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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: **El Dorado Hills Community Service District Presentation Preliminary Designs for Bass Lake**

BACKGROUND:

The El Dorado Community Service District serves a large, densely developed suburban population and major access roads/inhabited corridors include Highway 50, El Dorado Hills Boulevard, Silva Valley Parkway, Green Valley Road, Francisco Drive, Salmon Falls Road, Bass Lake Road and Latrobe Road. CSD Mission Statement: “Enhancing the quality of life for El Dorado Hills Residents through innovative, responsible leadership and by providing superior service and facilities.”

STATUS:

The Board will receive a presentation for Board Member, Alan Priest regarding the preliminary designs for Bass Lake.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal II – FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Keep the district fiscally solvent through LCAP aligned budget processes in order to meet the needs of our students.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Information and discussion only.

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Rescue Union School District

AGENDA ITEM: Stipulated Expulsion Student 18-19B

BACKGROUND:

A discussion was held in Closed Session to consider the possible Stipulated Expulsion of Student 18-19B.

STATUS:

Student violated Education Code Section 48900 (b), (h) and 48915 (a)(1)(B).

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

District administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Stipulated Expulsion Contract for Student 18-19B.

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: Board Policy Updates

BACKGROUND:

The Governing Board believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interests of every student in the district. The Board also has major commitments to parents/guardians, all members of the community, employees, the state of California, laws pertaining to public education, and established policies of the district. To maximize Board effectiveness and public confidence in district governance, Board members are expected to govern responsibly and hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

STATUS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

BOARD GOAL(S):

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board receive board policies for first reading, and possible consideration for action.

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws
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POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
<i>First Reading</i>		
BP/AR 0420 REVISE	School Plans/Site Councils	Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 716) which renames the single plan for student achievement as the school plan for student achievement (SPSA), authorizes the use of uniform complaint procedures for complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the establishment of school site councils or the development of the SPSA, and authorizes the use of the SPSA to satisfy the requirement for a school improvement plan when a school is identified for targeted or comprehensive support. Regulation updated to reflect AB 716 which eliminates the authority to use a school advisory committee other than a school site council to develop the SPSA, allows certain small schools to share a school site council, requires a needs assessment to identify school goals, and, if applicable, requires consultation with the school's English learner advisory committee on review of the SPSA. 12/18
BP/AR 0460 REVISE	Local Control Accountability Plan	Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2878) which expands the state priority on parent involvement that must be addressed in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) to include family engagement. Policy also reflects NEW LAW (AB 1808) which requires consultation on plan development with special education local plan administrator(s) and, by July 1, 2019, requires districts to develop a local control funding formula budget overview for parents/guardians in conjunction with the LCAP. Policy reflects NEW LAW (AB 1840) which requires the State Board of Education to expand the LCAP template by January 31, 2020 to include specified information. Section on "Technical Assistance/Intervention" updated to reflect AB 1808 which establishes a single statewide system of support for districts and schools, and AB 1840 which provides that a district receiving an emergency apportionment will be deemed to have been referred to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. Regulation updated to reflect AB 1840 which requires data in the LCAP to be reported in a manner consistent with the California School Dashboard and requires districts to post their LCAP prominently on the homepage of their web site. Section on "Annual Updates" deleted since the annual updates follow the same process and adhere to the same template as the initial LCAP. 12/18
BP 3514.1 REVISE	Hazardous Substances	Policy updated to reflect legal requirements regarding toxic art and craft supplies, formerly in BP 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies. 5/18
AR 3541 REVISE	Transportation Routes and Services	Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1453) which authorizes districts to provide for the transportation of adult volunteers to and from educational activities. Regulation also reflects requirement to provide transportation consistent with a student's Section 504 plan, and clarifies the district's responsibility with respect to transportation for homeless students and foster youth. 5/18

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POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
AR 3543	Transportation Safety and Emergencies REVISE	Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1798) which requires that all school buses be equipped with passenger restraint systems by July 1, 2035. Regulation also reflects NEW LAW (AB 1840) which delays until March 1, 2019 the requirement that each school bus and student activity bus be equipped with a child safety alert system, and allows for a possible six-month extension for districts with an average daily attendance of 4,000 or less under specified conditions. Regulation adds the conditions under which a student activity bus is exempt from the requirement to install a child safety alert system. 12/18
AR 5113	Absences and Excuses REVISE	Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2289) which (1) amends the definition of "immediate family" for the purpose of authorizing certain excused absences, (2) prohibits a district from requiring a physician's note for an absence by a parenting student to care for a sick child, and (3) clarifies that students may be excused from school, under specified conditions, for work in the entertainment or allied industry, participation with a nonprofit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school audience, or other reasons at the discretion of school administrators. 12/18
BP/AR 5144	Discipline REVISE	Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2657) which prohibits seclusion and behavioral restraint of students as a means of discipline, and to encourage staff development regarding equitable implementation of discipline. Regulation updated to revise section on "Detention After School" to more directly reflect state regulations and delete a specific timeline for advance notice to parents/guardians of a student's detention. 12/18
BP/AR 5144.1	Suspension and Expulsion Due Process REVISE	Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 752, 2017) which prohibits the expulsion of a child enrolled in a California State Preschool Program (CSPP) unless the district has taken specified steps and the child's continued enrollment presents a serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children. Policy also adds data collection on the type of firearm involved in any expulsion for firearm possession, in accordance with federal law. Regulation also revises section on "Final Action by the Board" to correct the location in policy where acts requiring "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" are listed. 10/18
BP 5145.9	Hate-Motivated Behaviors REVISE	Policy updated to define hate-motivated behavior and expand material related to collaboration, staff training, and enforcement of rules regarding student conduct. Policy also provides for the use of uniform complaint procedures when the behavior is determined to be based on unlawful discrimination. 5/18
BP 6161.3	Toxic Art Supplies DELETE	Policy deleted and key concepts incorporated into BP 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances. 5/18

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POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
BP 6190	Evaluation of the Instructional Program REVISE	Policy updated to delete references to the obsolete API and add the California School Dashboard as a source for multiple state and local indicators of strengths and areas in need of improvement in each priority area addressed by the LCAP. Section on "Federal Program Monitoring" deleted as the focus of the policy is on program effectiveness rather than compliance with program requirements. 10/18

Rescue Union ESD

Board Policy

School Plans/Site Councils

BP 0420

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

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

The Governing Board believes that comprehensive planning ~~that is aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP)~~ is necessary at each school, in order to focus school improvement efforts on student academic achievement and facilitate the effective use of available resources. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school plans provide clear direction and identify cohesive strategies aligned with school and district goals.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 64000, the district may submit a consolidated application to the California Department of Education (CDE) to apply for federal categorical funds and/or state categorical programs that are not funded through the local control funding formula. As a condition of receiving such funds, Education Code 64001, as amended by AB 716 (Ch. 471, Statutes of 2018), requires each school to consolidate all of the plans that are required by these programs into a school plan for student achievement (SPSA), unless otherwise prohibited by law. If these programs do not require a plan, the Governing Board may require a school that participates in any program included on the consolidated application to develop an SPSA.

Pursuant to Education Code 64001, each school preparing an SPSA must have the SPSA developed and approved by a school site council. Education Code 65000-65001, as added by AB 716, contain requirements for the establishment and membership of school site councils; see the accompanying administrative regulation.

For additional information regarding the development and content of the SPSA, see the accompanying administrative regulation and CDE's publication A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site Council, available on its web site. Education Code 64001 provides that, although SPSAs are not required to be submitted as part of the consolidated application, they will be reviewed by CDE during the Federal Program Monitoring process.

Pursuant to Education Code 64001, districts with a single school may instead utilize the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) to serve as the SPSA if the LCAP meets certain federal planning and stakeholder requirements.

Each district school ~~that participates in one or more federal and/or state categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application process pursuant to Education Code 64000 shall establish a school site council in accordance with Education Code 65000-65001.~~

~~52852 and the accompanying administrative regulation to develop, review, and approve school plans.~~

~~The school site council~~For any school that participates in specified state and/or federal categorical programs, the school site council or other schoolwide advisory committee shall develop, approve, and annually review and update a school plan for student achievement (SPSA) which consolidates ~~consolidate~~ the plans required for those categorical programs into a single plan, unless otherwise prohibited by law, for student achievement (SPSA). (Education Code 64001)

~~(cf.~~

~~0520.2 – Title I Program Improvement Schools)~~

~~(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)~~

~~(cf. 1431 - Waivers)~~

~~(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)~~

~~(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)~~

~~(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)~~

~~(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)~~

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 52062, there must be consistency between a school's SPSA and specific actions included in the district's LCAP. For more detailed requirements of the LCAP, see BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

~~As appropriate, a school may incorporate any other school program into the SPSA. (Education Code 64001)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall review each school's SPSA to ensure that it meets the content requirements for all applicable programs ~~included~~, is based on an analysis of current practices and student academic performance, and reasonably links improvement strategies to identified needs of the school and its students. The Superintendent or designee~~He/she~~ shall also ensure consistency between the~~that~~ specific actions included in the district's local control and accountability plan and LCAP are consistent with the strategies identified in each school's SPSA.

Note: Education Code 64001, as amended by AB 716, requires the Board to review and approve a school's SPSA whenever there are material revisions affecting the academic programs for students participating in the categorical programs. Although not explicitly required by law, it is recommended that the Board also review the initial plan.

The Board shall, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, review and approve each school's SPSA whenever there are~~and~~ any ~~subsequent~~ material revisions affecting the academic programs for students participating in the categorical programs addressed in the SPSA. (Education Code 64001)~~The Board shall certify that, to the extent allowable under federal law, the SPSA is consistent with district local improvement plans required as a condition of receiving federal funding. (Education Code 64001)~~

~~If~~Whenever the Board does not approve a school's SPSA, it shall communicate its specific reasons for disapproval of the plan to the school site council, ~~or committee.~~ The school site council ~~or committee~~ shall then revise and resubmit the SPSA to the Board for its approval. (Education Code ~~64001~~52855)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school administrators and school site council members receive training on the roles and responsibilities of the school site council.

Note: Education Code 64001, as amended by AB 716, authorizes a school identified for targeted or comprehensive support pursuant to 20 USC 6303 to use its SPSA to satisfy the requirement for a school improvement plan.

The SPSA may serve as the school improvement plan required when a school is identified for targeted or comprehensive support pursuant to 20 USC 6303. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Note: Education Code 64001, as amended by AB 716, provides that complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements pertaining to school site councils or the SPSA may be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4670.

Any complaint alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the establishment of school site councils or the development of the SPSA may be filed with the district in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4670 and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52-53 *Designation of schools*

33133 *Information guide for school site councils*

35147 *Open meeting laws exceptions*

~~41540-41544 Targeted instructional improvement block grants~~

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

52176 ~~English learner advisory~~ *Advisory committees*

~~52852 School site councils~~

~~54000-54028 Educationally Disadvantaged Youth Programs~~

~~54425 Advisory committees (compensatory education)~~

56000-56867 *Special education*

64000 *Categorical programs included in consolidated application*

64001 ~~School~~ *Single school plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs*

65000-65001 School site councils

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3930-3937 *Compliance plans*

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

11308 English learner advisory committees

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6303 School improvement

6311 State plan

~~6314 Schoolwide~~ 6311 Accountability, adequate yearly progress

~~6312-6319 Title I programs; schoolwide program plans~~

6421-6472 *Programs for neglected, delinquent, and at-risk children and youth*

6601-6651 *Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment program*

6801-7014 Limited English proficient and immigrant students

7101-7122 ~~Student Support~~ 7165 ~~Safe and Academic Enrichment Grants~~ ~~Drug-Free Schools and Communities~~

7341-7355c Rural Education Initiative

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site Council, February 2014

WEST ED PUBLICATIONS

California Healthy Kids Survey

California School Climate Survey

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, ~~Single Plan for Student Achievement:~~

~~<http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/le/singleplan.asp>~~

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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

Policy RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Rescue Union ESD

Administrative Regulation

School Plans/Site Councils

AR 0420

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 64001, each school participating in a federal or state categorical program which is funded through the state's consolidated application and requires a school plan for student achievement (SPSA) must establish a school site council that meets the requirements of Education Code 65000-65001, as added by AB 716 (Ch. 471, Statutes of 2018). The school site council is responsible for developing and reviewing the SPSA; see section "School Plan for Student Achievement" below. AB 716 eliminated the authority for another school advisory committee or school group to serve as the school site council for a school that operates a program requiring an SPSA.

Pursuant to Education Code 65000, a school site council must generally include members from all of the categories listed in items #1-5 below, as applicable. However, pursuant to Education Code 65001, a school with a student population of less than 300 may operate a school site council which includes at least one representative from items #1-3 and at least one from items #4-5, provided there is parity between staff and non-staff members and the Governing Board has obtained approval from its local bargaining unit. Education Code 65001 also provides that schools with a common site administration may operate a shared school site council if the school has a student population of less than 300, and up to three schools with a combined student population of less than 1,000 may operate a shared school site council if the schools either share a campus or have geographic proximity to one another with similar student populations. Any shared school site council must meet the requirements of Education Code 65000 with regard to the composition of the council. Districts with any schools meeting these criteria may revise the following section accordingly.

For information about the organization of the school site council, including sample school site council bylaws that address duties, membership, officers, subcommittees, and meetings, see the California Department of Education's (CDE) publication *A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site Council*, available on CDE's web site.

Each school that operates a program requiring the development of a school plan for student achievement (SPSA) pursuant to Education Code 64001

~~Each school~~ shall have a school site council composed of the following: (Education Code ~~65000~~52852)

1. The principal or designee
2. Classroom teachers at the school. ~~Teachers~~ selected by the classroom~~school's~~ teachers at the school
3. Other school personnel who are not teachers, selected by the ~~school's~~ other personnel at the school who are not teachers

4. ~~Parents~~ ~~Parent/guardian representatives, who may include parents/guardians~~ of students attending the school and/or other members of the community ~~members~~, selected by the parents/guardians of students attending the school

Note: Education Code 65000 requires that secondary schools include students on their school site council. Pursuant to Education Code 52 and 53, secondary schools include high schools and junior high schools. CDE's publication A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site Council advises that middle schools may include student representation on the school site council at the district's discretion. If the district decides to include middle school or K-8 students on the school site council, then such councils must meet the composition required of secondary schools.

5. If the school is a secondary school, students attending the school selected by other secondary ~~such~~ students

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Half of the school site council membership shall consist of school staff in the categories listed in items #1-3 above, the majority of whom shall be classroom teachers. For an elementary school site council, the remaining half shall be parents/guardians and/or community members. ~~parent/guardian representatives~~. For a secondary school site council, the remaining half shall be parents/guardians, community members, and/or equal numbers of parent/guardian representatives and students. (Education Code 65000~~52852~~)

A district employee may serve as a parent/guardian representative on the school site council of the school his/her child attends, provided the employee does not work at that school. (Education Code 65000~~52852~~)

Note: The method of selecting members of school site councils is not specified in law, except that members must be chosen by peers as noted above. No additional membership qualifications may be required. CDE's publication A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site Council suggests that the selection process may be addressed in Board policy or in bylaws of the school site council. The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The bylaws of each school site council shall include the method of selecting members and officers, terms of office, responsibilities of council members, time commitment, and a policy of nondiscrimination and equity.

~~School site councils may function on behalf of other committees in accordance with law.~~

~~(Education Code 52176, 54425; 5 CCR 3932)~~

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35147, school site councils are exempt from open meeting law requirements (the Brown Act), but must comply with other, less complex procedural requirements as specified; see AR 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees. Education Code 35147 has not yet been amended for consistency with AB 716, which repealed Education Code 52852 and moved the requirements related to school site councils to Education Code 65000-65001.

School site councils shall operate in accordance with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

School ~~Single~~ Plan for Student Achievement

Note: The following section reflects requirements pertaining to the development of the SPSA required for the state and federal categorical programs included in the consolidated application. CDE has developed a template for the SPSA, available on its web site, to help schools meet plan requirements.

~~The school site council shall develop and annually review and update an SPSA that addresses all federal and/or state categorical programs in which the school participates pursuant to Education Code 64000. Any district school that shall participate in any state or federal categorical program specified in Education Code 64000 on an ongoing basis shall have a school site council which shall approve and annually review and update a single plan for student achievement (SPSA). If the school does not have a school site council, these responsibilities shall be fulfilled by a schoolwide advisory group or school support group conforming to the composition requirements of the school site council listed in the section "School Site Councils" above. (Education Code 64001)~~

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

~~(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)~~

~~(cf.)~~

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 64001, as amended by AB 716, the SPSA must be developed with the review and advice of the school English learner advisory committee, if required. Education Code 52176 and 5 CCR 11308 require each school with more than 20 English learners to establish a school-level advisory committee on which parents/guardians of such students constitute membership in at least the same percentage as their children represent of the total number of students in the school. See AR 6174 - Education for English Learners.

~~6184 - Continuation Education)~~

The SPSA shall be developed with the review, ~~advice, and certification,~~ and advice of ~~the any~~ applicable school English learner advisory committee, if required. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

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

Other school and district committees, including.—(Education Code 64001)

~~Such groups may include, but are not limited to, a parent advisory committee established to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), advisory committees established for English learner and special education programs, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges leadership teams, may also be consulted on; district~~

~~or school liaison teams for schools identified for program improvement; and other committees established by the content of the planschool or district.~~

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

~~*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*~~

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Note: As amended by AB 716, Education Code 64001 requires the school site council to administer a comprehensive needs assessment that forms the basis of the goals in the SPSA. If any district schools are not participating in any state or federal categorical program that requires a plan but the Board requires them to develop an SPSA, the Board may determine the extent to which the needs assessment is applicable and the following paragraph may be revised accordingly.

~~Before developing the content of the SPSA, the school site council shall conduct a comprehensive needs assessment pursuant to 20 USC 6314, including for improving student achievement. School goals shall be based on an analysis of verifiable state data consistent with the state priorities specified in Education Code 52060 and the indicators in the state accountability system. The school identified pursuant to law, and may consider any other data developed by the district to measure student outcomesachievement. (Education Code ~~52062~~, 64001)~~

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

~~*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*~~

The SPSA shall include all of the following, at a minimum: (Education Code 64001)

1. Goals to improve student outcomes, including goals that address the needs of student groups as identified through the needs assessment

~~1. — Address how funds provided to the school through specified categorical programs will be used to improve the academic performance of all students to the level of the performance goals established by law~~

2. Evidence-based strategies, actions, or services

3. Proposed expenditures based on the projected resource allocation from Identify the district to address means of evaluating the findings of the needs assessment, including identifying resource inequities, which may include a review of the district's budgeting, the LCAP, and school-level budgeting, if applicable school's progress toward accomplishing those goals

Note: CDE's publication A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site Council clarifies that the SPSA must address all plan components required for individual categorical programs covered by the SPSA.

~~3. — Identify how state and federal law governing the categorical programs will be implemented~~

In addition to meeting the requirements common to all applicable school plans, the SPSA shall address any content required by law for each individual categorical program in which the school participates.

~~The~~In developing or revising the SPSA, the school site council ~~or other schoolwide advisory group or school support group shall:~~

1. ~~— Analyze student achievement data. Using measures of student academic performance, the school shall identify significant patterns of low performance in particular content areas, student groups, and/or individual students and determine which data summaries to include in the plan as most informative and relevant to school goals.~~

2. ~~— Assess the effectiveness of the school's instructional program in relation to the analysis of student data.~~

3. ~~— Identify a limited number of achievement goals and key improvement strategies to achieve the goals. School goals shall reflect the needs identified at the school site while aligning with goals identified in federally required district plans. The school shall specify the student group(s) on which each goal is focused, the methods or practices that will be used to reach the goal, and the criteria that will be used to determine if the goal is achieved.~~

4. ~~— Define timelines, personnel responsible, proposed expenditures, and funding sources to implement the SPSA.~~

The school site council ~~or other schoolwide group~~ shall approve the proposed SPSA at a meeting for which public notice has been posted. Whenever there are material revisions to the SPSA which affect the academic programs for students participating in applicable programs, the SPSA shall be submitted to ~~and then submit the SPSA to~~ the Governing Board for review and approval at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 35147, 64001)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 64001, as amended by AB 716, the SPSA must include a process for evaluating and monitoring the implementation of the SPSA and progress toward accomplishing the goals set forth in the SPSA. CDE's publication A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site Council contains an annual evaluation tool to assist school site councils in assessing the effectiveness of the plan.

The school site council ~~or other schoolwide group~~ shall regularly monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the SPSA and modify any activities that prove ineffective. At least once per year, the principal or designee shall evaluate results of improvement efforts and report to the Board, school site council, ~~advisory committees,~~ and other interested parties regarding progress toward school goals.

The school site council ~~or other schoolwide group~~ may amend the SPSA at any time. ~~Any revisions that would substantively change the academic programs funded through the same process require~~ consolidated application shall be submitted to the Board for the annual update of the plan approval.

Regulation RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Policy

Local Control And Accountability Plan

BP 0460

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

Note: Education Code 52060-52077 require the Governing Board to adopt and annually update, on or before July 1, a local control and accountability plan (LCAP). Pursuant to Education Code 52060, as amended by AB 2878 (Ch. 826, Statutes of 2018), the LCAP must include goals and actions aligned with eight state priorities related to (1) the degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed, students have sufficient access to standards-based instructional materials, and facilities are maintained in good repair; (2) implementation of and student access to state academic content and performance standards; (3) parent/guardian involvement and family engagement; (4) student achievement; (5) student engagement; (6) school climate; (7) student access to and enrollment in a broad course of study, including programs and services provided to benefit low-income students, English learners, and/or foster youth (i.e., "unduplicated students" for purposes of supplemental and concentration grants under the local control funding formula (LCFF)); and (8) student outcomes in the specified course of study. Education Code 52060 provides that, in addition to addressing the state priorities in the LCAP, the district may establish and address local priorities and goals. Examples include priorities for student wellness and other conditions of children, professional development, community involvement, and effective governance and leadership. See the accompanying administrative regulation for further information about the required content of the LCAP.

The Governing Board desires to ensure the most effective use of available funding to improve outcomes for all students. A comprehensive, data-driven planning process shall be used to identify annual goals and specific actions which are aligned with the district budget and~~and to~~ facilitate continuous improvement of district practices.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52064, the State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted a template that districts must use to complete the LCAP. An electronic version of the template is available on the California Department of Education's (CDE) web site.

As amended by AB 1840 (Ch. 426, Statutes of 2018), Education Code 52064 requires the SBE, by January 31, 2020, to expand the template to include more specific information about the goals, actions, expenditures, and services for all students and subgroups of students, as well as information about the district, highlights of the LCAP, and annual performance as indicated by the California School Dashboard.

The Board shall adopt a districtwide local control and accountability plan (LCAP), based on the template adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), that addresses the state priorities in Education Code 52060 and any local priorities adopted by the Board. The LCAP shall be updated on or before July 1 of each year and, like the district budget, shall cover the next fiscal year and two subsequent ~~two~~ fiscal years. (Education Code 52060, 52064; 5 CCR 15494-15497)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Note: Education Code 52060 requires that the LCAP include annual goals to be achieved for all students and for each numerically significant student subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052. In addition, several state priorities address programs and services for "unduplicated students," as defined in Education Code 42238.01-42238.02.

The LCAP shall focus on improving outcomes for all students, particularly those who are "unduplicated students" or are part of any numerically significant student subgroup that is at risk of or is underperforming.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42238.01, as amended by AB 1962 (Ch. 748, Statutes of 2018), no later than the 2020-21 fiscal year, the definition of "foster youth" for the purpose of identifying unduplicated students will include a dependent child of the court of an Indian tribe, consortium of tribes, or tribal organization who is the subject of a petition filed in the tribal court in accordance with the tribe's law, provided the child would also meet one of the descriptions in Welfare and Institutions Code 300 describing when a child may be adjudged a dependent child of the juvenile court.

Unduplicated students include students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and foster youth, as defined in Education Code 42238.01 for purposes of the local control funding formula (LCFF);- (Education Code 42238.02)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

Numerically significant student 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, ~~or as otherwise defined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI).~~ (Education Code 52052)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

The Superintendent or designee shall review the ~~school~~single plan for student achievement (SPSA) submitted by each district school pursuant to Education Code 64001 to ensure that the specific actions included in the LCAP are consistent with strategies included in the SPSA. (Education Code 52062)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

The LCAP shall also be aligned with other district and school plans to the extent possible in order to minimize duplication of effort and provide clear direction for program implementation.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52064.1, as added by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), districts are required, by July 1, 2019, to develop an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians with specified information. The budget overview must be developed in conjunction with, and attached as a cover to, the LCAP and annual update to the LCAP. The budget overview is subject to the requirements of Education Code 52062 and 52070 pertaining to the adoption, review, and approval of the LCAP. The Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) is required to develop, before December 31, 2018, a template for the budget overview.

As part of the LCAP adoption and annual update to the LCAP, the Board shall separately adopt an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians, based on the template developed by the SBE, which includes specified information relating to the district's budget. The budget overview shall be adopted, reviewed, and approved in the same manner as the LCAP and the annual update. (Education Code 52064.1)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with legal requirements pertaining to the LCAP may be filed pursuant to AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 52075)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Plan Development

The Superintendent or designee shall gather data and information needed for effective and meaningful plan development and present it to the Board and community. Such data and information shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding the number of students in student subgroups, disaggregated data on student achievement levels, and information about current programs and expenditures.

Note: Education Code 52060 requires consultation on plan development with all of the groups listed below. The Board may delegate responsibility for arranging meetings and other input opportunities to the Superintendent or designee.

5 CCR 15495 defines what it means to consult with students, including unduplicated students and other numerically significant student subgroups, and gives examples of methods that may be used for this consultation. State regulations do not provide examples of consultation with groups other than students, but consultations might include surveys, the establishment of an advisory committee consisting of representatives of all the specified groups, solicitation of feedback from the groups after a draft plan is available, discussion of the LCAP at staff meetings, and communication with parent organizations, student councils, school site councils, or other established committees or organizations. The district may expand the following paragraph to reflect district practice.

The Board shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students in developing the LCAP. _Consultation with students shall enable unduplicated students and other numerically significant student subgroups to review and comment on LCAP development and may include surveys of students, student forums, student advisory committees, and/or meetings with student government bodies or other groups representing students. (Education Code 52060; 5 CCR 15495)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Public Review and Input

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52063 and 5 CCR 15495, the Board is required to establish a parent advisory committee and, if district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners, an English learner parent advisory committee to review and comment on the LCAP. The district may use existing parent advisory committees for these purposes if the committee composition complies with Education Code 52063 and 5 CCR 15945. However, the district should consider whether such opportunities need to be expanded to achieve significant levels of stakeholder involvement in the planning process as intended by law.

The Board shall establish a parent advisory committee to review and comment on the LCAP. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians and shall include parents/guardians at least one parent/guardian of an unduplicated students/student as defined above. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

Whenever district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners, with at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board shall establish an English learner parent advisory committee composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners to review and comment on the LCAP. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

The Superintendent or designee shall present the LCAP to the committee(s) before it is submitted to the Board for adoption, and shall respond in writing to comments received from the committee(s). (Education Code 52062)

Note: Education Code 52062 requires notification to the public of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed LCAP, including notification in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code 48985. Pursuant to Education Code 48985, whenever 15 percent or more of the students in a school speak a single primary language other than English, notifications sent to parents/guardians of such students must be written in the primary language as well as in English; see BP 5145.6 - Parental Notifications.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify members of the public of the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP. –The notification shall be provided using the most efficient method of notification possible, which may not necessarily include producing printed notices or sending notices by mail. All written notifications related to the LCAP shall be provided in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code 48985. (Education Code 52062)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 305, the LCAP parent/guardian and community engagement process must include solicitation of input on language acquisition programs. See BP/AR 6174 - Education for English Learners for further information regarding the types of language acquisition programs that may be offered.

As part of the parent/guardian and community engagement process, the district shall solicit input on effective and appropriate instructional methods, including, but not limited to, establishing language acquisition programs to enable all students, including English learners and native English speakers, to have access to the core academic content standards and to become proficient in English. (Education Code 305-306)

Note: Education Code 52062, as amended by AB 1808, requires the district to consult with its special education local plan area administrator(s) to ensure that specific actions for individuals with disabilities are included in the LCAP.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the administrator(s) of the special education local plan area of which the district is a member to ensure that specific actions for students with disabilities are included in the LCAP and are consistent with strategies included in the annual assurances support plan for the education of students with disabilities. (Education Code 52062)

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127, the Board must not adopt a district budget until the LCAP is in place for the budget year; see BP 3100 - Budget. The budget must include the expenditures necessary to implement the plan that will be effective during the subsequent fiscal year. If it does not, the County Superintendent of Schools will disapprove the district's budget.

The Board shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP. The public hearing shall be held at the same meeting as the budget hearing required pursuant to Education Code 42127 and AR 3100 - Budget. (Education Code 42127, 52062)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Adoption of the Plan

The Board shall adopt the LCAP prior to adopting the district budget, but at the same public meeting. This meeting shall be held after the public hearing described above, but not on the same day as the hearing. (Education Code 52062)

The Board may adopt revisions to the LCAP at any time during the period in which the plan is in effect, provided the Board follows the process to adopt the LCAP pursuant to Education Code 52062 and the revisions are adopted in a public meeting. (Education Code 52062)

Submission of Plan to County Superintendent of Schools

Note: Education Code 52070 requires the district to submit the LCAP to the County Superintendent, who may seek written clarification of the contents of the plan and may submit recommendations for amendments as provided below. The County Superintendent is required to approve the LCAP on or before October 8 if it is determined that (1) the LCAP adheres to the template adopted by the SBE and follows any SBE instructions or directions for completing the template; (2) the district budget includes expenditures sufficient to implement the specific actions and strategies in the LCAP; and (3) the LCAP adheres to supplemental and concentration grant expenditure requirements specified in Education Code 42238.07 for unduplicated students. In determining whether the district has fully demonstrated that it will use supplemental and concentration funds to increase or improve services for unduplicated students, 5 CCR 15497 requires the County Superintendent to review any descriptions of districtwide or schoolwide services provided.

Education Code 52064.1, as added by AB 1808, requires the district to file the LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians with the County Superintendent to be reviewed for adherence with the template adopted by the SPI. If the budget overview is not approved, the County Superintendent will withhold approval of the LCAP and will provide technical assistance pursuant to Education Code 52071.

Not later than five days after adoption of the LCAP, the district budget, and the budget overview for parents/guardians, the Board shall file the LCAP, the budget, and the budget overview with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 42127, 52064.1, 52070)

If the County Superintendent sends, by August 15, a written request for clarification of the contents of the LCAP, the Board shall respond in writing within 15 days of the request. If the County Superintendent then submits recommendations for amendments to the LCAP within 15 days of receiving the Board's response, the Board shall consider those recommendations in a public meeting within 15 days of receiving the recommendations. (Education Code 52070)

If the County Superintendent does not approve the district's LCAP, the Board shall accept technical assistance from the County Superintendent focused on revising the plan so that it can be approved. (Education Code 52071)

Monitoring Progress

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect the district's timeline for reviewing the progress and effectiveness of strategies included in the LCAP. Reports should be provided to the Board in sufficient time to allow for any necessary changes in the annual update to the LCAP by July 1 of each year, as required by Education Code 52060-52061. The Dashboard provides a tool to assist in evaluation of district and school performance and includes all of the state priorities for the LCAP described in Education Code 52060.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually in accordance with the timeline and indicators established by the Superintendent~~him/her~~ and the Board, regarding the district's progress toward attaining each goal identified in the LCAP. -Evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an assessment of district and school performance reported on the California School Dashboard. Evaluation data shall be used to recommend any necessary revisions to the LCAP.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Technical Assistance/Intervention

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52071, as amended by AB 1808, the Board may, at its discretion, request technical assistance from the County Superintendent as described in items #1-2 below. The County Superintendent may charge a fee not to exceed the cost of the service, if the provision of the service requested would create an unreasonable or untenable cost burden for the County Superintendent.

At its discretion~~When it is in the best interest of the district~~, the Board may submit a request to the County Superintendent for technical assistance, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 52071)

1. Assistance in identifying~~the identification of~~ district strengths and weaknesses in regard to state priorities, which includes the ~~and~~ review of performance data on the state and local indicators included in the Dashboard and other relevant local data, and in identifying effective, evidence-based programs or practices that address any areas of weakness~~apply to the district's goals~~

2. Assistance from an academic, programmatic, or fiscal expert, or team of academic experts, or another district in the county in identifying and implementing effective programs and practices that are designed to ~~to~~ improve performance in any identified areas of weakness. The district may engage other service providers, including, but not limited to, other school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, to provide such assistance.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52071, as amended by AB 1808, the district must be provided technical assistance whenever one or more numerically significant student subgroups meet the criteria for assistance and intervention established pursuant to Education Code 52064.5.

3. ~~Advice and assistance from the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence established pursuant to Education Code 52074~~

In the event that the County Superintendent requires the district to receive technical assistance based on one or more numerically significant student subgroups meeting the criteria established pursuant to Education Code 52071, ~~the Board shall review all recommendations received from the County Superintendent or other advisor and shall consider revisions to the LCAP as appropriate in accordance with the process specified in Education Code 52064.5, the Board shall work with the County Superintendent, or another service provider at district expense, and shall provide the County Superintendent timely documentation of the district's completion of the activities listed in items #1-2 above or substantially similar activities. (Education Code 52071)52062.~~

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52074, as amended by AB 1840, either the County Superintendent or the SPI may refer a district to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) if it is determined to be necessary to help the district accomplish the goals set forth in the district's LCAP. Additionally, if a district receives an emergency apportionment pursuant to Education Code 41320-41322, the district shall be deemed to have been referred to the CCEE.

If referred to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence by either the County Superintendent or the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the district shall implement the recommendations of that agency in order to accomplish the goals set forth in the district's LCAP. (Education Code 52071, 52074)

Note: Education Code 52072 provides that the SPI, with approval of the SBE, may intervene when a district meets both of the following criteria: (1) the district did not improve the outcomes for three or more student subgroups identified pursuant to Education Code 52052, or all of the student subgroups if the district has fewer than three subgroups, in regard to more than one state or local priority in three out of four consecutive school years; and (2) the CCEE has provided advice and assistance to the district and submits a finding that the district failed or is unable to implement the CCEE's recommendations or that the district's inadequate performance is so persistent or acute as to require intervention. For any district identified as needing intervention, the SPI or an academic trustee appointed by the SPI may, with approval of the SBE, take one or more of the actions listed in items #1-3 below.

If the SPI identifies the district as needing intervention ~~pursuant to Education Code 52072~~, the district shall cooperate with any action taken by the SPI or any academic advisor appointed by the SPI, which may include one or more of the following: (Education Code 52072)

1. Revision of the district's LCAP

2.Revision of the district's budget in accordance with changes in the LCAP

3.A determination to stay or rescind any district action that would prevent the district from improving outcomes for all student subgroups, provided that action is not required by a collective bargaining agreement

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51220 *Course of study for grades 7-12*

52052 *Numerically significant student subgroups*

52059.5 *Statewide system of support*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

52302 *Regional occupational centers and programs*

52372.5 *Linked learning ~~pilot~~ program*

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60605.8 *California Assessment of Academic Achievement; Academic Content Standards Commission*

~~60811.3 *Assessment of language development*~~

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~~Policy~~ RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Rescue Union ESD

Administrative Regulation

Local Control And Accountability Plan

AR 0460

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

Note: Education Code 52060-52077 require the Governing Board to adopt and annually update, on or before July 1, a three-year local control and accountability plan (LCAP). See the accompanying Board policy for information about plan development and monitoring.

Goals and Actions Addressing State and Local Priorities

Note: Education Code 52060 requires that the LCAP include annual goals, aligned with specified state priorities, to be achieved for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052. Pursuant to Education Code 52052, a numerically significant subgroup includes 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 the school or district.

In addition, several state priorities address programs and services for "unduplicated students." For purposes of supplemental and concentration grants allocated through the local control funding formula (LCFF), "unduplicated students" are defined by Education Code 42238.02 as students eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and foster youth; see the accompanying Board policy.

The district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and annual updates shall include, for the district and each district school: (Education Code 52060)

1.A description of the annual goals established for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, including ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. The LCAP shall identify goals for each of the following state priorities:

a.The degree to which district teachers are appropriately assigned in accordance with Education Code 44258.9 and fully credentialed in the subject areas and for the students they are teaching; every district student has sufficient access to standards-aligned instructional materials as determined pursuant to Education Code 60119; and school facilities are maintained in good repair as specified in Education Code 17002

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

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

b.Implementation of the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), including how the programs and services will enable English learners to access the Common Core State Standards and the English language development standards for purposes of gaining academic content knowledge and English language proficiency

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

Note: Education Code 52060, as amended by AB 2878 (Ch. 826, Statutes of 2018), expands the parent involvement state priority to include family engagement. Education Code 52060 provides that family engagement may include, but not be limited to, efforts by the district and schools to apply research-based practices, such as welcoming all families into the school community, engaging in effective two-way communication, supporting student success, and empowering families to advocate for equity and access. It may also include partnering with families to inform, influence, and create practices and programs that support student success and collaboration with families and the broader community, expand student learning opportunities, and promote civic participation.

c.Parent/guardian involvement and family engagement, including efforts the district makes to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and how the district will promote parent/guardian participation in programs for unduplicated students, as defined in Education Code 42238.02 and Board policy, and students with disabilities

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

d.Student achievement, as measured by all of the following as applicable:

(1)Statewide assessments of student achievement

(2)The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study that ~~satisfy specified requirements and~~ align with SBE-approved career technical education standards and frameworks, including, but not limited to, those described in Education Code 52302, 52372.5, or 54692

(3)The percentage of English learners who make progress toward English proficiency as measured by the SBE-certified assessment of English proficiency

(4)The English learner reclassification rate

(5)The percentage of students who have passed an Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher

(6)The percentage of students who ~~participate in and~~ demonstrate college preparedness in the Early Assessment Program pursuant to Education Code 99300-99301

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

e. Student engagement, as measured by school attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school dropout rates, high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates, as applicable

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

f. School climate, as measured by student suspension and expulsion rates and other local measures, including surveys of students, parents/guardians, and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness, as applicable

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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

g. The extent to which students have access to and are enrolled in a broad course of study that includes all of the subject areas described in Education Code 51210 and 51220, as applicable, including the programs and services developed and provided to unduplicated students and students with disabilities, and the programs and services that are provided to benefit these students as a result of supplemental and concentration grant funding pursuant to Education Code 42238.02 and 42238.03

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

h. Student outcomes, if available, in the subject areas described in Education Code 51210 and 51220, as applicable

Note: In addition to goals aligned with the state priorities described in item #1 above, Education Code 52060 provides that the LCAP may include goals for local priorities established by the Board; see the accompanying Board policy. **Optional** item #2 below may be revised to reflect local priorities.

2. Any goals identified for any local priorities established by the Board.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

3. A description of the specific actions the district will take during each year of the LCAP to achieve the identified goals, including the enumeration of any specific actions necessary for that year to correct any deficiencies in regard to the state and local priorities specified in items #1-2 above. Such actions shall not supersede provisions of existing collective bargaining agreements within the district.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52060, in developing goals and actions for the LCAP, the Board may consider qualitative information, including, but not limited to, the results of school quality reviews conducted pursuant to Education Code 52052. Education Code 52052 authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), with approval of the State Board of Education and conditional upon an appropriation in the state budget, to develop and

implement a program of school quality reviews that features locally convened panels to visit schools, observe teachers, interview students, and examine student work.

For purposes of the descriptions required by items #1-3 above, the Board may consider qualitative information, including, but not limited to, findings that result from any school quality ~~review~~reviews conducted pursuant to Education Code 52052 or any other reviews. (Education Code 52060)

For any local priorities addressed in the LCAP, the Board and Superintendent or designee shall identify and include in the LCAP the method for measuring the district's progress toward achieving those goals. (Education Code 52060)

Note: AB 1840 (Ch. 426, Statutes of 2018) amended Education Code 52060 to require data to be reported in a manner consistent with the California School Dashboard rather than the school accountability report card.

To the extent practicable, data reported in the LCAP shall be reported in a manner consistent with how information is reported on the California School Dashboard. ~~a school accountability report card~~. (Education Code 52060)

~~(cf. 0510 – School Accountability Report Card)~~

Increase or Improvement in Services for Unduplicated Students

Note: The following section is for use by districts that receive LCFF supplemental and/or concentration grant funds. Such districts are required to increase or improve services for unduplicated students in proportion to the increase in funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students; see BP 3100 - Budget. 5 CCR 15494-15496 specify the method for determining the percentage by which services for unduplicated students must be increased or improved above services provided to all students in the fiscal year.

The LCAP shall demonstrate how the district will increase or improve services for unduplicated students at least in proportion to the increase in funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students. (5 CCR 15494-15496)

When the district expends supplemental and/or concentration grant funds on a districtwide or schoolwide basis during the year for which the LCAP is adopted, the district's LCAP shall: (5 CCR 15496)

1. Identify those services that are being funded and provided on a districtwide or schoolwide basis
2. Describe how such services are principally directed towards, and are effective in, meeting the district's goals for unduplicated students in the state priority areas and any local priority areas
3. If the enrollment of unduplicated students is less than 55 percent of district enrollment or less than 40 percent of school enrollment, describe how these services are the most effective use of the funds to meet the district's goals for its unduplicated students in the state priority areas and any local priority areas. The description shall provide the basis for this determination, including, but not limited to, any alternatives considered and any supporting research, experiences, or educational theory.

Annual Updates

On or before July 1 of each year, the Availability of the Plan

Note: Education Code 52065, as amended by AB 1840, requires the district to prominently post its LCAP and any annual update or revisions to the LCAP on the homepage of its web site. In addition, the County Superintendent of Schools is required to post all district LCAPs, or links to those plans, on the county office of education web site and to transmit all such plans to the SPI, who will then post links to all plans on the California Department of Education web site.

Education Code 52064.1, as added by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), provides that the LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians is also subject to the requirements of Education Code 52065.

LCAP shall be updated using the template adopted by the SBE and shall include all of the following: (Education Code 52061)

1. A review of any changes in the applicability of the goals described in the existing LCAP pursuant to the section "Goals and Actions Addressing State and Local Priorities" above
2. A review of the progress toward the goals included in the existing LCAP, an assessment of the effectiveness of the specific actions described in the existing LCAP toward achieving the goals, and a description of changes to the specific actions the district will make as a result of the review and assessment
3. A listing and description of the expenditures for the fiscal year implementing the specific actions included in the LCAP and the changes to the specific actions made as a result of the reviews and assessment required by items #1-2 above
4. A listing and description of expenditures for the fiscal year that will serve unduplicated students and students redesignated as fluent English proficient

Availability of the Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall prominently post the LCAP, and any updates or revisions to the LCAP, and the LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians on the homepage of the ~~on the~~ district's web site. (Education Code 52064.1, 52065)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

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Board Policy

Hazardous Substances

BP 3514.1

Business and Noninstructional Operations

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

The Governing Board ~~desires to provide a safe school environment~~ recognizes that protects students and employees from exposure to any potentially hazardous substances ~~are~~ used in the district's educational program daily operations of our schools. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure these substances are inventoried, used, stored and regularly disposed of in a safe and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment legal manner.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

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

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

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. ~~When and shall substitute less dangerous materials for~~ hazardous substances must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49401.5, districts may request consultation services from the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, to ensure that hazardous materials are being used and stored safely in schools. See the accompanying administrative regulation for legal requirements related to storage and disposal of hazardous substances.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all potentially hazardous substances on district properties are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

~~Hazard Communication Program~~

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and ~~maintain~~ monitor a written hazard communication program in accordance with 8 CCR 5194 and state law. ~~As part of this program, he/she~~ shall ensure that employees, students, and others as necessary are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed ~~and that material safety data sheets are readily accessible to them.~~

~~Teachers shall instruct students about the importance of proper handling, storage, disposal and~~

protection when using any potentially hazardous substance.

~~(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)~~

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

~~(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)~~

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that offer science laboratory classes, at any grade level, that expose employees to hazardous substances. Pursuant to 8 CCR 5191, any employer that maintains a workplace where there is laboratory use of hazardous chemicals (i.e., where relatively small quantities of hazardous chemicals are used but not produced) is required to have a written chemical hygiene plan to protect employees. See the accompanying administrative regulation for required program components.

In addition, Education Code 49340-49341 encourage educational efforts to increase awareness of students and staff dealing with hazardous materials in school laboratories in order to minimize injuries, loss of property, and classroom disruptions. For further information about safe handling of potentially hazardous substances in science laboratory classes, see the California Department of Education's Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include the development and implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in accordance with 8 CCR 5191 and instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

~~(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)~~

Note: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district. Education Code 32064 prohibits the use of arts and crafts materials containing toxic substances in grades K-6, and requires that any materials with toxic substances used in grades 7-12 meet specified labeling standards that inform users of the long-term health risks and provide instructions for safe use. For additional information and a list of materials prohibited in grades K-6, see the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment publication 6161.3 - Toxic Art and Craft Materials in Schools: Guidelines for Purchasing and Safe Use. Supplies)

The Superintendent or designee shall not order or purchase for use in grades K-6 any arts and crafts materials containing a substance determined by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to be toxic. The Superintendent or designee shall not purchase any such toxic material for use in grades 7-12 unless it includes a warning label as specified in Education Code 32065 that identifies any toxic ingredients, warns of potential adverse health effects, and describes procedures for safe use and storage. (Education Code 32064)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32060-32066 Toxic art supplies in schools

49340-49341 Hazardous substances education ~~Legislative findings~~

49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services

49411 Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs; determination of shelf life; disposal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

12981 Regulations re pesticides and worker safety

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

25163 Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions; inspection

25500-25520 Hazardous materials release response plans; inventory

108100-108515 California Act

LABOR CODE

6360-6363 Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act

6380-6386 List of hazardous substances

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

339 List of hazardous substances

3203 Illness and injury prevention program

3204 Records of employee exposure to toxic or harmful substances

5139-5230 Control of hazardous substances, especially

5154.1-5154.2 Ventilation

5161 Definitions

5162 Emergency eyewash and shower equipment

5163 Control of spills

5164 Storage of hazardous substances

5191 Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories; chemical hygiene plan

5194 Hazard communication~~Communication~~

~~Policy~~ CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

67450.40-67450.49 School hazardous waste collection, consolidation, and accumulation facilities

Management Resources:

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CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT PUBLICATIONS

Art and Craft Materials in Schools: Guidelines for Purchasing and Safe Use, September 17, 2016

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Administrative Regulation

Transportation Routes And Services

AR 3541

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Note: The following administrative regulation is for use by districts that choose to provide transportation services for students to and from school, either through their own transportation system, contracting out, or other methods, as authorized by Education Code 39800.

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that ~~to~~ promote student~~the~~ safety, ~~of students and~~ maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

~~(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)~~

~~(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)~~

~~(cf. 3540 - Transportation)~~

Note: 5 CCR 15241 establishes minimum transportation distances for determining district reimbursement for transportation expenses. These distances are measured from the point the student boards the bus at the regular stop to the school by the shortest traveled road. The numbers listed below reflect reimbursement minimums pursuant to 5 CCR 15241. Districts should revise the following list to reflect appropriate grades and applicable distances.

~~Maximum walking distance to a school is:~~

~~Grades K—8 one and one half (1 1/2) mile~~

~~Students who reside beyond maximum walking distance shall be eligible for transportation service and from designated pick-up points to the school of their attendance area.~~

~~Students who attend to and from a school if the distance between outside their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below; attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Board policy.~~

~~(cf. 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment)~~

~~(cf. 5117.1 Interdistrict Attendance Agreements)~~

~~(cf=~~

1. For elementary school students:

Grades K-5: three-fourths mile

2. For students attending a three-year junior high school:

Grades 6-8: one mile

~~5117.2—Alternative Interdistrict Attendance Program)~~

The Superintendent or ~~Superintendent's~~ designee may authorize transportation below these limits~~from any distance for grades K through 8~~ when safety~~special~~ problems or hazards exist. ~~The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall design school routes and stops so as to enhance the safety of student pedestrians.~~

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School)

~~The district shall provide homeless children with transportation services comparable to those offered to other students at the school of attendance. —(42 USC 11432)~~

~~If the student moves to a shelter that is in another attendance area within the district, the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee may arrange transportation that enables the student to continue attending the same school.~~

~~If a homeless student attending school in this district moves to a shelter that is in another district, the Superintendent or designee may arrange transportation that enables the student to continue attending the same school in this district. —This transportation may be achieved through the transportation services of this district, the new district, or another outside agency.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules, and stops. He/she may also~~and/or shall~~ arrange for local media to publish such information.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

~~(cf.)~~

Note: Items #1-10 below should be revised to reflect services provided or contracted for by the district.

~~5145.6—Parental Notifications)~~

~~Transportation Services~~

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 3980038020)
2. Field trips and excursions_ (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to~~to~~ be for the benefit of students _ (Education Code 3986038065)

Note: Education Code 39837.5, as amended by AB 1453 (Ch. 173, Statutes of 2017), authorizes districts to provide for the transportation of adult volunteers to and from educational activities.

4. District employees, ~~or~~ parents/guardians, and adult volunteers traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code ~~39837.538055~~)

5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

6. Private school students, upon the same terms, in the same manner, and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code ~~3980838029~~)

7. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:

a. Community recreation (Education Code ~~3983538052~~)

b. Public transportation (Education Code ~~3984138059~~)

Note: Item #10c is for use only by districts that have entered into a contract with a federal, state, or local agency pursuant to Education Code 39840 to grant the use of a school bus to transport employees of that agency to and from their places of employment, provided that the district already provides transportation to and from school for students residing on the government agency's property, public transportation is not reasonably available to the agency's employees, and the transportation of agency employees does not interfere with the district's use of school buses for school transportation purposes.

Delivery of Students

1. ~~Kindergarten~~

a. ~~Kindergarten students shall be delivered from school to the stop nearest the student's house.~~

b. ~~Due to the fragile nature of the kindergarten student, a parent or parent designee is required to meet the bus, unless a signed District parental authorization form allowing the child to walk home is on file with the~~

c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment
(Education Code 39840)

~~Transportation Department. If no authorized adult is at the bus stop, and no written authorization is on file, the student will be returned to Rescue Transportation Center or to the school of attendance when open.~~

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries

~~e.~~ may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

~~In the case of kindergartners, if there are repeated occasions where a parent/guardian fails to be at the stop to receive the child and the driver is required to bring the student back and wait for the parents/guardians, the parents/guardians of the child shall be billed for the driver's time above and beyond his/her normal driving hours or bus privileges may be suspended. The transportation supervisor shall notify parent/guardians via a certified letter prior to implementing a change in transportation privileges.~~

~~2. First through Eighth~~

~~a. Whenever a student in grades 1-8 is deemed undeliverable, either because of driver concern over the safety of the student being delivered to his/her normal stop, or because the student is on the wrong bus for whatever reason, the student shall be brought back to the Rescue Transportation Center and then to school of attendance as directed by the Transportation Supervisor.~~

~~3. All Students~~

~~a. As a last resort, if a student's parents/guardians cannot be found and there is no one to whom the student can be released, then the student will be remanded to the custody of the Child Protective Services by the Superintendent or designated school official.~~

~~b. As a courtesy and as approved by the Transportation Supervisor, the driver or designated school staff member may deliver the student in either a district vehicle or in their personal car when a parent/guardian who has been notified of the child's location is unable to pick up the child.~~

~~Students With Disabilities~~

~~The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. programs. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482;—1491, 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)~~

~~(cf. 3541.2 - *Transportation for Students with Disabilities*)~~

~~(cf. 6159 - *Individualized Education Program*)~~

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

Note: The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11432) mandates that the district adopt policies and practices to ensure that transportation is provided to homeless students who have moved, but have decided to continue to attend their school of origin. See BP/AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children for language implementing this mandate.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 Use of school buses for community recreation

35330 Excursions and field trips

35350 Authority to transport pupils

39800-39809.5 Transportation, general provisions, especially:

39800 Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school

39801.5 Transportation for adults

39808 Transportation for private school students

39830-39843 School buses, especially:

39835 Use of school buses for community recreation

39837 Transportation to summer employment program

39837.5 Transportation of employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers to school activities

39860 Transportation to school activities

41850-41856 Allowances for transportation

41860-41863 Supplementary allowances for transportation

48853.5 Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15240-15244 Allowances for student transportation, definitions

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

6312 Transportation to maintain children in foster care in school of origin

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

300.17 Free appropriate public education

300.34 Special education related services

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Administrative Regulation

Transportation Safety And Emergencies

AR 3543

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Cautionary Notice: Government Code 17581.5 relieves districts from the obligation to perform specified mandated activities when the Budget Act does not provide reimbursement during that fiscal year. The Budget Act of 2018 (SB 840, Ch. 29, Statutes of 2018) extends the suspension of these requirements through the 2018-19 fiscal year. As a result, certain provisions of the following administrative regulation related to transportation safety plans and safety instruction for students may be suspended.

Note: The following regulation is for use by districts that provide school bus transportation using their own school bus drivers. Districts that contract out for all transportation services may revise this regulation as appropriate to ensure that the contracting firm meets all legal requirements regarding transportation safety.

Each day, prior to driving a school bus, each school bus driver shall inspect the bus to ensure that it is in safe operating condition and equipped as required by law and that all equipment is in good working order. At the completion of each day's work, the driver shall prepare and sign a written report of the condition of the equipment specified in 13 CCR 1215. The report shall indicate any defect or deficiency discovered by or reported to the driver which would affect safe operation or result in mechanical breakdown of the bus. If no defect or deficiency is discovered or reported, the driver shall so indicate on the report. Any defect or deficiency that would affect safe operation shall be repaired prior to operating the bus. (13 CCR 1215)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

Safety Equipment

~~Each~~ Passenger Restraint Systems

Note: Pursuant to Vehicle Code 27316 and 27316.5, any school bus or student activity bus purchased or leased for use in California must be equipped with a passenger restraint system if the bus was manufactured on or after the dates specified in law, as described below. As amended by AB 1798 (Ch. 206, Statutes of 2018), Vehicle Code 27316 requires that all school buses in use in California must be equipped with a passenger restraint system on or before July 1, 2035.

Toward this end, districts may retrofit older school buses with passenger restraint systems. In determining whether to retrofit buses, the California Department of Education's (CDE) "Passenger Restraints Frequently Asked Questions" recommends that districts consider the age of the bus, the total cost of the retrofit, and the required reinspection of the bus by the California Highway Patrol.

~~school bus shall be equipped with one or two fire extinguishers having an aggregate rating of not less than 8B:C units. A wheelchair school bus shall be equipped with two extinguishers, each-~~

~~one rated at not less than 8B:C; one to be placed in the driver's compartment and the other at the wheelchair loading door or emergency exit.— Education Code 39838; 13 CCR 1242)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any school bus or student activity bus which is purchased or leased by the district is equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso passenger restraint system at all designated seating positions if that bus: (Vehicle Code 27316, 27316.5; 13 CCR 1201)–

1. Is a Type 1 school bus designed for carrying more than 16 passengers and the driver, and was manufactured on or after July 1, 2005

2. Is a Type 2 school bus or student activity bus designed for carrying 16 or fewer passengers and the driver, or ~~designed~~ for carrying 20 or fewer passengers and the driver if the bus has and having a manufacturer's vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and was manufactured on or after July 1, 2004

Note: The following optional paragraph reflects legislative intent of Vehicle Code 27316.

The Superintendent or designee shall prioritize the allocation of school buses purchased, leased, or contracted to ensure that elementary students receive first priority for new school buses equipped with passenger restraint systems whenever feasible.

When a school bus or student activity bus is equipped with a passenger restraint system, all passengers shall use the passenger restraint system. (5 CCR 14105)

Note: Pursuant to Vehicle Code 27316, no person, district, or organization may be held criminally liable if a passenger improperly uses or fails to use the passenger restraint system. However, the CDE's "Passenger Restraints Frequently Asked Questions" encourages districts to develop procedures to enforce disciplinary actions for nonuse or improper use of the passenger restraint system.

The following optional paragraph may be expanded to specify the steps that should be taken by the driver to reasonably ensure that all passengers are properly restrained (e.g., verbal instructions to students, visual inspection), which may vary depending on the age/grade levels of the students. Such steps may also be incorporated in district regulations adopted pursuant to 5 CCR 14103 related to student conduct on buses, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges; see BP/AR 5131.1 - Bus Conduct.

Bus drivers shall be instructed regarding procedures to enforce the ~~enforce~~ proper use of the passenger restraint system. Students who fail to follow instructions of the bus driver may be subject to discipline, including suspension of riding privileges, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

Safe Bus Operations

~~School buses and student activity buses shall not be operated whenever the number of passengers exceeds bus seating capacity, except when necessary in emergency situations which require that individuals be moved immediately to ensure their safety.~~

~~(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)~~

~~School bus operations shall be limited when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less during regular home to school transportation service.~~

~~(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)~~

~~(cf. 5144 - Discipline)~~

Fire Extinguishers

~~Each driver for school bus shall be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher, located in the driver's compartment, which meets the standards specified in law. In addition, a wheelchair school bus activity trips shall have another fire extinguisher placed at the wheelchair loading door or emergency exit. All fire extinguishers shall be regularly inspected and serviced in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal. (Education Code 39838; 13 CCR 1242; 19 CCR 574-575.3)~~

Child Safety Alert System

Note: Pursuant Vehicle Code 28160, as amended by AB 1840 (Ch. 426, Statutes of 2018), on or before March 1, 2019, each school bus, student activity bus, youth bus, and child care motor vehicle (i.e., vehicle designed, used, or maintained for more than eight persons, including the driver, that is used by a child care provider to transport children) must be equipped with a "child safety alert system" (i.e., a device located at the interior rear of a vehicle that requires the driver to either manually contact or scan the device before exiting the vehicle). Districts with an average daily attendance of 4,000 or less that cannot meet this requirement by that date may submit specified documentation to the California Highway Patrol, on or before March 1, 2019, which demonstrates that they have ordered or purchased the child safety alert system(s) and made arrangements for the installation. Upon providing this documentation, such districts will have until September 1, 2019 to meet the requirement.

~~(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)~~

~~(cf. 3540 - Transportation)~~

~~(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)~~

~~(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)~~

Student activity buses may be exempt from this requirement if certain procedures are followed, as specified in Vehicle Code 28160.

~~In accordance with Vehicle Code 28160, each person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone unless that telephone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands free listening and talking, and is used in that manner while driving.~~

~~A driver shall only use a wireless telephone while driving a school bus or, student activity bus shall be equipped with an operational child safety alert system at the interior rear of the bus that requires the driver to either manually contact or scan the device, thereby prompting the driver to inspect the entirety of the interior of the vehicle before exiting.~~

~~A student activity bus that does not have a child safety alert system may be used only if all of the following apply: (Vehicle Code 28160)~~

- ~~1. The student activity bus is not used exclusively to transport students.~~

2. When the student activity bus is used to transport students, the students are accompanied by at least one adult chaperone selected by a school official. If an adult chaperone is not a school employee, the chaperone shall meet the requirements for a school volunteer.

~~, or other motor vehicle for work-related purposes~~ (cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

3. One adult chaperone has a list of every student and adult chaperone, including a school employee, who is on the student activity bus at the time of departure.

4. The driver has reviewed all safety and emergency procedures before the initial departure, and the driver and adult chaperone have signed a form, with the time and date, acknowledging that the safety plan and procedures were reviewed.

5. Immediately before departure from any location, the adult chaperone shall account for each student on the list of students, verify the number of students to the driver, and sign a form indicating that all students are present or accounted for.

6. After students have exited a student activity bus, and before driving away, the driver shall check all areas of the bus, emergency purposes including, but not limited to, overhead compartments and bathrooms, to ensure that the bus is vacant.

7. The driver shall sign a form with the time and date verifying that all required procedures have been followed.

8. The information required to be recorded pursuant to items #4, 5, and 7 may be recorded on a single form and shall be retained by the district for a minimum of two years.

Electronic Communications Devices

Note: Vehicle Code 23125 prohibits a person from driving a school bus while using a wireless telephone except for work-related or emergency purposes. Vehicle Code 23123.5 prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle (including a school bus or school activity bus pursuant to Vehicle Code 415 and 545) from using an electronic wireless communications device for any purpose, including, but not limited to, text-based communication, but provides an exception for voice-operated and hands-free operation or for a function that requires only a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger as long as the device is mounted on the windshield, dashboard, or center console of the vehicle. The following paragraph limits the use of any electronic communications device to work-related or emergency purposes. The district should consult legal counsel if it is considering allowing broader use of such devices.

A bus driver is prohibited from driving a school bus or student activity bus while using a wireless telephone or other electronic wireless communications device except for work-related or emergency purposes, including, but not limited to, contacting ~~all~~ a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or other emergency service agency or entity. In any such permitted situation, the driver shall only use a wireless telephone or device that is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation or a function that requires only a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger provided the device is mounted on the windshield, dashboard, or center console of the bus. (Vehicle Code 23123.5, 23125) ~~(Vehicle Code 23123, 23125)~~

~~(cf. 3513.1— Cellular Phone Reimbursement)
(cf. 4040— Employee Use of Technology)~~

~~A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication, including, but not limited to, text messages, instant messages, and email. This prohibition does not include reading, selecting, or entering a telephone number or name in an electronic wireless communications device for the purpose of making or receiving a telephone call. (Vehicle Code 23123.5)~~

Safe Bus Operations

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 39834, any Governing Board member, employee, or other person who knowingly operates or permits operation of a school bus in excess of its seating capacity is guilty of a misdemeanor. However, the Board is authorized to adopt policy that allows seating capacities to be exceeded in cases of emergency; see BP/AR 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan.

School buses and student activity buses shall not be operated whenever the number of passengers exceeds bus seating capacity, except when necessary in emergency situations which require that individuals be transported immediately to ensure their safety. (Education Code 39834)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Note: Vehicle Code 34501.6 mandates any district that provides student transportation to adopt procedures that limit bus operation when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility, as described below, and that give drivers for school activity trips discretionary authority to discontinue operation when it is unsafe.

School bus operations shall be limited when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less during regular home-to-school transportation service. Bus drivers for school activity trips may discontinue bus operation whenever they determine that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility. (Vehicle Code 34501.6)

Unauthorized Entry

The Superintendent or designee may place a notice at bus entrances that warns against unauthorized entry. –The driver or another school official may order any person to disembark if that person enters a bus without prior authorization. _(Education Code 39842; 13 CCR 1256.5)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

~~The Superintendent or designee shall review all investigations of bus incidents and accidents to develop preventative measures.~~

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

Transportation Safety Plan for Boarding and Exiting Buses

Note: The district should modify items #1-2 below to reflect grade levels offered by the district. A district that does not maintain any of grades prekindergarten through 8 should delete items #1-2.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a transportation safety plan containing procedures for school personnel to follow to ensure the safe transport of students. The plan shall ~~address~~include all of the following: (Education Code 39831.3)

1. ~~Determination of whether~~Procedures for determining if students in grades ~~prekindergarten~~pre-kindergarten through 8 require an escort to cross a private road or highway at a bus stop pursuant to Vehicle Code 22112

2. Procedures for all students in grades ~~prekindergarten~~pre-kindergarten through 8 to follow as they board and exit the bus at their bus stops

3. Boarding~~Procedures for all students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8 for boarding~~ and exiting a school bus at a school or other trip destination

Note: Education Code 39831.3 requires that the transportation plan include procedures to ensure that a student is not left unattended on a school bus or student activity bus. It is recommended that the plan reflect the requirement of Vehicle Code 28160 to install a child safety alert system on each bus. See the section "Child Safety Alert System" above.

4. Procedures to ensure that a student is not left unattended on a school bus, student activity bus, or, if applicable, youth bus

5. Procedures and standards for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany students on a school activity bus

A copy of the plan shall be kept at each school site and made available upon request to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). (Education Code 39831.3)

Parental Notifications

Note: The following section is for use by districts that offer any of grades prekindergarten through 6 and should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide written safety information to the parents/guardians of all students in grades ~~prekindergarten~~pre-kindergarten through ~~6~~ who have not previously been transported in a district school bus or student activity bus. -This information shall be provided upon registration and shall ~~contain~~address: (Education Code 39831.5)

1. A list of school bus stops near each student's home
2. General rules of conduct at school bus loading zones
3. Red light crossing instructions

4. ~~A description of the~~The school bus danger zone
5. ~~Instructions for safely~~Safety while walking to and from school bus stops

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Student Instruction

~~Students~~All students who are transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety as follows:- (Education Code 39831.5; 5 CCR 14102)

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that instruction is provided to students as follows:~~

1. Each ~~school~~ year, all students who receive home-to-school transportation in a school bus shall be provided the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate instruction in safe riding practices and emergency evacuation drills. ~~— Each student who receives home-to-school transportation in a school bus shall be required to receive this instruction. (5 CCR 14102)~~

Note: Item #2 below is for use by districts that offer any of grades prekindergarten through 8 and should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

2. At least once each school year, all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to: ~~(Education Code 39831.5)~~

- a. Proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver
- b. How to safely cross the street, highway, or private road

c. In school buses with passenger restraint systems, instruction in the use of such systems as specified in 5 CCR 14105, including, but not limited to, the proper fastening and release of the passenger restraint system, acceptable placement of passenger restraint systems on students, times at which the passenger restraint systems should be fastened and released, and acceptable placement of the passenger restraint systems when not in use

- d. Proper passenger conduct

~~(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)~~

- e. Bus evacuation procedures
- f. Location of emergency equipment

As part of this instruction, students shall evacuate the school bus through emergency exit doors. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit. ~~(Education Code 39831.5)~~

Each time the above instruction is given, the following information shall be documented: ~~(Education Code 39831.5)~~

- a. District name
- b. School name and location
- c. Date of instruction
- d. Names of supervising adults
- e. Number of students participating
- f. Grade levels of students
- g. Subjects covered in instruction
- h. Amount of time taken for instruction
- i. Bus driver's name
- j. Bus number
- k. Additional remarks

This documentation shall be kept on file at the district office or the school for one year and shall be available for inspection by the ~~CHP, California Highway Patrol. (Education Code 39831.5)~~

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Note: Item #3 below applies to all students in grades prekindergarten through 12.

3. Before departing on a school activity trip, all students riding on a school bus or student activity bus shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to, the location of emergency exits and the location and use of emergency equipment. ~~;(Education Code 39831.5)~~ This instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

Bus Accidents

~~In the event a location of a school bus accident, the driver shall immediately notify the CHP emergency exits~~

~~b. Location and use of emergency equipment~~

~~This instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.~~ (Education Code 39831.5)

~~The Superintendent or designee. The driver shall not leave the immediate vicinity of the bus to seek aid unless necessary. (13 CCR 1219) shall provide written information to the parents/guardians of all students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8 regarding the above student training.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a report of each accident that occurred on public or private property involving a school bus with students aboard. The report shall contain pertinent details of the accident and shall be retained for 12 months from the date of the accident. If the accident was not investigated by the CHP, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the report to the local CHP within five work days of the date of the accident. (13 CCR 1234)

The Superintendent or designee shall review all investigations of bus incidents and accidents to develop preventative measures.

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

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Administrative Regulation

Absences And Excuses

AR 5113
Students

Excused Absences

Note: Items #1-14 below reflect absences that are authorized by law to be considered as excused absences for purposes of enforcing the compulsory state attendance laws. Pursuant to Education Code 48205, absences specified in items #1-10 are considered absences in computing average daily attendance and do not generate state apportionment payments.

Subject to any applicable limitation, condition, or other requirement specified in law, a student's absence shall be excused for any of the following reasons:

1. Personal illness (Education Code 48205)

2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

3. Medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic appointment (Education Code 48205)

4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the student's immediate family (Education Code 48205)

Such absence, which shall be limited to one day if the service is conducted in California or three days if the service is conducted out of state. (Education Code 48205)

5. Jury duty in the manner provided by law (Education Code 48205)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48205, absence due to the illness or medical appointment of a student's child is counted as an excused absence. As amended by AB 2289 (Ch. 942, Statutes of 2018), Education Code 48205 prohibits the district from requiring a physician's note for such absences. See the section "Method of Verification" below.

6. Illness or medical appointment of a child to whom the student is the custodial parent (Education Code 48205)

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

~~7. Immediate family shall be defined as mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, spouse, son/son-in-law, daughter/daughter-in-law, brother, sister, or any relative living in the student's-~~

~~immediate household. (Education Code 45194, 48205)~~

~~5.—~~Upon advance written request by the parent/guardian and the approval of the principal or designee, justifiable personal reasons including, but not limited to: (Education Code 48205)

a. Appearance in court

b. Attendance at a funeral service

c. ~~Observance—Observation~~ of a religious holiday or ceremony ~~of his/her religion~~

d. Attendance at religious retreats for no more than~~not to exceed~~ four hours per semester

e. Attendance at an employment conference

f. Attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization

~~8.6.—~~Service as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code 12302 (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

9. To spend time with an immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code 49701, and has been called to duty for deployment to a combat zone or a combat support position or is on leave from or has immediately returned from such deployment (Education Code 48205)

Such absence shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48205)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

10. Attendance at a naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen (Education Code 48205)

Note: Item #11 below should be included only if the Governing Board has adopted a resolution permitting absences for religious instruction or exercises. See the accompanying Board policy. If these absences are allowed, Education Code 46014 mandates that the Board adopt regulations governing students' attendance at religious exercises or instruction and the reporting of such absences. These regulations should include all of item #11 below and may be expanded to reflect district practice.

11. ~~7.—~~Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at the student's place of worship or other suitable place away from~~in accordance with district policy—~~ (Education Code 46014)

~~a. In such instances, the student shall attend at least the minimum school (Education Code 46014)day.~~

~~b. The student shall be excused for this purpose on no more than four days per school month.~~

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

Note: Education Code 46014 provides that absence for participation in religious instruction or exercises will not be considered an absence for state apportionment purposes if the student attends school for at least the minimum school day and is not absent for this purpose on more than four days per school month. Pursuant to Education Code 46112, 46113, 46117, and 46141, unless otherwise provided by law, the minimum school day is generally 180 minutes for kindergarten, 230 minutes for grades 1-3, and 240 minutes for grades 4-12. For further information, see AR 6112 - School Day.

~~Absence for student participation in religious exercises or instruction shall not be considered an absence for the purpose of computing average daily attendance if the student attends at least the minimum school day as specified in AR 6112 - School Day, and is not excused from school for this purpose on more than four days per school month. (Education Code 46014)~~

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

12. Work in the entertainment or allied industry (Education Code 48225.5)

Such absence shall be excused provided that the student holds a work permit authorizing such work and is absent for a period of not more than five consecutive days and up to five absences per school year. (Education Code 48225.5)

13. Participation with a nonprofit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school audience (Education Code 48225.5)

A student may be excused for up to five such absences per school year provided that the student's parent/guardian provides a written explanation of such absence to the school. (Education Code 48225.5)

Note: As amended by AB 2289, Education Code 48205 clarifies that, in addition to the excused absences described in Education Code 48205 and 48225.5, students may be excused for other reasons at the discretion of school administrators.

14. Other reasons authorized at the discretion of the principal or designee based on the student's specific circumstances (Education Code 48205, 48260)

Note: AB 2289 amended Education Code 48205 to revise the definition of "immediate family" as provided in the following paragraph.

For the purpose of the absences described above, immediate family means the student's parent/guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the student's household. (Education Code 48205)

Method of Verification

Note: Education Code 48205, as amended by AB 2289, prohibits the district from requiring a physician's note for absences due to the illness or medical appointment of the student's child. However, the district is authorized to require verification of other absences. The following section should be revised to reflect district-adopted methods of verification and to specify employee(s) assigned to verify absences. 5 CCR 420-421 provide guidelines for verifying absences due to illness; quarantine; medical, dental, or eye appointments; or attendance at a funeral service of a member of a student's immediate family. 5 CCR 421 authorizes a student's absence to be verified by a school or public health nurse, attendance supervisor, physician, principal, teacher, or any other qualified district employee assigned to make such verification.

Student absence to care for a child for whom the student is the custodial parent shall not require a physician's note. (Education Code 48205)

For other absences, the student shall, upon returning to school following the absence, ~~When a student who has been absent returns to school, he/she shall~~ present a satisfactory explanation verifying the reason for the absence. Absences shall be verified by the student's parent/guardian, other person having charge or control of the student~~minor~~, or the student if age 18 or older. (Education Code 46012; 5 CCR 306)

When an absence is planned, the principal or designee shall be notified prior to the date of the absence when possible.

The following methods may be used to verify student absences:

1. —Written note, fax, ~~or~~ email, or voice mail from parent/guardian or parent representative.
 2. —Conversation, in person or by telephone, between the verifying employee and the student's parent/guardian or parent representative. The employee shall subsequently record the following:
 - a. Name of student
 - b. Name of parent/guardian or parent representative
 - c. Name of verifying employee
 - d. Date(s) of absence
 - e. Reason for absence
- (cf. 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision)*
3. —Visit to the student's home by the verifying employee, or any other reasonable method which establishes the fact that the student was absent for the reasons stated. —The employee shall document the verification and include the information specified in item #2 above.
 4. Physician's verification.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph provides a means of verifying an excuse for confidential medical services without inquiring into the nature of the medical services.

a.a.—When excusing students for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, district staff shall not ask the purpose of such appointments but may request a note from the contact a medical office to confirm the time of the appointment.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph provides that, after absences for illness on multiple occasions, the student may be required to bring a note from a physician to verify the illness. If a student does not have access to medical services in order to obtain such verification, the district may assist the student in obtaining the medical consultation if it is required.

b.If a student shows a pattern of chronic absenteeism due to illness, district staff may require physician verification of any further student absences.

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Parental Notifications

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall:

Note: The requirement in item #1 below is for use by districts whose board has adopted a resolution permitting an excused absence for religious instruction or exercises. See the accompanying Board policy and item #11 in the section "Excused Absences" above.

1. Notify parents/guardians of the right to excuse a student from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at their places of worship, or at other suitable places away from school property designated by a religious group, church, or denomination (Education Code 46014, 48980)

Note: The requirement in item #2 applies to all districts. Districts that maintain only elementary grades should delete the reference to students in grades 7-12.

2. Notify students in grades 7-12 and the parents/guardians of all students enrolled in the district that school authorities may excuse any student from school to obtain confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent/guardian (Education Code 46010.1)

3. Notify parents/guardians that a student shall not have a grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notice shall include the full text of Education Code 48205. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

b. When a student has had 14 absences in the school year for illness verified by methods listed in #1-3 above, any further absences for illness shall be verified by a physician.

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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 achievement and desires to ~~prepare~~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/guardian 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. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop 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.

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)

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: Pursuant to Education Code 49005.2, as added by AB 2657 (Ch. 998, Statutes of 2018), use of seclusion and behavioral restraint as a means of discipline is prohibited. Education Code 49005.4, as added by AB 2657, provides that seclusion or behavioral constraint may only be used to control behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a student or others that cannot be immediately prevented by a less restrictive response. See AR 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint.

Seclusion and behavioral restraint are prohibited as a means of discipline and shall not be used to correct student behavior except as permitted pursuant to Education Code 49005.4 and in accordance with district regulations. (Education Code 49005.2)

(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)

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)

(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. 0415 - Equity)
(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 and equitably implement the disciplinary strategies adopted for district schools, including, but not limited to, knowledge of consistent school and classroom management skills and their consistent application, effective accountability and positive intervention techniques, and the tools to form 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 connectedness to the school community, 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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Site-Level Rules

Note: The following section is **optional**. Pursuant to Education Code 35291.5, schools are authorized, but not required, to adopt site-level student discipline rules and procedures. Schools that choose to adopt student discipline rules, or that are directed by the Governing Board to do so, must solicit input from groups specified in items #1-5 below. Such site-level rules must be consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. If the school develops student discipline rules, Education Code 32282 requires that they be included in the comprehensive safety plan; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

In addition, pursuant to Education Code 52060, the district is required to adopt a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) that includes a description of the specific actions that it intends to take to achieve its annual goals in specified priority areas, including student engagement and school climate. In the development of the LCAP, the district is required to involve and/or consult with parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, and students in accordance with law. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Site-level rules shall be consistent with state law and Board~~district~~ policies and administrative regulations. In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the principal or designee shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Note: Item #5 below may be deleted by elementary districts.

5. For junior high and high schools, students enrolled in the school

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 35291.5 authorizes, but does not require, each school site to adopt school rules every four years. However, it is recommended that the timelines for the review of school rules be aligned with those for the review and updating of the comprehensive safety plan, since the school rules must, by law, be included in the plan. Pursuant to Education Code 32286, the comprehensive safety plan must be reviewed and updated every year by March 1; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

Annually, site-level discipline rules shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated to align with any changes in state law, district discipline policies and regulations, and/or goals for school safety and climate as specified in the district's local control and accountability plan. –A copy of the rules shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee for inclusion in the comprehensive safety plan.

–(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

School rules shall be communicated to students clearly and in an age-appropriate manner.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291.5)

Disciplinary Strategies

Note: Education Code 48900.5 lists means of correction of student behavior that a district may use as an alternative to suspension. The district should select those strategies that are appropriate for its student population. The following strategies may be modified or expanded to reflect district practice.

To the extent possible, staff shall use disciplinary strategies that keep students in school and participating in the instructional program. –Except when ~~students'~~ a student's presence causes a danger to ~~themselves~~ himself/herself or others or ~~they commit~~ he/she commits a single act of a grave nature or an offense for which suspension or expulsion is required by law, suspension or expulsion shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. Disciplinary strategies may include, but are not limited to:

1. Discussion or conference between school staff and the student and ~~his/her~~ parents/guardians

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

2. Referral of the student to the school counselor or other school support service personnel for case management and counseling

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

3. Convening of a study team, guidance team, resource panel, or other intervention-related team to assess the behavior and develop and implement an individual plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student and ~~his/her~~ parents/guardians

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

4. When applicable, referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

5.Enrollment in a program for teaching prosocial behavior or anger management

6.Participation in a restorative justice program

7.A positive behavior support approach with tiered interventions that occur during the school day on campus

8.Participation in a social and emotional learning program that teaches students the ability to understand and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations capably

Note: The Public Counsel's Fix School Project recognizes that exposure to chronic violence and other family or community traumas, such as serious accidents and life-threatening illnesses involving loved ones, and to conditions such as homelessness, may affect students' ability to learn and function well in school, and urges schools to adopt policies that recognize those factors and provide appropriate support to students.

9.Participation in a program that is sensitive to the traumas experienced by students, focuses on students' behavioral health needs, and addresses those needs in a proactive manner

10.After-school programs that address specific behavioral issues or expose students to positive activities and behaviors, including, but not limited to, those operated in collaboration with local parent and community groups

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

11.Recess restriction as provided in the section below entitled "Recess Restriction"

12.Detention after school hours as provided in the section below entitled "Detention After School"

13.Community service as provided in the section below entitled "Community Service"

14.In accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation, restriction or disqualification from participation in extracurricular activities

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities)

15.Reassignment to an alternative educational environment

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

16.Suspension and expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, when a student's misbehavior may result in a referral for suspension or expulsion after other means of correction have failed, the district may document and place in the student's record any other means of correction used to address the behavior. The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

When, by law or district policy, other means of correction are required to be implemented before a student could be suspended or expelled, any other means of correction implemented shall be documented and retained in the student's records. (Education Code 48900.5)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Recess Restriction

Note: The following optional section should be revised to reflect district practice. Although Education Code 44807.5 authorizes the district to adopt reasonable regulations allowing a teacher to restrict recess time for disciplinary purposes, it is recommended that districts discourage its use since it could limit students' opportunity to engage in physical activity which is inconsistent with district goals for student wellness. Studies have shown that, apart from its multiple health benefits, physical activity can help students improve their academic performance, attention, and behavior.

~~Teachers may restrict a student's recess time only when they believe~~A teacher may restrict a student's recess time only when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior. When recess restriction ~~involves~~may involve the withholding of physical activity from a student, ~~teachers~~the teacher shall try other disciplinary measures before imposing the restriction. Recess restriction shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under a certificated employee's supervision during the period of restriction.
3. ~~The student's teacher~~Teachers shall inform the principal of any recess restrictions ~~imposed~~they impose.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons for up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day, or until the departure of the school bus to which they have been assigned if applicable. (5 CCR 307, 353)

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

~~made.~~—The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

~~In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs.—(5 CCR 307, 353)~~

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is offered for districts that use Saturday classes for purposes of detention. Education Code 37223 authorizes the use of Saturday classes; however, except in the case of truants, attendance at such classes must be at the election of the student, or parent/guardian when the student is a minor.

Students may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school.

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Board, Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may, ~~at his/her discretion,~~ require a student to perform community service during nonschool hours on school grounds or, with written permission of the student's parent/guardian, off school grounds. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, **community or** campus betterment, and teacher, peer, or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

Note: Education Code 48900.6 provides that the community service option is not available for those students who have been suspended, pending expulsion, for acts qualifying for either "mandatory recommendation for expulsion" or "mandatory expulsion" pursuant to Education Code 48915. See BP 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then the student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension. (Education Code 48900.6)

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of district rules related to discipline. (Education Code 35291, 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of disciplinary rules to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the district.

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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 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 a violation 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, 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.

Note: Education Code 48900(k) prohibits a district from suspending students in grades K-3 for disruption or willful defiance and authorizes, but does not require, a district to suspend students in grades 4-12 for disruption or willful defiance. Even with this authority, districts should be careful in using these grounds, as available data have indicated a disproportionate use with certain student subgroups.

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 open 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)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that contract with the California Department of Education (CDE) to operate a California State Preschool Program. Education Code 8239.1, as added by AB 752 (Ch. 708, Statutes of 2017), prohibits the expulsion or disenrollment of a child in a preschool program unless the district has taken specified steps and the child's continued enrollment would present a serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children. For further details regarding the steps the district must take prior to expelling a child, see BP 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education.

No child enrolled in a preschool program shall be expelled except under limited circumstances as specified in AR 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education.

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

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

Note: Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1 require the district to maintain data related to suspensions and expulsions as provided below. Pursuant to Education Code 48916.1, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may require submission of such data as part of the Federal Program Monitoring process. In addition, 20 USC 7961 requires districts to submit to the CDE a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsions based on bringing or possessing a firearm on campus, including the name of the school, the number of students expelled, and the type of firearms involved.

The Superintendent or designee shall ~~maintain annually present to the Board a report of the~~ outcome data ~~related which the district is required to~~ student suspensions and expulsions in accordance with ~~collect pursuant to~~ Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, including, but not limited to, 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. For any expulsion that involves the possession of a firearm, such data shall include the name of the school and the type of firearm involved, as required pursuant to 20 USC 7961. Suspension and expulsion data shall be reported to the Board annually and to the California Department of Education when so required.

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 by school and by numerically significant student subgroups, including, but not limited to, ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. Based on the data, the Board shall address any identified disparities in the imposition of student discipline and shall determine 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 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 4-128," that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.

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 originated on or off the school 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, but not limited to, posting to or creating a burn page or creating a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above.

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.

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-128" 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. (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 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:

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 the other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension as required pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, and the 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. See the section below titled "Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth and Homeless Students." 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.

S 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)

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 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 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: 20 USC 7961 requires the district, in the consolidated application for federal funding, to provide an assurance that it will comply with the state requirement to expel, for a period not less than one year, any student who brings a firearm to school or possesses a firearm at school.

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 "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" act listed in the section "Authority to Expel" in the accompanying Board policy 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: Education Code 48902 requires the principal or designee to notify law enforcement authorities when a student 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). When submitting the consolidated application for federal funding, the district must provide assurance that it has adopted a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm or weapon to a school. The following section fulfills this requirement.

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, ~~or of any student acts involving. 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~~ or district 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)

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Policy

Hate-Motivated Behavior

BP 5145.9

Students

Note: The following optional policy addresses prevention strategies for hate-motivated incidents and should be modified to reflect district practice. Elements of this policy should be integrated into existing district and school site plans, such as the local control and accountability plan, comprehensive school safety plan, and staff development plans.

~~The Governing Board is committed to providing~~ create a safe learning environment ~~that protects for~~ all students, ~~the Governing Board desires to protect the right of every student to be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and other hate-motivated behavior motivated by a person's hostility towards another person's real or perceived ethnicity, national origin, immigrant status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability, or any other physical or cultural characteristic. The Superintendent or designee shall design strategies to and will promote harmonious relationships among students, prevent incidents so as to enable them to gain a true understanding of hate-motivated the civil rights and social responsibilities of people in society. The district prohibits discriminatory behavior to the extent possible, and address such incidents if they occur or statements that degrade an individual on the basis of his/her actual or perceived race, ethnicity, culture, heritage, gender, sex, sexual orientation, physical/mental attributes, or religious beliefs or practices.~~

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

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment ~~5147 - Dropout Prevention~~)

~~(cf.~~

Note: Hate-motivated behavior, such as an assault, physical threat, bomb threat, destruction of property, graffiti, and certain types of vandalism, may constitute a crime under state or federal law. Local law enforcement agencies and human rights commissions throughout the state have established countywide hate crimes networks aimed at responding to and preventing hate crimes. Districts can identify local hate crime resources through the California Association of Human Relations Organizations, which conducts activities designed to protect human and civil rights through networks of collaborations that reduce community tension and build intergroup relationships.

~~5149 - At Risk Students)~~

The following optional paragraph should be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with regional programs and community organizations to promote safe environments for youth. ~~Such collaborative~~ ~~These~~ efforts shall ~~focus~~ ~~be focused~~ on ~~ensuring~~ ~~providing~~ an efficient use of district and community resources, ~~developing effective prevention strategies and response plans, providing assistance to students affected by hate-motivated behavior, and/or educating students who have perpetrated hate-motivated acts.~~

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

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

~~(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)~~

The district shall provide ~~students with~~ age-appropriate instruction ~~that includes the development of social-emotional learning, promotes their~~ ~~to help promote an~~ understanding of and respect for human rights, diversity, and ~~acceptance~~ ~~tolerance~~ in a multicultural society, and ~~provides~~ ~~to provide~~ strategies to manage conflicts constructively.—

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

(cf. ~~6142~~ ~~6141~~.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

As necessary, the district shall provide counseling, guidance, and support to students who are victims of hate-motivated behavior and to students who exhibit such behavior.

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that ~~the rules prohibiting hate-motivated behavior and procedures for reporting a hate-motivated incident are provided to students and parents/guardians.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff with~~ ~~receive~~ training on recognizing ~~and preventing~~ hate-motivated behavior and on ~~effectively enforcing rules for appropriate student conduct~~ ~~strategies to help respond appropriately to such behavior.~~

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Grievance Procedures

~~Any~~ **Complaint Process**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 234.1, districts are required to adopt a process for receiving and investigating complaints involving unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying) based on race or ethnicity, nationality, gender, sex, sexual orientation, religion, immigration status, or any characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes in Penal Code 422.55. In addition, federal regulations

require districts to adopt procedures providing for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex (34 CFR 106.8), disability (34 CFR 104.7 and 28 CFR 35.107), and age (34 CFR 110.25). Pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4670, uniform complaint procedures (UCP) must be used for this purpose. See BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Although some incidents of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may not fall within the provisions of Education Code 234.1 or federal civil rights regulations, CSBA strongly recommends that districts use the UCP to investigate all incidents (whether discriminatory or nondiscriminatory) to ensure consistent implementation by district staff. It is not always easy or possible for staff to know prior to an investigation whether a student was victimized because of his/her actual or perceived membership in a legally protected class. Those incidents found to involve discrimination based on the results of the investigation would then be resolved using the UCP. When an incident is determined to be nondiscriminatory, it should be resolved through the appropriate disciplinary process.

A student or parent/guardian who believes the student/he/she is a victim of hate-motivated behavior is strongly encouraged to report the incident to a teacher, the principal, or other staff member.

Any staff member who is notified that hate-motivated behavior has occurred, observes such behavior, or otherwise becomes aware of an incident shall immediately contact the principal or the compliance officer responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and complying with state and federal civil rights laws. As appropriate, he/she Coordinator for Nondiscrimination/Principal. Upon receiving such a complaint, the Coordinator/Principal shall also contact law enforcement.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

~~immediately investigate the~~ (cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

~~Any complaint of in accordance with school level complaint process/grievance procedures as described in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment. A student who has been found to have demonstrated hate-motivated behavior shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, shall be resolved subject to discipline in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, Board policy, and administrative regulation. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory behavior, the student believes that the situation has not been remedied by the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint, he/she may file a complaint in accordance with district complaint procedures~~

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

~~(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)~~

~~Staff who receive notice of hate-motivated behavior or personally observe such behavior shall notify the principal, Superintendent or designee, and law enforcement, as appropriate. Students demonstrating hate-motivated behavior shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.~~

~~(cf. 5131 - Conduct)~~

~~(cf. 5144 - Discipline)~~

~~(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)~~

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

~~(cf. 5145.9(d7—Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 3515.3—District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358—Employee Security)~~

~~As necessary, the district shall provide counseling and appropriate sensitivity training and diversity education for students exhibiting hate motivated behavior. The district shall also provide counseling, guidance, and support to students who are victims of hate motivated behavior and to students who exhibit such behavior.~~

~~(cf. 6164.2—Guidance/Counseling Services)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff receive appropriate training to recognize hate motivated behavior and methods for handling such behavior in appropriate ways.~~

~~(cf. 4131—Staff Development)
(cf. 4231—Staff Development)
(cf. 4331—Staff Development)~~

~~The~~

~~district shall provide age appropriate instruction to help promote understanding of and respect for human rights.~~

~~At the beginning of each school year, students and staff shall receive a copy of the district's policy on hate motivated behavior.~~

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~~U.S. Department of Justice: <https://www.justice.gov>~~

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Policy RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Rescue Union ESD

Board Policy

Toxic Art Supplies

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BP 6161.3

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to protect the health and safety of students in the selection of materials used for instruction in arts and crafts activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the purchase, use and proper disposal of arts and crafts materials which ensure that the health and safety of students is protected from harmful exposure to toxic substances in accordance with Education Code 32064 and established health standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that arts and crafts material purchased for use by students in grades K-6 will not contain toxic substances or cause chronic illness as determined by the State Department of Health Services.

Students in grades 7-12 are considered able to read and understand product labels and to take adequate precautions to use products which are prohibited for use in grades K-6. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that arts and crafts materials purchased for use in grades 7-12 meet the requirements of Education Code 32065. The products must be properly labeled to identify toxic ingredients, warn of potential adverse health effects and describe procedures for safe use and storage.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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32061 Art or craft material; definition

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32066 List of toxic art supplies; preparation and distribution

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Management Resources:

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0712.94 Toxic Art Supplies List of Approved Products CIL :94/95-01

Policy RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Policy

Evaluation Of The Instructional Program

BP 6190

Instruction

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

The Governing Board recognizes that it is accountable to students, parents/guardians, and the community for the effectiveness of the district's educational program in meeting district goals for student learning. The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a continual evaluation of the curriculum and the instructional program in order to identify strategies for improving~~improve~~ student achievement.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

Note: The district may revise the following paragraph to specify the data and reports that will be used to evaluate the district's instructional program.

Education Code 52060-52061 require that the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) establish goals, for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup, that are aligned with the state priorities, and that the district annually review progress toward the goals; see BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. Pursuant to Education Code 52052, numerically significant student subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when the subgroup consists of at least 30 students with a valid test score or 15 foster or homeless youth. The California School Dashboard reports the status of district and school performance on multiple state and local indicators and is intended to assist districts in identifying strengths and areas in need of improvement in each priority area addressed by the LCAP.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board and the community with regular reports on student ~~progress toward Board-established standards of expected~~ achievement. ~~The reports at each grade level in each area of study. In addition, he/she~~ shall ~~include evaluate and report~~ data for each district school and for ~~each~~every numerically significant student subgroup, as defined in Education Code 52052, including, but not limited to, school and subgroup performance on statewide achievement indicators and progress toward goals specified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. ~~6173 - Education for Homeless Children~~6162.52 – High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English ~~Language~~-Learners)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an evaluation of any new instructional program implemented in the district and shall regularly assess district progress toward increasing student achievement in all subject areas taught in the district. The findings of such evaluations and assessments shall be reported to the Board.

Based on these reports, the Board shall take appropriate actions to maintain the effectiveness of programs and to improve the quality of education provided to~~that~~ district students ~~receive~~.

Annual Evaluation~~Monitoring~~ of Consolidated Application Programs

Note: The following optional section should be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 64000-64001, the consolidated application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute funds from certain federal categorical programs. Pursuant to 5 CCR 3942, as a condition of receiving continued funding for these programs, the district must make certain general assurances and certifications, including an assurance that the district's annual evaluation of categorical programs demonstrates that each program is "not one of low effectiveness." The district does not need to sign or return the general assurances, but does need to keep them on file for compliance reviews, complaint investigations, or audits.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 3942, criteria for the annual program evaluation are to be established by the Governing Board. The district may consider measures of the academic progress of students participating in the program, including numerically significant student groups, in addition to other measures contained in school plans or adopted by the Board.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall annually determine whether the district's categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application are effective in meeting the needs of the students they are intended to serve. As a basis for this evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the specific, measurable criteria that shall be used at each school and at the district level. These criteria may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the progress of all students participating in the program and of each numerically significant subgroup toward goals contained in the district's LCAP, the school's single plan for student achievement, ~~Title I local educational agency plan~~, and/or other applicable district or school plans.

~~To ensure that the district's categorical programs comply with applicable legal requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall, on an ongoing basis, conduct a district self-evaluation which may utilize tools developed by the district or the California Department of Education (CDE).~~

~~When the district is selected by the CDE for a Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) compliance review, the Superintendent or designee shall gather and submit all documentation and data required for the review and shall cooperate with CDE staff to facilitate program monitoring.~~

~~(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)~~

~~(ef. 35178.4), the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in writing of the inspection results and/or shall post the information on the district's or school's web site. (Education Code 35178.4)~~

~~0420—School Plans/Site Councils)~~

~~(cf. 0520.2—Title I Program Improvement Schools)~~

~~(cf. 0520.3—Title I Program Improvement Districts)~~

~~(cf. 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures)~~

~~(cf. 1312.4—Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)~~

~~(cf. 4112.24—Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)~~

~~(cf. 4131—Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 5020—Parent Rights and Responsibilities)~~

~~(cf. 5148—Child Care and Development Programs)~~

~~(cf. 5148.2—Before/After School Programs)~~

~~(cf. 5148.3—Preschool/Early Childhood Education)~~

~~(cf. 6020—Parent Involvement)~~

~~(cf. 6142.7—Physical Education and Activity)~~

~~(cf. 6171—Title I Programs)~~

~~(cf. 6173—Education for Homeless Children)~~

~~(cf. 6175—Migrant Education Program)~~

~~(cf. 6178—Career Technical Education)~~

~~(cf. 6178.1—Work Based Learning)~~

~~(cf. 6200—Adult Education)~~

~~In the event that the FPM review results in a finding of noncompliance in relation to any program, the Superintendent or designee shall submit a proposed resolution to the CDE within 45 days of the date the district was notified of the finding. The resolution shall be implemented in accordance with the terms and timeframe specified in the resolution agreement with the CDE.~~

~~(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)~~

~~(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)~~

~~If any district school loses its accreditation status, the Board shall give official notice at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to each parent/guardian of a student in the school that the school has lost its accreditation status, including the potential consequences of the loss of accreditation status. This notice shall also be posted on the district's web site and the school's web site. (Education Code 35178.4)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding the results of the review process.~~

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33400-33407 Educational evaluations

35178.4 Notice of accreditation status

44662 Evaluation and assessment guidelines, certificated employee performance

48985 Compliance with translation of parental notifications

51041 Education program, evaluation and revisions
51226 Model curriculum standards
~~52052 Accountability~~~~52052-1 Academic Performance Index~~; numerically significant student subgroups
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
62005.5 Failure to comply with purposes of funds
64000-64001 Consolidated application process
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3930-3937 Program requirements
3942 Continuity of funding
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 ~~State plans~~~~Adequate yearly progress~~

Management Resources:

~~CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS~~
~~FPM Frequently Asked Questions~~
~~Federal Program Monitoring Instruments~~

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PUBLICATIONS

Focus on Learning: Joint ACS WASC/CDE Process Guide, 2017~~2014~~

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, ~~Testing and Accountability~~: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta>

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Accrediting Commission for Schools:

<http://www.acswasc.org>

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Rescue Union School District

AGENDA ITEM: **District Facilities – Master Facility Plan**

BACKGROUND:

At the February 26, study session the board discussed Measure K, current facility activities, and the draft master facility plan that was done in 2017.

STATUS/DISCUSSION:

The board has requested to continue the discussion regarding the master facility plan. This item will be discussed with the board as well as current facility funding and future state funding with the goal of taking next steps to create a master facility plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Unknown

BOARD GOAL(S):

Board Focus Goal II – FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Keep the district fiscally solvent through prudent budget processes in order to meet the needs of our students.

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:

None - This is a discussion item during a study session to help facilitate direction and goals on facility and district needs.