designee shall create a model discipline matrix that lists violations and the consequences for each as allowed by law.

Note: Education Code 35291.5 authorizes, but does not require, school sites to adopt rules and procedures for student discipline. Pursuant to Education Code 32282, any adopted site-level discipline rules must be included in the comprehensive safety plan; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan. The following paragraph is **optional**.

The administrative staff at each school may develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. The Board, at an open meeting, shall review the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law. Site-level disciplinary rules shall be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282, 35291.5, ~~32282~~)

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*

At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. –When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health, well-being, and opportunity to learn.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing the skills needed to effectively implement the disciplinary strategies adopted for district schools, including, but not limited to, consistent school and classroom management skills, effective accountability and positive intervention techniques, and development of strong, cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52060, the district must annually adopt an LCAP that includes a description of district goals for improving school climate, as provided in the following paragraph.**

District goals for improving school climate, based on suspension and expulsion rates, surveys of students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding their sense of school safety, and other local measures, shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan, as required by law.

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding disciplinary strategies used in district schools in the immediately preceding school year and their effect on student learning.

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Policy RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Rescue Union ESD

## Board Policy

### Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process

BP 5144.1

Students

Note: Education Code 35291 requires the Governing Board to prescribe rules and regulations for maintaining discipline in the schools under its jurisdiction. Education Code 48918 mandates the setting of rules and regulations for student expulsion as specified in this Board policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

While recognizing that suspension or expulsion of students is sometimes necessary, legislative, administrative, regulatory, civic, and educational leaders are united in the belief that instructional time should be used for student learning purposes and that school discipline should be imposed in a way that, as much as possible, does not exclude students from school or limit their ability or opportunity to learn. According to the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, studies suggest a correlation between exclusionary discipline policies and practices (such as suspension and expulsion) and an array of serious educational, economic, and social problems, including school avoidance and diminished educational engagement, decreased academic achievement, increased behavior problems, and increased likelihood of dropping out, substance abuse, and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Consequently, they recommend that districts adopt alternative disciplinary measures that provide students with appropriate interventions and supports as a means for preventing and addressing student misbehaviors.

Pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, a district is not authorized to suspend a student for certain specified violations unless the student has been subjected to other means of correction which have failed to bring about proper conduct. Such other means of correction include, but are not limited to, conferences between school personnel and the student and his/her parents/guardians; use of study, guidance, or other intervention teams to develop a plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student; and participation in a restorative justice program. For further information about specific disciplinary strategies, including alternatives to class or school removals, see BP/AR 5144 - Discipline. Education Code 48900.5 authorizes a district to document in a student's records the alternative means of correction used to address the student's behavior. Furthermore, when a student is being suspended by the Superintendent, principal, or designee, Education Code 48911, as amended by AB 667 (Ch. 445, Statutes of 2017), requires that the student be informed, during the informal conference that precedes the suspension, of the other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension.

The Governing Board desires to provide district students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. The Board shall develop rules and regulations setting the standards of behavior expected of district students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending, and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be only those specified in law, in this policy, and in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900(s), a student may be subject to discipline only when the violation is related to a school activity or school attendance as specified below. A student may also be disciplined for violations committed away from school if it is related to a school activity or to school attendance. For example, Education Code 48900 defines bullying by means of an electronic act as including an act that originates off campus; see the accompanying administrative regulation and BP/AR 5131.2 - Bullying. Another example is the hostile school environment which a victim may suffer from sexual harassment that occurs off campus; see BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

Except when otherwise permitted by law, a student may be suspended or expelled only when his/her behavior is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within any district school or another school district, regardless of when it occurs, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48900(s))

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

Note: The following paragraph addresses the problem of unlawful discrimination in the administration of student discipline. In their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, the DOJ and OCR noted that, based on the civil rights data collection conducted by OCR, students of certain racial or ethnic groups tended to be disciplined more, and sometimes more harshly, than their similarly situated peers in violation of federal nondiscrimination laws. The letter warned that any district determined to have engaged in unlawful discrimination could be subject to OCR investigation and significant remedial action.

District staff shall enforce the rules concerning suspension and expulsion of students fairly, consistently, equally, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

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

### **Appropriate Use of Suspension Authority**

Note: Education Code 48900.5 requires districts to use other means of correction instead of suspension or expulsion except when a student commits certain enumerated offenses. The following section reflects legislative intent regarding appropriate use of suspension as a means of disciplining students and may be modified to reflect district practice.

Except when a student's act violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e), as listed in items #1-5 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8" of the accompanying administrative regulation, or when his/her presence causes a danger to others, suspension shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)  
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)  
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)  
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)  
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

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

A student's parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible when there is an escalating pattern of misbehavior that could lead to on-campus or off-campus suspension.

No student in grades K-3 may be suspended for disruption or willful defiance, except by a teacher pursuant to Education Code 48910. (Education Code 48900)

**Note:** The following **optional** paragraph reflects the Legislature's intent, expressed in Education Code 48900, concerning disciplinary actions against truant, tardy, or absent students. Since these are not enumerated offenses, a district does not have the authority to suspend or expel students for committing any of these acts.

Students shall not be suspended or expelled for truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)  
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

### **Authority to Expel**

A student may be expelled only by the Board. (Education Code 48918(j))

As required by law, the Superintendent or principal shall recommend expulsion and the Board shall expel any student found to have committed any of the following "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds: (Education Code 48915)

1. Possessing a firearm which is not an imitation firearm, as verified by a certificated employee, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

2. Selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm
3. Brandishing a knife at another person
4. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
5. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4



6. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

For all other violations listed in the accompanying administrative regulation under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-8," the Superintendent or principal shall have the discretion to recommend expulsion of a student. If expulsion is recommended, the Board shall order the student expelled only if it makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct
2. That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others

A vote to expel a student shall be taken in an opena-public session of a Board meeting.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48917, the Board may decide to suspend the enforcement of an order for expulsion as long as a student satisfies specific conditions. See the accompanying administrative regulation for criteria. In addition, the Attorney General opined in 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 85 (1997) that the enforcement of an expulsion order may be suspended even in those cases where the student has committed an offense for which expulsion is required by law. Legal counsel should be consulted as appropriate.

The Board may vote to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order pursuant to the requirements of law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48917)

No student shall be expelled for disruption or willful defiance. (Education Code 48900)

### **Due Process**

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and/or expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices, hearings, and appeals as specified in law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48911, 48915, 48915.5, 48918)

*(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)*

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

### **Maintenance and Monitoring of Outcome Data~~of~~**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, the district is required to maintain data related to suspensions and expulsions and to report such data to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually present to the Board a report of the outcome data which the district is required to collect pursuant to Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, including the number of students recommended for expulsion, the grounds for each recommended expulsion, the actions taken by the Board, the types of referral made after each expulsion, and the disposition of the students after the expulsion period.



Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52060, districts are required to address school climate in the local control and accountability plan, as measured by student suspension and expulsion rates and other local measures for each school and each numerically significant student subgroup. As defined in Education Code 52052, numerically significant subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when there are at least 30 students in the subgroup or at least 15 foster youth or homeless students.

~~In presenting the~~ report to the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall disaggregate data on suspensions and expulsions ~~be disaggregated~~ by school and by numerically significant student subgroups, including, but not limited to, ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, ~~foster youth, and~~ students with disabilities, ~~foster youth, and homeless students.~~ Based on the data, the Board ~~The report also~~ shall address any identified disparities in the imposition of student discipline and shall determine ~~include information about~~ whether and how the district is meeting its goals for improving school climate as specified in its local control and accountability plan.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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## Administrative Regulation

### Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process

AR 5144.1  
Students

Note: CSBA recommends that this administrative regulation be approved by the Governing Board, regardless of district practice.

Education Code 35291 requires the Board to adopt rules and regulations, which are not inconsistent with law or rules adopted by the State Board of Education, for the government and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction. In addition, Education Code 48918 and 48918.5 **mandate** that districts adopt rules concerning the due process rights of students in expulsion situations, and Education Code 48916 **mandates** procedures for filing and processing requests for readmission. Specific language complying with these mandates is included throughout this administrative regulation.

The acts for which students may be suspended or expelled are specified in law and in the sections below titled "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12." The Board does not have authority to add to those enumerated acts. However, the Board has authority to prohibit suspension or expulsion for certain acts for which suspension or expulsion is permissible rather than mandatory. The Board may consider limiting the use of suspension and expulsion for such offenses as part of the district plan to address school climate within the local control and accountability plan required pursuant to Education Code 52060. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, a district is not authorized to suspend a student for certain specified violations unless other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.

#### Definitions

*Suspension* means removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. However, suspension does not mean any of the following: (Education Code 48925)

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code 48910

*Expulsion* means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control or the general supervision of school personnel. (Education Code 48925)

#### Notice of Regulations

At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each school shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all school rules related to discipline, including suspension and expulsion. (Education Code 35291, 48900.1, 48980)

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

### **Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8**

Acts for which a student, including a student with disabilities, may be suspended or expelled shall be only those specified as follows:

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense; or committed as an aider or abettor, as adjudged by a juvenile court, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury (Education Code 48900(a) and (t))\_

Note: The Attorney General, in 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 91 (1997), determined that a student may be expelled for "possession" of a firearm if the student knowingly and voluntarily had direct control over the firearm. The only exceptions are when the student has permission from school officials to possess the firearm (pursuant to Education Code 48900 and 48915) or when the possession is brief and solely for the purpose of disposing of the firearm, such as handing it to school officials. Note that "firearm" does not include "imitation firearm" which is listed separately in item #12 below. See BP 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Pursuant to Penal Code 417.27, students are prohibited from possessing a laser pointer on school premises, except for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose. See BP 5131 - Conduct.

2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence (Education Code 48900(b))

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

3. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind (Education Code 48900(c))

*(cf. 3513.4 - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools)*

*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

4. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented same as such controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant (Education Code 48900(d))

5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion\_ (Education Code 48900(e))
6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property \_(Education Code 48900(f))
7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property (Education Code 48900(g))
8. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel, except that this restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing his/her own prescription products (Education Code 48900(h))

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity (Education Code 48900(i))
10. Unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11014.5 (Education Code 48900(j))
11. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property (Education Code 48900(l))
12. Possessed an imitation firearm (Education Code 48900(m))

*Imitation firearm* means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm. (Education Code 48900(m))

13. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4 (Education Code 48900(n))
14. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness (Education Code 48900(o))
15. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma (Education Code 48900(p))
16. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing (Education Code 48900(q))

*Hazing* means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student.

*Hazing* does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events. (Education Code 48900(q))

Note: Education Code 48900(r) defines "bullying" as "any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of electronic act," which is directed toward a student and which would have serious detrimental consequences upon a reasonable student. Pursuant to Education Code 48900, a student may be disciplined for bullying by means of an electronic act even when the act originated off campus. See also BP 5131.2 - Bullying.

17. Engaged in an act of bullying (Education Code 48900(r))

*Bullying* means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, directed toward one or more students that has or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student in fear of harm to himself/herself or his/her property; cause the student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his/her physical or mental health; or cause the student to experience substantial interferences with his/her academic performance or ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school. (Education Code 48900(r))

Note: "Bullying" also would include any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation committed by a student at any grade level, as set forth in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, when the act results in harm to a reasonable student as specified in the above paragraph. However, when bullying is found under these circumstances, students below grade 4 may be disciplined for the "bullying" but not for the underlying act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation as specified below in items #1-3 of "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12."

Bullying includes—~~Bullying shall include~~ any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation, as defined in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 and below in items #1-3 of "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-8," that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.

Note: AB 2536 (Ch. 419, Statutes of 2016) amended Education Code 48900(r) to include an act of cyber sexual bullying, as defined, as an act of bullying for which a student may be suspended or expelled from school.

Bullying also includes an act of cyber sexual bullying by a student through the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording that depicts a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of an identifiable minor, when such dissemination is to another student or to school personnel by means of an electronic act and has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects of bullying described above. Cyber sexual bullying does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.

*Electronic act* means the creation or transmission ~~of a communication~~ originated on or off ~~the~~ school site, ~~including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, image, or post on a social network Internet web site,~~ by means of an electronic device, including, but not

limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication including, but not limited to: (Education Code 48900(r))

a. A message, text, sound, video, or image

b. —A post on a social network Internet web site, including shall include, but is not limited to, the posting to or creatingcreation of a burn page or creatingthe creation of a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above. (Education Code 48900(r))

*Reasonable student* means a student, including, but not limited to, a student who has been identified as a student with a disability, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his/her age, or for a person of his/her age with his/her disability. (Education Code 48900(r))

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

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

Note: Education Code 48900(t) allows for the suspension, but not expulsion, of a student who "aids or abets," as defined in Penal Code 31, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person. The term "aiding or abetting," is a complex legal term and requires that, at the time he/she committed the crime, the aider or abettor was aware of the crime and specifically intended to commit the crime. Because of the complexities of criminal law, legal counsel should be consulted as appropriate.

Pursuant to Education Code 48900(t), any student who aids or abets a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury is subject to suspension or expulsion as provided in item #1 above.

18. Aided or abetted the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person, as defined in Penal Code 31 (Education Code 48900(t))

19. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property (Education Code 48900.7)

*A terrorist threat* includes any written or oral statement by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death or great bodily injury to another person or property damage in excess of \$1,000, with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out. (Education Code 48900.7)

#### **Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-8**

Note: The following section applies only to students in grades 4-12 and may be revised to reflect grade levels offered by the district.



Pursuant to Education Code 48900(k), except as otherwise provided in Education Code 48910, students in grades K-3 must not be suspended for disruption of school activities or willful defiance of school authority, and students in grades K-12 must not be expelled on these grounds. Since districts are authorized but not required to suspend students in grades 4-12 based on these grounds, a district may choose, consistent with Option 2 in the accompanying Board policy, to prohibit the use of these reasons for suspending its students. **Any district that chooses to do so should delete the following paragraph.**

None of the prohibitions or restrictions in Education Code 48900(k) affect a teacher's authority to remove a student from class for one day pursuant to Education Code 48910.

Any student in grades 4-8 may be suspended, but not expelled, for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.

(Education Code 48900(k))

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

Note: As discussed in item #17 of "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above, although Education Code 48900(r) defines bullying to include acts involving items #1-3 below, Education Code 48900.2-48900.4 provide that only students in grades 4-12 may be suspended or expelled for the individual acts that constitute sexual harassment, hate violence, and harassment. The interplay between "bullying" and items #1-3 can raise complex legal issues. Districts should consult legal counsel as appropriate.

A student in grades 4-8 shall be subject to suspension or recommendation for expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

1. Committed sexual harassment as defined in Education Code 212.5 (Education Code 48900.2)

*Sexual harassment* means conduct which, when considered from the perspective of a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim, is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. (Education Code 212.5, 48900.2)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

2. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence as defined in Education Code 233 (Education Code 48900.3)

*Hate violence* means any act punishable under Penal Code 422.6, 422.7, or 422.75. Such acts include injuring or intimidating a victim, interfering with the exercise of a victim's civil rights, or damaging a victim's property because of the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; a perception of the presence of any of those characteristics in the victim; or the victim's association with a person or group with one or more of those actual or perceived characteristics. (Education Code 233; Penal Code 422.55)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

3. Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against district personnel or students that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of school personnel or students by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment (Education Code 48900.4)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

### **Suspension from Class by a Teacher**

**Note:** The following section is **optional** and may be revised to reflect district practice. While Education Code 48900(k) prohibits a district from suspending students in grades K-3 for disruption or willful defiance, it still allows for a teacher to suspend a K-3 student on these grounds.

A teacher may suspend a student, including a grade K-3 student, from class for the remainder of the day and the following day for disruption, willful defiance, or any of the other acts specified in Education Code 48900 and listed as items #1-18 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8" above. (Education Code 48910)

When suspending a student from class, the teacher shall immediately report this action to the principal or designee and send the student to the principal or designee for appropriate action. If that action requires the continuing presence of the student at school, he/she shall be appropriately supervised during the class periods from which he/she has been suspended. (Education Code 48910)

As soon as possible after the teacher decides to suspend the student, he/she shall ask the student's parent/guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. A counselor or psychologist may attend the conference if it is practicable, and a school administrator shall attend if either the parent/guardian or teacher so requests. (Education Code 48910)

A student suspended from class shall not be returned to class during the period of the suspension without the approval of the teacher of the class and the principal or designee. (Education Code 48910)

A student suspended from class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of suspension. However, a student assigned to more than one class per day may continue to attend other regular classes except those held at the same time as the class from which he/she was suspended. (Education Code 48910)

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the removal. (Education Code 48913)

### **Suspension by Superintendent, Principal or Principal's Designee**

To implement disciplinary procedures at a school site, the principal may, in writing, designate as the principal's designee another administrator or, if the principal is the only administrator at the school site, a certificated employee. As necessary, the principal may, in writing, also designate

another administrator or certificated employee as the secondary designee to assist with disciplinary procedures when the principal and the principal's primary designee are absent from the school site.

The Superintendent, principal, or designee shall immediately suspend any student found at school or at a school activity to have committed any of the acts listed in the Board policy under "Authority to Expel" and for which he/she is required to recommend expulsion. (Education Code 48915(c))

**Note:** Education Code 48900.5 limits situations warranting suspension for a first offense to when the violation involves Education Code 48900(a)-(e) or the student's presence causes a danger to persons.

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may impose a suspension for a first offense if he/she determines that the student violated any of items #1-5 listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8" above or if the student's presence causes a danger to persons. (Education Code 48900.5)

**Note:** Pursuant to Education Code 48900 and 48915, except for certain egregious acts or offenses for which suspension is permissible or mandatory, as specified above pursuant to Education Code 48915(a) or (c), the Superintendent or principal is authorized to use his/her discretion to provide an alternative, age-appropriate disciplinary measure that is tailored to correct a student's specific misbehavior. In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, recommend that effective alternatives to suspension and expulsion be implemented for correcting student misbehavior. For a list of appropriate alternatives, see AR 5144 - Discipline.

For all other offenses, a student may be suspended only when the Superintendent or principal has determined that other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. ~~in the student.~~ (Education Code 48900.5)

When other means of correction are implemented prior to imposing suspension or supervised suspension upon a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall document the other means of correction used and retain the documentation ~~them~~ in the student's record. (Education Code 48900.5)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

### **Length of Suspension**

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may suspend a student from school for not more than five consecutive school days. (Education Code 48911)

A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year. However, if a student enrolls in or is transferred to another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class for the purpose of adjustment, he/she may be suspended for not more than 30 school days in a school year. The district may count suspensions that occur while a student is enrolled in another school district toward the maximum number of days for which the student may be suspended in any school year. (Education Code 48903, 48911, 48912)

*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*

These restrictions on the number of days of suspension shall not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48911)

### Due Process Procedures for Suspension

Suspensions shall be imposed in accordance with the following procedures:

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48911, before a student is suspended by the Superintendent, principal, or designee, an informal conference must be held with the student and, when practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or other school employee who referred the student to the principal. AB 667 (Ch. 445, Statutes of 2017) amended Education Code 48911 to require that a student be informed during this informal conference of other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension.

1. **Informal Conference:** Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Superintendent, principal, or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action, ~~including presented with~~ the other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension as required pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, and the available evidence against him/her, and shall be given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense. (Education Code 48911)

This conference may be omitted if the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that an emergency situation exists involving a clear and present danger to the lives, safety, or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of the conference and the conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives his/her right to it or is physically unable to attend for any reason. In such a case, the conference shall be held as soon as the student is physically able to return to school. (Education Code 48911)

Note: Item #2 below should be revised to reflect the district's processing and reporting procedures.

2. **Administrative Actions:** All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee. A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48911)
3. **Notice to Parents/Guardians:** At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall also be notified in writing of the suspension. (Education Code 48911)

This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. (Education Code 48900.8)

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

In addition, the notice may state the date and time when the student may return to school.

4. **Parent/Guardian Conference:** Whenever a student is suspended, school officials may request a meeting with the parent/guardian to discuss the cause(s) and duration of the suspension, the school policy involved, and any other pertinent matter. (Education Code 48914)

If school officials request to meet with the parent/guardian, the notice may state that the law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay. However, no penalties may be imposed on the student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied reinstatement solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend the conference. (Education Code 48911)

5. **Extension of Suspension:** If the Board is considering the expulsion of a suspended student from any school or the suspension of a student for the balance of the semester from continuation school, the Superintendent or designee may, in writing, extend the suspension until such time as the Board has made a decision, provided the following requirements are followed: (Education Code 48911)

- a. The extension of the original period of suspension is preceded by notice of such extension with an offer to hold a conference concerning the extension, giving the student an opportunity to be heard. This conference may be held in conjunction with a meeting requested by the student or parent/guardian to challenge the original suspension.
- b. The Superintendent or designee determines, following a meeting in which the student and the student's parent/guardian were invited to participate, that the student's presence at the school or at an alternative school would endanger persons or property or threaten to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48911)

Note: When the student being considered for expulsion is a foster youth, Education Code 48911 and 48918.1 require the district to invite the student's attorney and an appropriate county child welfare agency representative to the meeting specified above. To ensure such invitation, the following paragraph provides that the district liaison for foster youth be notified. However, any district that has designated another position to carry out this responsibility may modify the paragraph to specify that position. For designation of the liaison for foster youth, see AR 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth.

- c. If the student involved is a foster youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for foster youth of the need to invite the student's attorney and a representative of the appropriate county child welfare agency to attend the meeting. (Education Code 48853.5, 48911, 48918.1)

*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48918.1, the district's liaison for homeless students must be notified when the student being considered for expulsion is a homeless student. See the section below titled "Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth and Homeless Students."

- d. If the student involved is a homeless child or youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for homeless students. (Education Code 48918.1)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Since Education Code 48900 and 48900.5 require a district, under certain circumstances, to use alternative disciplinary measures prior to imposing suspension, including supervised suspension, the district may, as necessary, provide services that would address the student's specific misbehavior along with the suspension program. For example, the district may require the student to enroll in a program that teaches prosocial behavior or anger management even while the student is suspended.

In lieu of or in addition to suspending a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee may provide services or require the student to participate in an alternative disciplinary program designed to correct his/her behavior and keep him/her in school.

### **Superintendent or Principal's Authority to Recommend Expulsion**

Unless the Superintendent or principal determines that expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct, ~~he/she shall recommend a student's expulsion for any of the following acts: (Education Code 48915)~~ he/she shall recommend a student's expulsion for any of the following acts: (Education Code 48915)

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense
2. Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance as listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, except for (a) the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, or (b) the student's possession of over-the-counter medication for his/her use or other medication prescribed for him/her by a physician
4. Robbery or extortion
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee

In determining whether or not to recommend the expulsion of a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall act as quickly as possible to ensure that the student does not lose instructional time. (Education Code 48915)

## Student's Right to Expulsion Hearing

Note: Education Code 48918 **mandates** that the Board establish rules and regulations governing procedures for the expulsion of students. The timelines of Education Code 48918 must be strictly followed; failure to do so may result in loss of the district's power to act (*Garcia v. Los Angeles Board of Education*). In calculating timelines, the district should also be aware of the difference between the calculation of "school days" and "calendar days" under Education Code 48918.

Any student recommended for expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether he/she should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that the student has committed the act(s) that form the basis for the expulsion recommendation. (Education Code 48918(a))

The student is entitled to at least one postponement of an expulsion hearing for a period of not more than 30 calendar days. The request for postponement shall be in writing. Any subsequent postponement may be granted at the Board's discretion. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical during the regular school year to comply with these time requirements for conducting an expulsion hearing, the Superintendent or designee may, for good cause, extend the time period by an additional five school days. Reasons for the extension shall be included as a part of the record when the expulsion hearing is held. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical to comply with the time requirements of the expulsion hearing due to a summer recess of Board meetings of more than two weeks, the days during the recess shall not be counted as school days. The days not counted during the recess may not exceed 20 school days, as defined in Education Code 48925. Unless the student requests in writing that the expulsion hearing be postponed, the hearing shall be held not later than 20 calendar days prior to the first day of the next school year. (Education Code 48918(a))

Once the hearing starts, all matters shall be pursued with reasonable diligence and concluded without unnecessary delay. (Education Code 48918(a))

## Stipulated Expulsion

Note: The following section is **optional** and may be revised to reflect district practice. "Stipulated expulsion" is for districts that have adopted an expedited procedure which allows a student to waive his/her right to a pre-expulsion hearing in exchange for an agreement as to the terms of the expulsion. Such waivers are not specifically addressed in law and districts should ensure that the due process rights of students are included in the stipulated agreement and are clearly explained to them before the agreement is signed. Districts should consult legal counsel as appropriate.

After a determination that a student has committed an expellable offense, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall offer the student and his/her parent/guardian the option to waive a hearing and stipulate to the expulsion or to a suspension of the expulsion under certain conditions. The offer shall be made only after the student or his/her parent/guardian has been given written notice of the expulsion hearing pursuant to Education Code 48918.



The stipulation agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian. The stipulation agreement shall include notice of all the rights that the student is waiving, including the waiving of his/her right to have a full hearing, to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education, and to consult legal counsel.

A stipulated expulsion agreed to by the student and his/her parent/guardian shall be effective upon approval by the Board.

### **Rights of Complaining Witness**

**Note:** Education Code 48918.5 mandates the following rights related to the treatment of witnesses alleging acts of sexual assault or sexual battery. Other procedures related to complaining witnesses also may be added as desired by the district. Additional mandated procedures related to the rights and treatment of complaining witnesses are included where appropriate throughout this regulation.

An expulsion hearing involving allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery may be postponed for one school day in order to accommodate the special physical, mental, or emotional needs of a student who is the complaining witness. (Education Code 48918.5)

Whenever the Superintendent or designee recommends an expulsion hearing that addresses allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery, he/she shall give the complaining witness a copy of the district's suspension and expulsion policy and regulation and shall advise the witness of his/her right to: (Education Code 48918.5)

1. Receive five days' notice of his/her scheduled testimony at the hearing
2. Have up to two adult support persons of his/her choosing present at the hearing at the time he/she testifies
3. Have a closed hearing during the time he/she testifies

Whenever any allegation of sexual assault or sexual battery is made, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately advise complaining witnesses and accused students to refrain from personal or telephone contact with each other during the time when an expulsion process is pending. (Education Code 48918.5)

### **Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing**

**Note:** Education Code 48918 mandates the Board to adopt procedures that include the following items.

Written notice of the expulsion hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall include: (Education Code 48900.8, 48918(b))

1. The date and place of the hearing



2. A statement of the specific facts, charges, and offense upon which the proposed expulsion is based
3. A copy of district disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1, to provide information about the student's status in the district to any other district in which the student seeks enrollment

This enrollment This obligation applies when a student is expelled for acts other than those described in Education Code 48915(a) or (c).

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or be represented by legal counsel or by a nonattorney adviser

*Legal counsel* means an attorney or lawyer who is admitted to the practice of law in California and is an active member of the State Bar of California.

*Nonattorney adviser* means an individual who is not an attorney or lawyer, but who is familiar with the facts of the case and has been selected by the student or student's parent/guardian to provide assistance at the hearing.

6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing
8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf, including witnesses

### **Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth and Homeless Students**

Note: Prior to conducting an expulsion hearing to determine whether a foster youth should be expelled, Education Code 48918.1 requires the district to notify the student's attorney and a representative of an appropriate county child welfare agency, provided that the violation does not require a mandatory recommendation for expulsion. Pursuant to Education Code 48918.1, such additional notice must be given to the district liaison for homeless students when the student involved is a homeless child or youth and the violation does not require a mandatory recommendation for expulsion. While such a notice is not required if the offense requires a mandatory recommendation for expulsion, it is nonetheless recommended and the following section reflects this recommendation.

If the student facing expulsion is a foster student, the Superintendent or designee shall also send notice of the hearing to the student's attorney and a representative of an appropriate child welfare agency at least 10 days prior to the hearing. (Education Code 48918.1)

If the student facing expulsion is a homeless student, the Superintendent or designee shall also send notice of the hearing to the district liaison for homeless students at least 10 days prior to the hearing. (Education Code 48918.1)

Any notice for these purposes may be provided by the most cost-effective method possible, including by email or a telephone call. (Education Code 48918.1)

### Conduct of Expulsion Hearing

**Note:** Education Code 48918 mandates that the Board adopt procedures that include the following items.

Instead of the Board conducting an expulsion hearing, it may appoint a hearing officer or an impartial administrative panel to conduct the hearing; see section "Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or Administrative Panel" below. Even if the district conducts all expulsion hearings in this manner, the requirements of Education Code 48918 pertaining to the conduct of the hearing must be met.

1. **Closed Session:** Notwithstanding Education Code 35145, the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting. If such a request is made, the meeting shall be public to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated. (Education Code 48918)

**Note:** For the purpose of Board deliberations during the closed session described below, the presence of any person other than the Board members, including the Superintendent, necessitates allowing the presence of the parent/guardian, student, and student's counsel.

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session to deliberate and determine whether or not the student should be expelled. If the Board admits any other person to this closed session, the parent/guardian, the student, and the counsel of the student also shall be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code 48918(c))

If a hearing that involves a charge of sexual assault or sexual battery is to be conducted in public, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in closed session when testifying in public would threaten serious psychological harm to the witness and when there are no alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm, including, but not limited to, a videotaped deposition or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing room by closed-circuit television. (Education Code 48918(c))

2. **Record of Hearing:** A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made. (Education Code 48918(g))

**Note:** Education Code 48918 authorizes the Board to issue subpoenas for the personal appearance of percipient witnesses at an expulsion hearing. In *Woodbury v. Dempsey*, the court held that a district's authority to determine whether to issue subpoenas is discretionary, but a district could not have a blanket policy denying the issuance of subpoenas in all cases.

In accordance with Code of Civil Procedure 1987, the subpoena must be served at least 10 days before the time required for attendance unless the court prescribes a shorter time. Unless they are parties to the hearing or are district or government employees, witnesses who appear pursuant to a subpoena receive fees equal to those prescribed for witnesses in civil actions in a superior court, and all witnesses other than the parties to the hearing receive mileage; these fees and mileage must be paid by the party requesting the subpoena.

- 3. Subpoenas:** Before commencing a student expulsion hearing, the Board may issue subpoenas, at the request of either the student or the Superintendent or designee, for the personal appearance at the hearing of any person who actually witnessed the action that gave rise to the recommendation for expulsion. After the hearing has commenced, the Board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may issue such subpoenas at the request of the student or the County Superintendent of Schools or designee. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1985.2 and enforced in accordance with Government Code 11455.20. (Education Code 48918(i))

Any objection raised by the student or the Superintendent or designee to the issuance of subpoenas may be considered by the Board in closed session, or in open session if so requested by the student, before the meeting. The Board's decision in response to such an objection shall be final and binding. (Education Code 48918(i))

If the Board determines, or if the hearing officer or administrative panel finds and submits to the Board, that a witness would be subject to unreasonable risk of harm by testifying at the hearing, a subpoena shall not be issued to compel the personal attendance of that witness at the hearing. However, that witness may be compelled to testify by means of a sworn declaration as described in item #4 below. (Education Code 48918(i))

- 4. Presentation of Evidence:** Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the expulsion hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The decision of the Board to expel shall be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts pursuant to Education Code 48900 and listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-8" above. (Education Code 48918(h))

Note: Findings of fact made by the Board or a hearing panel must not be based on hearsay alone. "Hearsay" is evidence of an oral or written statement made by a person who is not present at the hearing which is offered to establish a fact as being true. Some exceptions to the hearsay rule exist under the Evidence Code and Education Code; the district should consult legal counsel as appropriate.

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. Although no finding shall be based solely on hearsay, sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses whose disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm. (Education Code 48918(f))

In cases where a search of a student's person or property has occurred, evidence describing the reasonableness of the search shall be included in the hearing record.

Note: Education Code 48918.6 provides that testimony by a student witness at an expulsion hearing is privileged and thus protected from liability for defamation pursuant to Civil Code 47(b).

5. **Testimony by Complaining Witnesses:** The following procedures shall be observed when a hearing involves allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code 48918, 48918.5)
- a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify.
  - b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during his/her testimony.
  - c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential.
  - d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person whom he/she finds is disrupting the hearing.
  - e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Penal Code 868.5.
  - f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard. Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.
  - g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a nonthreatening environment.
    - (1) The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony.
    - (2) At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he/she may leave the hearing room.
    - (3) The person conducting the hearing may:

- (a) Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness
- (b) Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours
- (c) Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand

6. **Decision:** The Board's decision as to whether to expel a student shall be made within 40 school days after the student is removed from his/her school of attendance, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a))

#### **Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or Administrative Panel**

**Note:** For districts that use a hearing officer or administrative panel, Education Code 48918 mandates that the Board adopt procedures that include the following section.

Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the Board may contract with the county hearing officer or with the Office of Administrative Hearings of the State of California for a hearing officer. The Board may also appoint an impartial administrative panel composed of three or more certificated personnel, none of whom shall be members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. (Education Code 48918)

A hearing conducted by the hearing officer or administrative panel shall conform to the same procedures applicable to a hearing conducted by the Board as specified above in "Conduct of Expulsion Hearing," including the requirement to issue a decision within 40 school days of the student's removal from school, unless the student requests that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a) and (d))

**Note:** Pursuant to Education Code 48918, if the hearing officer or administrative panel does not recommend expulsion, a student must be permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the expulsion referral was made, unless the student's parent/guardian requests a different placement. Education Code 48918 also states that a student who is found to have committed any of the violations listed in "Authority to Expel" in the accompanying Board policy but for whom expulsion is not recommended may be referred to his/her prior school. However, the hearing officer or administrative panel, like the Board, must recommend expulsion or a suspended expulsion under Education Code 48915, if it finds that a student committed any such violation that mandates expulsion. District should consult legal counsel to resolve this apparent discrepancy.

The hearing officer or administrative panel shall, within three school days after the hearing, determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If expulsion is not recommended, the expulsion proceeding shall be terminated and the student shall be immediately reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made, unless another placement is requested in writing by the student's parent/guardian. Before the student's placement decision is made by his/her parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the parent/guardian and district staff, including the student's teachers,

regarding other placement options for the student in addition to the option to return to the classroom instructional program from which the student's expulsion referral was made. The decision to not recommend expulsion shall be final. (Education Code 48918(e))

If expulsion is recommended, findings of fact in support of the recommendation shall be prepared and submitted to the Board. All findings of fact and recommendations shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The Board may accept the recommendation based either upon a review of the findings of fact and recommendations submitted or upon the results of any supplementary hearing the Board may order. (Education Code 48918(f))

In accordance with Board policy, the hearing officer or administrative panel may recommend that the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion. If the hearing officer or administrative panel recommends that the Board expel a student but suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall not be reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made until the Board has ruled on the recommendation. (Education Code 48917, 48918)

### **Final Action by the Board**

**Note: Education Code 48918 mandates that the Board adopt procedures that include the following paragraph.**

Whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in closed or ~~open~~**public** session by the Board, a hearing officer, or an administrative panel or is waived through the signing of a stipulated expulsion agreement, the final action to expel shall be taken by the Board in public. (Education Code 48918(j))

*(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)*

The Board's decision is final. If the decision is to not expel, the student shall be reinstated immediately. If the decision is to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall be reinstated under the conditions of the suspended expulsion.

**Note: The Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 USC 7961, requires that information in the following paragraph be sent to the California Department of Education (CDE) for assurances of compliance with federal and state law. For other language that must be submitted to the CDE, see section below entitled "Notifications to Law Enforcement Authorities."**

Upon ordering an expulsion, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to a school within the district. For a student expelled for any act listed under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion" above, this date shall be one year from the date the expulsion occurred, except that the Board may set an earlier date on a case-by-case basis. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. If an expulsion is ordered during summer session or the intersession period of a year-round program, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission not later than the last day of the semester following

the summer session or intersession period in which the expulsion occurred. (Education Code 48916)

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, which may include: (Education Code 48916)

1. Periodic review, as well as assessment at the time of review, for readmission
2. Recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service, or other rehabilitative programs

**Note:** The following paragraph is **optional**. Education Code 48916.5 authorizes, but does not mandate, the Board to make the following requirement of certain expelled students.

With parent/guardian consent, students who have been expelled for reasons relating to controlled substances or alcohol may be required to enroll in a county-sponsored drug rehabilitation program before returning to school. (Education Code 48916.5)

### **Written Notice to Expel**

The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of the decision to expel to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:

1. The specific offense committed by the student for any of the causes for suspension or expulsion listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-8" (Education Code 48900.8)
2. The fact that a description of readmission procedures will be made available to the student and his/her parent/guardian (Education Code 48916)
3. Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board (Education Code 48918)
4. Notice of the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the time of expulsion (Education Code 48918)
5. Notice of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1 (Education Code 48918)

### **Decision to Suspend Expulsion Order**

**Note:** Pursuant to Education Code 48917, the Board's criteria for suspending the enforcement of expulsions must be applied uniformly to all students. Items #1-3 below are **optional** and should be revised to reflect district criteria.

In accordance with Board policy, when deciding whether to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order, the Board shall take into account the following criteria:



1. The student's pattern of behavior
2. The seriousness of the misconduct
3. The student's attitude toward the misconduct and his/her willingness to follow a rehabilitation program

The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion shall be governed by the following:

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class, or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation. This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program. (Education Code 48917)
2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status. (Education Code 48917)
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-8" above or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct. (Education Code 48917)
4. When the suspension of enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order. (Education Code 48917)
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school. Upon reinstatement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings. (Education Code 48917)
6. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian. The notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board, the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the period of expulsion, and the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of his/her status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1(b). (Education Code 48918(j))
7. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with the County Board. (Education Code 48917)

## **Appeal**



The student or parent/guardian is entitled to file an appeal of the Board's decision with the County Board. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the Board's decision to expel, even if the expulsion order is suspended and the student is placed on probation. (Education Code 48919)

If the student submits a written request for a copy of the written transcripts and supporting documents from the district simultaneously with the filing of the notice of appeal with the County Board, the district shall provide the student with these documents within 10 school days following the student's written request. (Education Code 48919)

### **Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities**

Note: The Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 USC 7961, requires that information in the following two paragraphs be sent to the CDE for assurances of compliance with federal and state law.

In addition, Education Code 48902 requires the principal or designee to notify law enforcement authorities when a student or nonstudent possesses a firearm or explosive or sells or furnishes a firearm at school. However, when the student involved in such a case is a student with a disability, Education Code 49076 requires any law enforcement authority to which student information is disclosed to certify that those records will not be disclosed to another party without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian or other person invested with the student's educational right; see AR 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities).

Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts of assault which may have violated Penal Code 245. (Education Code 48902)

The principal or designee also shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts which may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or of a controlled substance. In addition, law enforcement authorities shall be notified regarding any acts by students regarding the possession, sale, or furnishing of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons in violation of Education Code 48915(c)(1) or (5) or Penal Code 626.9 and 626.10. (Education Code 48902)

Within one school day after a student's suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities, by telephone or other appropriate means, of any student acts which may violate Education Code 48900(c) or (d), relating to the possession, use, offering, or sale of controlled substances, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind. (Education Code 48902)

### **Placement During Expulsion**

Note: Education Code 48915 requires the Board to refer all expelled students to a program of study that is prepared to accommodate students with discipline problems and that is not located at the school the student currently attends or at any regular elementary, middle, junior, or senior high school. However, students expelled for the acts described in Education Code 48900(f) through (m) or Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 may be referred to a program of study that is at another elementary, middle, junior, or senior high school if the County Superintendent of Schools certifies that an alternative program is not available at a site away from such a school.

Education Code 48915.01 states that if the Board has established a community day school pursuant to Education Code 48661 on the same site as an elementary, middle, junior, or senior high school, expelled students may be referred to the community day school at that site. Although Education Code 48663 prohibits the use of independent study in community day schools, Education Code 48916.1 does not in any way restrict the district from offering independent study as a voluntary alternative placement option for expelled students.

The Board shall refer expelled students to a program of study that is: (Education Code 48915, 48915.01)

1. Appropriately prepared to accommodate students who exhibit discipline problems
2. Not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at any elementary school, unless the program is offered at a community day school established at any of these
3. Not housed at the school site attended by the student at the time of suspension

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

When the placement described above is not available and when the County Superintendent so certifies, students expelled for only acts described in items #6-12 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-8" and items #1-3 under "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-8" above may be referred to a program of study that is provided at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at an elementary school. (Education Code 48915)

The program for a student expelled from any of grades K-6 shall not be combined or merged with programs offered to students in any of grades 7-12. (Education Code 48916.1)

### **Readmission After Expulsion**

Note: Education Code 48916 mandates that the Board adopt rules and regulations establishing a procedure for filing and processing requests for readmission and a process for Board review of all expelled students for readmission. Items #1-2 below should be revised to reflect district practice.

Prior to the date set by the Board for the student's readmission:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference, the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board his/her recommendation regarding readmission. The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or adult student, it shall be honored to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated.

3. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission.
4. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student has not satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or that the student continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other district students or employees. (Education Code 48916)
5. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school.
6. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program. This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district. (Education Code 48916)

No student shall be denied readmission into the district based solely on the student's arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other such contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code 48645.5)

### **Maintenance of Records**

The district shall maintain a record of each suspension and expulsion, including its specific cause(s). (Education Code 48900.8)

Expulsion records of any student shall be maintained in the student's mandatory interim record and sent to any school in which the student subsequently enrolls upon written request by that school. (Education Code 48918(k))

Note: Education Code 48915.1 requires that, when an expelled student asks to enroll in another district, the receiving district must hold a hearing to determine whether the student poses a danger to its students or staff. The receiving district then may either deny or permit the enrollment. Upon request from another district, the expelling district must provide information about the expulsion within five days.

The Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days, honor any other district's request for information about an expulsion from this district. (Education Code 48915.1)

*(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)*

Regulation RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
approved: March 2004 Rescue, California  
revised: April 14, 2009  
revised: December 11, 2012  
revised: March 12, 2013  
revised: June 23, 2015  
considered: April 10, 2018

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 18-08 Eliminate/Reduce Classified Positions**

**BACKGROUND:**

Periodically changes occur which result in the reduction of hours/elimination of positions for classified employees. The Board must formally approve a reduction of hours and/or elimination of positions.

**STATUS:**

Education Code 45117(a) and (b) requires notice to be given to affected employees a minimum of 60 days prior to the effective date of the lay-off. The District is proposing the elimination or reduction in days of the following positions for 2018-2019.

Due to the lack of funds or lack of work it shall be necessary to reduce the total annual days/hours worked and/or elimination of the following positions:

<b><u>Position(s)</u></b>		<b><u>Reduction/Elimination</u></b>
I.A. Paraeducator (Pos. #180006)	1	From .25 FTE to 0.0 FTE

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This reduction will be reflected in the 2018-2019 budget.

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 18-08 to eliminate/reduce classified positions, including transmittal of appropriate notices to affected employee(s), if any, pursuant to Education Code sections 45114, 45115, 45117, 45298 and 45308.

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Resolution of Intention to Eliminate/Reduce Classified Positions*

**Resolution #18-08**

WHEREAS, due to the lack of work and/or lack of funds, the Governing Board hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Rescue Union School District ("District"), to reduce or eliminate the following position(s):

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Position(s)</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
I.A. Paraeducator (Pos. #180006)	1	From .25 FTE to 0.0 FTE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board that:

1. As of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, or as soon thereafter as possible, the above-identified reductions shall be reduced or discontinued to the extent hereinabove set forth.
2. The Superintendent, or designee, of the Rescue Union School District be and hereby is authorized and directed to give notice of layoff to the affected classified employees, pursuant to District rules and regulations as well as the applicable provisions of the Education Code of the State of California, which shall include their re-employment and displacement rights, if any, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of layoff as set forth above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Governing Board held on April 10, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Bid for Jackson Roofing Project**

**BACKGROUND:**

The roofs on the permanent buildings A, B, C, and D at Jackson Elementary School were identified as a high need for replacement by staff. California Design West (architect firm) was hired to design and bid out this project for the district. The project is scheduled to be completed in July 2018 during the summer break.

The scope of work included removing the existing roofs on buildings A, B, C, and D at Jackson, removal of some abandoned HVAC equipment and lines, filling of areas to eliminate low spots for ponding, and installation of a new roof. The project also included a 10% contingency for repairs and replacement of plywood and fascia where needed.

Three roofing contractors walked the project - California Single Ply, Clark Roofing, and Kings Roofing. The district received bids from California Single Ply and Kings Roofing.

**STATUS:**

The two bids that were received were from California Single Ply for \$411,400 and Kings Roofing for \$541,200. These bids include a 10% contingency.

The district had an estimate of approximately \$250,000 - \$275,000 for this project, not including contingencies, but that quote did not include tear-off of the old roof, filling in low areas, and removal of abandoned HVAC equipment.

After reviewing the bids with the architect firm, it was determined that the district should accept the low bid for the project due to the timelines required to complete the work during summer and request a change order with the contractor to exclude the tear-off of the old roof. The district staff spoke with the architects and confirmed leaving the old roof should not create any structural integrity issues with the new roof. This change order will put the project close to the original estimate for the roof work and will come to the board at the next board meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This project is bid at \$411,400 but the district anticipates a credit for the change order to exclude the work of removal of the original roof. The funds for this project are from the unrestricted one-time reserve for facilities that the board allocated.

**BOARD GOAL(S):**

Board Focus Goal V – FACILITY/HOUSING:

Build, improve and maintain school facilities to meet current and future education needs while integrating the most effective and efficient use of resources.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board to approve the low bid from California Single Ply at \$411,400 which includes a 10% contingency.

**JACKSON ES - REROOFING PROJECT**

**BID RESULTS**

MARCH 21, 2018 | 2:00PM



BIDDER	BASE BID	UNIT PRICE # 1 PLYWOOD ROOF SHEATHING (PER 4' x 8' SHEET)	UNIT PRICE # 2 ROOF DRAINS (PER UNIT)	UNIT PRICE #3 FASCIA (PER LINEAR FOOT)	ADDENDA		BID FORM	BID BOND	SUB LIST	CONT STMT	NON COLL
					#1	#2					
<b>California Single Ply, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 2799 Rocklin, CA 95677 (916) 408-6800	374,000 411,400	500.00	550.00	23.00 LF	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Clark Roofing, Inc.</b> 2076 Acoma Street Sacramento, CA 95815 (916) 929-3311											
<b>Kings Roofing</b> 6963 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95828 (916) 386-4015	541,200	225.00	2900.00	57.00 LF	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



**SECTION 00 41 00 – BID FORM – ADDENDUM # 2**

Owner: **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
2390 BASS LAKE ROAD  
RESCUE, CA 95672



Pursuant to and in compliance with all Contract Documents, prepared by California Design West Architects, relating to the Project:

**JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – REROOFING PROJECT**

California Single Ply, Inc., the Undersigned Bidder, having become thoroughly familiar with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and with local conditions affecting the performance and the costs of the Work at the location where the Work is to be done, hereby proposes and agrees to enter into an agreement to fully perform the Work within the time stated in strict accordance with the Contract Documents (including the furnishing of any and all labor, materials, tools, expendable equipment, and utility and transportation services necessary to fully perform the Work and complete it in a workmanlike manner) for the total sum of:

BASED UPON ALL WORK REQUIRED TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE WORK INDICATED IN THE RELATED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

**BASE BID:** \$ 374,000.00  
**CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE:** \$ 37,400.00  
**TOTAL BASE BID:** \$ 411,400.00

Four hundred eleven thousand, four hundred DOLLARS  
(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**UNIT PRICE # 1: PLYWOOD ROOF SHEATHING**  
REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PER 4'-0" x 8'-0" PLYWOOD ROOF SHEATHING.

\$ 500.00/per 4' x 8' piece

Five hundred DOLLARS  
(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**UNIT PRICE # 2: ROOF DRAINS.**

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ROOF DRAINS, PER UNIT.

\$ 550.00/each

Five hundred fifty DOLLARS

(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**UNIT PRICE # 3: FASCIA.**

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FASCIA, PER LINEAR FOOT.

\$ 23.00/LF

Twenty three DOLLARS

(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**ADDENDA**

Contractor acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. 1 Date: 3/06/2018

Addendum No. 2 Date: 3/08/2018

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE**

(1) Our Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance is placed with:

Admiral Insurance Company

(2) Our Workers' Compensation Insurance is placed with:

State Compensation Insurance Fund

(3) Our Builders' "All Risk" Insurance is placed with:

Liberty Mutual Insurance

## REPRESENTATIONS

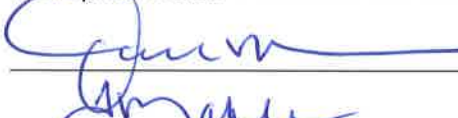
The California Business and Professions Code section 7028.15, provides that a licensed contractor shall not submit a bid to a public agency unless its contractor's license number appears clearly on the bid, the license expiration date is stated, and the bid contains a statement that the representations made therein are made under penalty of perjury. Any bid not containing this information, or a bid containing information which is subsequently proven false, shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the public agency.

## EXECUTION OF BIDS

If the Bidder is a corporation, state the capacity/title of the corporate officer signing and affix the corporate seal; if a partnership, all partners should sign under the partnership name on a separate page attached to and made part of the bid. Unsigned bids will not be accepted.

Bidder acknowledges that other allowances required by Specification Sections are included in the bid.

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the representations made in this bid are true and correct.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

James Mahle- CFO

Trina Mahle

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*President*  
*Title*

California Single Ply, Inc.- State of CA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Company as Licensed*

662255  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Contractor License Number*

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*Class*

7/31/2018  
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P.O. Box 2799  
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*Address*

Rocklin, CA 95677  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*City, State and Zip Code*

(916) 408-6800  
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*Telephone Number*

tmahle@surewest.net/916-408-6801  
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*Email or Fax Number*

(SEAL – if BID is by a Corporation)

END OF BID FORM – ADDENDUM # 2.

SECTION 00 41 00 – BID FORM – ADDENDUM # 2

Owner: **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
2390 BASS LAKE ROAD  
RESCUE, CA 95672



Pursuant to and in compliance with all Contract Documents, prepared by California Design West Architects, relating to the Project:

**JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – REROOFING PROJECT**

*DK Enterprises, Inc. dba  
King's Roofing*

\_\_\_\_\_ the Undersigned Bidder, having become thoroughly familiar with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and with local conditions affecting the performance and the costs of the Work at the location where the Work is to be done, hereby proposes and agrees to enter into an agreement to fully perform the Work within the time stated in strict accordance with the Contract Documents (including the furnishing of any and all labor, materials, tools, expendable equipment, and utility and transportation services necessary to fully perform the Work and complete it in a workmanlike manner) for the total sum of:

BASED UPON ALL WORK REQUIRED TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE WORK INDICATED IN THE RELATED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

BASE BID: \$ 492,000  
CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE: \$ 49,200  
TOTAL BASE BID: \$ 541,200

Five hundred forty one thousand two hundred DOLLARS  
(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**UNIT PRICE # 1: PLYWOOD ROOF SHEATHING**  
REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PER 4'-0" x 8'-0" PLYWOOD ROOF SHEATHING.

\$ 225<sup>00</sup>

Two Hundred twenty five<sup>00</sup> DOLLARS  
(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**UNIT PRICE # 2: ROOF DRAINS.**

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ROOF DRAINS, PER UNIT.

\$ 2,900<sup>00</sup>

Two thousand nine hundred<sup>00</sup> DOLLARS  
(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**UNIT PRICE # 3: FASCIA.**

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FASCIA, PER LINEAR FOOT.

\$ 57<sup>00</sup>

Fifty seven<sup>00</sup> DOLLARS  
(WRITTEN OUT IN WORDS)

**ADDENDA**

Contractor acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. 1 Date: 3/6/18

Addendum No. 2 Date: 3/8/18

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE**

(1) Our Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance is placed with:

Associated Industries Insurance Co., Inc.

(2) Our Workers' Compensation Insurance is placed with:

Redwood Fire and Casualty Insurance Co.

(3) Our Builders' "All Risk" Insurance is placed with:

Hanover Insurance Company

**REPRESENTATIONS**

The California Business and Professions Code section 7028.15, provides that a licensed contractor shall not submit a bid to a public agency unless its contractor's license number appears clearly on the bid, the license expiration date is stated, and the bid contains a statement that the representations made therein are made under penalty of perjury. Any bid not containing this information, or a bid containing information which is subsequently proven false, shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the public agency.

**EXECUTION OF BIDS**

If the Bidder is a corporation, state the capacity/title of the corporate officer signing and affix the corporate seal; if a partnership, all partners should sign under the partnership name on a separate page attached to and made part of the bid. Unsigned bids will not be accepted.

Bidder acknowledges that other allowances required by Specification Sections are included in the bid.

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the representations made in this bid are true and correct.

Gregory Wilson  
Signature

Director  
Title

Greg Wilson  
Print Name

DK Enterprises, Inc. dba  
King's Roofing  
Name of Company as Licensed

576154  
Contractor License Number

C39; B; C43  
Class

03/31/2020  
Expiration Date

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D.I.R. Number

6963 Power Inn Rd.  
Address

Sacramento, CA 95828  
City, State and Zip Code

916-386-4015  
Telephone Number

916-386-1060  
Email or Fax Number

(SEAL – if BID is by a Corporation)

END OF BID FORM – ADDENDUM # 2.

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM: China Visit Report**

**BACKGROUND:**

In the fall of 2016, the Rescue Union School District formed partnerships with “sister schools” in Hangzhou, China. Students and educators from our sister schools have since visited our schools twice, and last spring, a team of administrators and one board member visited our four Chinese sister schools.

**STATUS:**

This year, over Spring Break, a group of students, parents, and a teacher went to China to visit our sister schools. Students attended school with Chinese students and lived with Chinese host families. Liz Ulmer, the teacher who led this trip, will provide a report to the Board about the visit.

**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 research-based, progressive, effective instructional methodology, instructional materials, staff development and technology that will ensure student success in career and college.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District Administration recommends the Board of Trustees accept the report from Liz Ulmer.

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

**AGENDA ITEM:**        **School Calendar for 2018-2019**

**BACKGROUND:**

During the 2017-2018 school year, the District Calendar Committee met to develop the school calendar for 2018-19. The committee analyzed the impact of scheduled breaks on ADA and the discussed the potential benefits of an early parent conference week for elementary teachers, prior to making a formal recommendation for 2018-2019. The recommended calendar for 2018-2019 has been approved by RUFT and CSEA.

**STATUS:**

Annually, a District Calendar Committee is convened to discuss calendar options. A teacher, a classified representative, and a parent from each site were recommended to be on the District committee and confidential staff also participated. Under the guidance of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the committee has prepared a recommended calendar for 2018-2019. RUFT and CSEA have ratified the recommended calendar. The early release days in the 2018-2019 calendar are aligned with the tentatively agreed upon contract language changes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

NA

**BOARD GOAL(S):**

Board Focus Goal I – STUDENT NEEDS

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

Board Focus Goal III – COMMUNICATION/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

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 community.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The District recommends that the RUSD Board of Trustees approve the 2018-2019 school year calendar, as recommended by the Calendar Committee and Superintendent.





# RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

2018-2019 School Calendar

## DRAFT WED Early Release

"Educating for the Future, Together"

18-19



First Day /Last Day of Classes  
 Holiday  
 Minimum Day  
 Early Release Staff Dev / Collaboration  
 Staff Development (students do not attend)

M	T	W	T	F
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13	14	15	16	17
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27	28	29	30	31

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7 **Staff Development Day**  
 (Students do not attend)

8 **Teacher Work Day**  
 (Students do not attend)

9 **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**

3 **Labor Day**

4 **Staff Development Day**  
 (Students do not attend)

27-28 **Parent Teacher Conference**  
 (Minimum Day-Middle Schools)

2 **Teacher Prep. Report Cards**  
 (Minimum Day- All Schools)

2 **END FIRST TRIMESTER**

12 **Veteran's Day (observed)**

9, 13-16 **Parent Teacher Conference**  
 (Minimum Day - Elem. Schools)

19-23 **Thanksgiving Break**

21 **Minimum Day-All Schools**

24 **Winter Break Begins**

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1 **New Year's Day**

4 **Winter Break Ends**

21 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

15 **Lincoln's Day (observed)**

18 **Presidents's Day**  
 (Washington's Day observed)

22 **Teacher Prep. Report Cards**  
 (Minimum Day-All Schools)

22 **END SECOND TRIMESTER**

15-22 **Spring Break**

17 **Teacher Prep. Report Cards**  
 (Minimum Day-All Schools)

24 **LAST DAY OF CLASSES**  
 (Minimum Day-All Schools)

24 **END THIRD TRIMESTER**

27 **Memorial Day**

**Elementary Minimum Days (10)**

NOV 2, 9, 13-16      FEB 22

DEC 14                      MAY 17, 30

**Minimum Day Dismissal Grades 1-5 - 12:45**

**Early Release Days**

**Every Wednesday All Schools**

**Beginning August 15**

**Dismissal Grades K-5 - 2:00 p.m.**

**(Kindergarten starting Sept 17)**

**Dismissal Grades 6-8- 1:05 p.m.**

**Middle School Minimum Days (7)**

SEP 27, 28                      DEC 14

NOV 2                              FEB 22

MAY 17, 24

**Minimum Day Dismissal Grades 6-8 - 11:35**

**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM:** California State Board of Education General Waiver Request for Schoolwide Title I Programs at Green Valley and Rescue

**BACKGROUND:**

In general, a Title I, Part A school may operate as a SWP only if a minimum of 40 percent of the students in the school, or residing in the attendance area served by the school, are from low-income families [ESSA Section 1114(a)(1)]. However, a school that serves less than 40 percent of children from low-income families may operate as a SWP if the school receives a waiver from the State educational agency [ESSA Section 1114(a)(1)(B)].

Whereas Title I, Part A targeted assistance (TAS) programs only provide educational services to identified individual students, SWP allows staff in schools with high concentrations of students from low-income families to redesign their entire educational program to serve all students. The emphasis on SWP schools is to serve all students, improving all structures that support student learning, and combining all resources, as allowed, to achieve a common goal. SWP maximizes the impact of Title I, Part A. Adopting this strategy should result in an ongoing, comprehensive plan for school improvement that is owned by the entire school community and tailored to its unique needs.

**STATUS:**

Green Valley Elementary School and Rescue Elementary School currently operate as “targeted” Title I schools and as such are only permitted to provide educational services to identified individual students. Administration from both school sites and District Office leadership feel that a schoolwide approach would better serve students.

The schoolwide approach is based on the premise that comprehensive reform strategies rather than separate, add-on services are most effective in raising academic achievement for the lowest achieving students in a school. A well-designed and implemented SWP touches on all aspects of the school’s operation and offers an appropriate option for schools seeking to improve achievement for all students, particularly the lowest achieving.

Once approved to proceed, Green Valley Elementary School and Rescue Elementary School will begin the process listed below to make the shift to a schoolwide program:

1. Establish a school planning team composed of representatives from all stakeholder groups: the principal, teachers, school site council (SSC), other staff who will carry out the SWP plan, and parents and community members.
2. The school planning team will consult with the local educational agency (LEA).
3. The school planning team will conduct a comprehensive needs assessment.
4. The school planning team will develop a comprehensive SWP plan based on the results of the comprehensive needs assessment. The plan will be developed with the involvement and support of all stakeholder groups, contain all the required

components of a SWP, and will be reviewed and approved by the SSC before being recommended to the local governance board.

Ultimately, the Comprehensive Schoolwide Plan will be brought back before the Board for final approval. If approved, each site will then be permitted to operate schoolwide programs.

**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 research-based, progressive, effective instructional methodology, instructional materials, staff development and technology that will ensure student success in career and college.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District Administration recommends the Board of Trustees authorize a waiver request for Green Valley and Rescue Elementary Schools to begin the steps necessary to operate schoolwide Title I programs.