

ITEM#: 2
DATE: October 8, 2019

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: **Resolution #19-27**
 Week of the School Administrator

BACKGROUND:

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

STATUS:

Schools, school districts, and county superintendents of schools are encouraged to observe the week with public recognition of the contribution that school administrators make to successful pupil achievement. District administration has prepared and recommends approval of Resolution #19-27.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal IV – STAFF NEEDS

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

Board Focus Goal VI – CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #19-27 Week of the School Administrator.

**RESOLUTION OF THE RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Resolution No. 19-27
*Week of the School Administrator***

October 13-19, 2019

WHEREAS, leadership matters for California's public education system and the more than 6 million students it serves;

WHEREAS, school administrators are passionate, lifelong learners who believe in the value of quality public education, and

WHEREAS, the title "school administrator" is a broad term used to define many education leadership posts. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, special education and adult education leaders, curriculum and assessment leaders, school business officials, classified educational leaders, and other school district employees are considered administrators; and

WHEREAS, providing quality service for student success is paramount for the profession; and

WHEREAS, most school administrators began their careers as teachers. The average administrator has served in public education for more than a decade. Most of California's superintendents have served in education for more than 20 years. Such experience is beneficial in their work to effectively and efficiently lead public education and improve student achievement; and

WHEREAS, public schools operate with lean management systems. Across the nation, public schools employ fewer managers and supervisors than most public and private sector industries including transportation, food service, manufacturing, utilities, construction, publishing and public administration; and

WHEREAS, school leaders depend on a network of support from school communities – fellow administrators, teachers, parents, students businesses, community members, board trustees, colleges and universities, community and faith-based organizations, elected officials and district and county staff and resources – to promote ongoing student achievement and school success; and

WHEREAS, research shows great schools are led by great principals, and great districts are led by great superintendents. These site leaders are supported by extensive administrative networks throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has declared the second full week of October as the "Week of the School Administrator" in Education Code 44015.1; and

WHEREAS, the future of California's public education system depends upon the quality of its leadership; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Rescue Union School District that all school leaders be commended for the contributions they make to successful student achievement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 8th of October 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Kim White, President of the Board

Attest:

Tagg Neal, Clerk of the Board

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: Information Regarding Possible Elementary Music Program Alternative

BACKGROUND:

Mila Olson has been providing instrumental music instruction to our 4th and 5th grade students for the past three years. She has greatly increased the number of students participating due to her expertise and rapport with students. This current school year in particular, teachers are increasingly concerned with the amount of time students are pulled from core academic time to be in band. We are looking at other options for future years that alleviate some of this issue. We have invited all district music teachers (Ben Cain, Shaun Manley, and Mila Olson) to the October board meeting to discuss a possible alternative program idea for next school year that would give more students access to music, as well as decrease the amount of time students are taken from their core academic lessons each week.

STATUS:

The current 2019-2020 elementary school site music schedule, listed below, illustrates how the 4th and 5th graders are pulled out of classes one day by instrument and the other day they will combine into either Beginning or Advanced Band (not based on grade).

Starting in January, Beginning and Advanced Band at each school meets twice a week and adds 3rd grade recorders for 30 minutes.

School Site Schedule

	Mon	Tues	Wed ERD	Thurs	Fri
Morning	Lake Forest	Rescue	Lakeview	Green Valley	Jackson
Afternoon	Jackson	Green Valley	Lake Forest	Rescue	Lakeview

(EXAMPLE SITE SCHEDULE) Lake Forest Schedule (Mon, Wed)

Monday (before Winter Break)

9:20-10:00 Flute
 10:00-10:40 Clarinet
 10:55-11:35 Trumpet
 11:35-12:20 Percussion

Monday (After Winter Break)

8:55-9:25 3rd Grade Recorder
 9:25-9:55 3rd Grade Recorder
 9:55-10:40 Advanced Band
 11:00-11:30 3rd Grade Recorder
 11:30-12:20 Beginning Band

Wednesday

11:30-12:20 Beginning Band
 1:00-1:50 pm Advanced Band

Wednesday

11:30-12:20 Beginning Band
 1:00-1:50 pm Advanced Band

Possible Idea for Next Year’s Elementary Music Program: The three teachers will present the proposed schedule and format for music during the 2020-2021 school year that provides more music instruction for 3rd through 5th grade students and also alleviates some of the pull out music times for band members.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal I – STUDENT NEEDS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board receive information regarding a possible elementary music plan for the 2020-2021 school year from the three district music teachers.

Elementary Band and General Music at Rescue Union School District

Mila Olson, Elementary Music Teacher

October 8th, 2019 Board Presentation

Current Schedule Highlights:

- 4th and 5th graders choose to participate in band (about 200 students in the district)
- One day a week students are pulled out of class by instrument
- Another day each week they are pulled out by grade in a larger group
- In the spring, band students combine to meet twice a week in a large group and 3rd grade classes receive a half hour of music instruction on recorder each week.

Current Sample Schedules:

Fall Schedule

Day 1

- flute (40 min)
- clarinet/saxophone (40 min)
- trumpet/trombone (40 min)
- percussion (40 min)

Day 2

- 4th grade band (50 min)
- 5th grade band (50 min)

Spring Schedule

Day 1

- 3rd grade recorder, class 1 (30 min)
- 3rd grade recorder, class 2 (30 min)
- 3rd grade recorder, class 3 (30 min)
- 4th grade band (50 min)
- 5th grade band (50 min)

Day 2

- 4th grade band (50 min)
- 5th grade band (50 min)

Proposed 2020/21 Schedule Highlights:

- Only 5th graders choose to participate in band
- One day a week they are pulled out by class
- One day a week they are pulled out as a full band
- 4th grade classes will have 30 minutes of music instruction the entire year, starting with general music concepts and moving on to recorder.
- In the spring, the band will combine to meet two times a week and third graders will receive 20 minutes of general music instruction once a week.

Proposed Sample Schedules:

Fall Schedule

Day 1

- 5th Grade Band, teacher 1 (40 min)
- 5th Grade Band, teacher 2 (40 min)
- 5th Grade Band, teacher 3 (40 min)
- 4th Grade Music, class 1 (30 min)

Day 2

- 4th Grade Music, class 2 (30 min)
- 4th Grade Music, class 3 (30 min)
- 5th grade band (50 min)

Spring Schedule

Day 1

- 3rd grade music, class 1 (20 min)
- 3rd grade music, class 2 (20 min)
- 3rd grade music, class 3 (20 min)
- 4th grade recorder, class 1 (30 min)
- 5th grade band (50 min)

Day 2

- 4th grade recorder, class 2 (30 min)
- 4th grade recorder, class 3 (30 min)
- 5th grade band (50 min)

Drawback:

- Students will only have the opportunity to play a band instrument for one year, instead of two, before progressing to Middle School.

Benefits:

- Reduced impact to 5th grade teachers on days when students are pulled out by teacher instead of by instrument
- 4th grade teachers will not have students missing instructional time since the entire class will be receiving music instruction at the same time.
- All 3rd graders will receive half a year of general music and all 4th graders will receive a full year of music instruction before progressing to band.
- 5th graders will have a strong musical foundation before choosing to participate in band.
- RUSD will align with the other schools in El Dorado County that start band in 5th grade (the only other school district that currently starts in 4th grade is Buckeye, and they are also working to switch to 5th grade band for the 2020/21 school year).

Potential Benefits:

- Currently, students who try band in 4th grade and who do not have immediate success on their instrument often will drop out, possibly never to try band again. By starting in 5th grade, students have more time to develop fine motor skills before attempting a complex band instrument, allowing for more success and less dropout.
- 5th grade students are better able to handle making up the missed class work since they have had a year to get used to the larger workload in the upper grades and have developed more personal responsibility.
- Less students dropping out of band will show an increase in students continuing in band in Middle School!

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: California School Dashboard Local Indicators

BACKGROUND:

The District began receiving funding under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for the 2013-2014 school year. The LCFF accountability system requires that LEA's develop a three-year Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and complete annual updates. The performance of schools and districts under the new Local Control Accountability Planning process will be reported out for various state and local indicators on the new California School Dashboard.

STATUS:

The District has analyzed progress relative to the locally measured priorities listed below using the self-reflection tools and narrative reporting options developed by the California Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education. The Board will receive information regarding Rescue Union School District's status for the local indicators.

Priority 1 - Basic Services and Conditions (Appropriately Assigned Teachers, Access to Curriculum-Aligned Instructional Materials, and Safe, Clean and Functional School Facilities)

Priority 2 - Implementation of State Academic Standards

Priority 3 - Parent Engagement

Priority 6 - School Climate

Priority 7 - Access to a Broad Course of Study

Information on additional California School Dashboard state indicators will be shared during future meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BOARD GOAL(S):

Board Focus Goal I - STUDENT NEEDS

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

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

Board Focus Goal III – COMMUNICATION/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Information and discussion only.

California School Dashboard Local Indicators 2019-2020

Appropriately Assigned Teachers, Access to Curriculum-Aligned Instructional Materials, and Safe, Clean and Functional School Facilities (Priority 1)

Green Valley

Number/percentage of misassignment of teacher of English Learners: 0

Total teacher misassignments: 0

Vacant teacher positions: 0

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at home and school: 0

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): “Poor” (+0)

Jackson

Number/percentage of misassignment of teacher of English Learners: 0

Total teacher misassignments: 0

Vacant teacher positions: 0

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at home and school: 0

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): “Fair” (+0)

Lake Forest

Number/percentage of misassignment of teacher of English Learners: 0

Total teacher misassignments: 0

Vacant teacher positions: 0

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at home and school: 0

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): “Fair” (+0)

Lakeview

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Number/percentage of misassignment of teacher of English Learners: 0
Total teacher misassignments: 0
Vacant teacher positions: 0

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at home and school: 0

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): “Good” (+0)

Rescue

Number/percentage of misassignment of teacher of English Learners: 0
Total teacher misassignments: 0
Vacant teacher positions: 0

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at home and school: 0

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): “Fair” (+0)

Marina Village

Number/percentage of misassignment of teacher of English Learners: 0
Total teacher misassignments: 0
Vacant teacher positions: 0

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at home and school: 0

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): “Good” (+1)

Pleasant Grove

Number/percentage of misassignment of teacher of English Learners: 0
Total teacher misassignments: 0
Vacant teacher positions: 0

Number/percentage of students without access to their own copies of standards-aligned instructional materials for use at home and school: 0

Number of identified instances where facilities do not meet the “good repair” standard (including deficiencies and extreme deficiencies): “Fair” (+0)

California School Dashboard Local Indicators

2019-2020

Narrative:

The Rescue Union School District has prioritized the adoption of materials, professional development, instruction, and policies that support effective implementation of the California State Standards. We recognize that ongoing professional development is always needed to ensure that our teachers are best prepared and that our students receive the highest quality instruction. We survey our staff each year to ascertain specific needs. We have also begun the important work of training our staff on the Next Generation Science Standards and the new History-Social Science Framework. We have also adopted policies such as “early release collaboration time” and set aside funds to allow teachers to observe peers and learn through coaching opportunities in an effort to support our teachers as we make these transitions.

In response to stakeholder feedback, the Rescue Union School District offers world language courses, visual and performing arts electives, and career technical education classes and supports these programs through funding outlined in our LCAP.

Four of seven schools were evaluated to be in "fair" condition overall (JS, LF, PG, RS). One school was evaluated to be in poor condition (GV) and two were found to be in good condition (LV and MV). All evaluations were performed using the Facility Inspection Tool. Recent improvements at several campuses have been performed and we expect this number to decrease next year.

OVERALL SCORE: MET

California School Dashboard Local Indicators 2019-2020

Implementation of State Academic Standards (Priority 2)

Professional Learning

Rating Scale (lowest to highest) 1 - Exploration and Research Phase; 2 - Beginning Development; 3 - Initial Implementation; 4 - Full Implementation; 5 - Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
ELA					x
ELD			x		
Math					x
NGSS			x		
History/Social Science			x		

Availability of Instructional Materials

Rating Scale (lowest to highest) 1 - Exploration and Research Phase; 2 - Beginning Development; 3 - Initial Implementation; 4 - Full Implementation; 5 - Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
ELA					x
ELD					x
Math					x
NGSS		x			
History/Social Science		x			

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Policies and Procedures to Support Staff (i.e. collaborative time, teacher pairing)
Rating Scale (lowest to highest) 1 - Exploration and Research Phase; 2 - Beginning Development; 3 - Initial Implementation; 4 - Full Implementation; 5 - Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
ELA					x
ELD			x		
Math					x
NGSS			x		
History/Social Science			x		

Other Academic Standards

Rating Scale (lowest to highest) 1 - Exploration and Research Phase; 2 - Beginning Development; 3 - Initial Implementation; 4 - Full Implementation; 5 - Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
Career Tech Education			x		
Health Education					x
Physical Education					x
Visual and Performing Arts					x
World Language					x

California School Dashboard Local Indicators 2019-2020

Support for Teachers and Administrators

Rating Scale (lowest to highest) 1 - Exploration and Research Phase; 2 - Beginning Development; 3 - Initial Implementation; 4 - Full Implementation; 5 - Full Implementation and Sustainability

Content Area	1	2	3	4	5
Identifying the professional learning needs of groups of teachers or staff as a whole					x
Identifying the professional learning needs of individual teachers					x
Providing support for teachers on the standards they have not yet mastered					x

The Rescue Union School District has prioritized the adoption of materials, professional development, instruction, and policies that support effective implementation of the California State Standards. Early on, we trained teachers and para-educators on the new Math and ELA/ELD standards, and when state recommended materials became available, our district was well-poised to review, pilot, and adopt materials that were aligned to the Common Core State Standards.

We recognize that ongoing professional development is always needed to ensure that our teachers are best prepared and that our students receive the highest quality instruction. We survey our staff each year to ascertain specific needs. We have also trained staff on the Next Generation Science Standards and the new History-Social Science Framework. New History Social Science materials were adopted for use in grade 6-8. We have also adopted policies such as “early release collaboration time” and set aside funds to allow teachers to observe peers and learn through coaching opportunities in an effort to support our teachers as we make these transitions.

In response to stakeholder feedback, the Rescue Union School District offers world language courses, visual and performing arts electives, and career technical education classes and supports these programs through funding outlined in our LCAP.

OVERALL SCORE: MET

California School Dashboard Local Indicators 2019-2020

Parent Engagement (Priority 3)

Building Relationships

1. Rate the LEA's progress in developing the capacity of staff (i.e. administrators, teachers, and classified staff) to build trusting and respectful relationships with families.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

2. Rate the LEA's progress in creating welcoming environments for all families in the community.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

3. Rate the LEA's progress in supporting staff to learn about each family's strengths, cultures, languages, and goals for their children.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

4 – Full Implementation

4. Rate the LEA's progress in developing multiple opportunities for the LEA and school sites to engage in 2-way communication between families and educators using language that is understandable and accessible to families.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

4 – Full Implementation

The Rescue Union School District has taken extensive efforts to build relationships with parents, caregivers, and community members. In 2015, the District began a focused initiative to improve customer service and strengthen family connections. Each school site and department developed a customer service plan designed to ascertain the needs of the families they work with and respond to those needs with care and commitment. These plans are reviewed annually and work continues to provide meaningful outreach to the students and families we serve. The district has identified kinship care providers and the families of non-English speaking students are areas for additional improvement. To address this need, the District has employed a bilingual community liaison and an English Language Program Coordinator. These two employees, along with principals, teachers, and support staff provide outreach to families and help ensure effective two-way communication between the home and the school.

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Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes

5. Rate the LEA's progress in providing professional learning and support to teachers and principals to improve a school's capacity to partner with families.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

3 – Initial Implementation

6. Rate the LEA's progress in providing families with information and resources to support student learning and development in the home.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

3 – Initial Implementation

7. Rate the LEA's progress in implementing policies or programs for teachers to meet with families and students to discuss student progress and ways to work together to support improved student outcomes.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

4 – Full Implementation

8. Rate the LEA's progress in supporting families to understand and exercise their legal rights and advocate for their own students and all students.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

2 – Beginning Development

The Rescue Union School District understands the importance of building partnerships for student outcomes and recognizes the value that parents and caregivers have in improving academic achievement and social competency. As such we offer parent informational nights on topics ranging from *how to support your student with homework*, to *parenting in a digital age*, to *the dangers of vaping*. New English learner families are invited to a dinner each year where information about their children's school is shared. These meetings are designed to provide parents with the understanding necessary to best navigate the school system and ensure that their children receive the supports needed to thrive. The District has identified a focus area as supporting special education families in understanding and exercising their legal rights. We value our parent's input, and understand that they are their child's strongest advocate. As such, our special education staff is taking additional time in IEP meetings to ensure that parents truly understand what rights they have and how they can be a more active part of the IEP process.

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Seeking Input for Decision Making

9. Rate the LEA's progress in building the capacity of and supporting principals and staff to effectively engage families in advisory groups and with decision-making.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

10. Rate the LEA's progress in building the capacity of and supporting family members to effectively engage in advisory groups and decision-making.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

11. Rate the LEA's progress in providing all families with opportunities to provide input on policies and programs, and implementing strategies to reach and seek input from any underrepresented groups in the school community.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

12. Rate the LEA's progress in providing opportunities to have families, teachers, principals, and district administrators work together to plan, design, implement and evaluate family engagement activities at school and district levels.

Rating Scale (lowest to highest): 1 – Exploration and Research Phase; 2 – Beginning Development; 3 – Initial Implementation; 4 – Full Implementation; 5 – Full Implementation and Sustainability

4 – Full Implementation

The Rescue Union School District prides itself on seeking input from parents, caregivers, and community members for decision making. Our District has a very active Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) that meets regularly to review the academic and social needs of the district and suggest strategies to address these needs. In fact, many of the aforementioned supports, including the customer service plans, parent information nights, and the need to ensure that special education parents better understand their educational and legal rights came directly from this committee. Each site also has an active school site council, where parents have direct input on the development of the School Plan for Student Achievement. Parents also serve on the Calendar Committee, English Language Advisory Committee, and the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, where they help guide the district in decision making. Student input is also actively solicited through student listening circles conducted each year in the spring. The District has identified a focus area in providing opportunities to have families, teachers, principals, and district administrators work together to plan, design, implement and evaluate family engagement activities at school and district levels. To address this need, facilitators of the LCAP-PAC, School Site Councils, and other committees will lead discussions on the various ways that parents and caregivers can help improve engagement activities at all levels.

OVERALL SCORE: MET

California School Dashboard Local Indicators

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School Climate

(Priority 6)

Each year, the Rescue Union School District administers the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) to students in grades 5 and 7. The results of the 2018-2019 administration indicate that a majority of students feel connected to school and safe on campus. At the elementary level, 80% responded that they feel “highly” connected to their school and 87% reported that they feel safe while on campus all of the time or most of the time. Results from the survey administered at the middle school level show that 67% feel connected to their school and 71% feel safe on campus.

Although many students expressed positive attitudes with regards to school climate, connectedness, and safety, this area remains a focus for the district and actions and services are listed in the LCAP to further improve climate and school culture. To address this, the Rescue Union School District has prioritized Social Emotional Learning (SEL), adopted Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and trained all district staff on Trauma Informed Practices and Restorative Approaches. Furthermore, additional counselors have been hired to ensure that every school has at least 3 days per week of counseling services. These services include targeted group sessions, individual counseling, and classroom lessons. A behaviorist and behavior support aides have also been hired to address more significant student needs.

OVERALL SCORE: MET

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Access to a Broad Course of Study (Priority 7)

The Rescue Union School District provides a broad course of study to students, as measured by AERIES enrollment data, Williams Act compliance data, RUSD C&I Audit, CDE's Data Quest system, and stakeholder surveys. In addition to core academic classes prescribed by education code, our schools also offer a variety of electives designed to provide enrichment and intervention as needed. All elementary students in grades 4-5 have the opportunity to take music classes (elementary band) and middle school students can choose from Career Technical Education aligned computer science courses, STEM electives, world language, advanced bands, and other engaging classes. Each year, site administration and support staff ensure that all students are enrolled in a broad course of study.

In reviewing data from our AERIES Student Information System it is clear that all students are enrolled in a broad course of study as described in California Education Code 51210 and 51220. Elementary sites offer the same course of study through self-contained classes. Middle schools may differ slightly in the elective courses that are offered. All students, regardless of student group or disability status have access to the courses on their respective campus.

As mentioned above, all students in the Rescue Union School District have access to a broad course of study as outlined in California Education Codes 51210 and 52220. Differences exist in the elective courses offered at our two middle schools, due primarily to varied credentials held by the faculty at each school.

In response to information received from local metrics, primarily stakeholder surveys, the Rescue Union School District has broadened the elective courses offered at middle schools and strengthened our elementary music program. The district also remains committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability status, or other class is provided with access to, and enrolled in, a broad course of study.

OVERALL SCORE: MET

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution Adopting Accounting of Developer Fees – Fiscal Year 2018-19

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66000 et seq., the District is required to make public an annual accounting of developer fees collected by the District within 180 days after the last day of each fiscal year.

STATUS:

This report provides the accounting and findings related to the collection of developer fees in Fiscal Year 2018-19. The report includes information on the type of fee collected, the amount of the fee, the balance of the funds collected, the public improvement to which the fees are to be put, the approximate date by which the public improvement construction will commence, the reasonableness of the relationship between the fee charged and the purpose for which it is charged, the sources of funding available for completing any incomplete projects and the approximate dates for completion of such projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As of June 30, 2019, the District collected \$2.17 per square foot (*Note: District portion is 61% of \$3.48 = \$2.12, but high school is collecting at rate of \$3.36 x 39%=\$1.31, as they have not completed an updated justification study at the higher rate. Difference of \$0.05 goes to Rescue.*) of assessable space of residential construction; and \$0.34 per square foot of covered and enclosed space of commercial/industrial construction; but subject to the District’s determination that a particular project is exempt from all or part of these fees.

The District’s School Facility Fee Justification Report from June of 2016 demonstrated Rescue Union School District was justified to collect the legal maximum fee of \$3.48 per square foot of residential development as authorized by Government Code 65995 (Level 1 fees) as future residential development creates a school facility cost of \$4.39 per square foot.

The beginning and ending balance of the Fund were:

<i>Beginning Fund Balance:</i>		<i>\$ 1,789,584</i>
<i>Fees/Revenues Collected (all sources)</i>	<i>\$417,385</i>	
<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>(\$339,880)</i>	
<i>Ending Fund Balance:</i>		<u><i>\$ 1,867,089</i></u>

BOARD GOAL:

Board Focus Goal II – FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution Adopting the Accounting of Developer Fees for Fiscal Year 2018-19.



RESOLUTION #19-28

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADOPTING ACCOUNTING OF DEVELOPER FEES

In the Matter of the Public Report of Information Regarding Capital Facilities Fees for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, and Findings Thereon, Pursuant to Government Code Sections 66001 and 66006A

WHEREAS, Rescue Union School District ("District") has received and expended reportable capital school facilities fees paid on new commercial and industrial construction, new residential construction and other residential construction as authorized pursuant to Education Code section 17620, et and Government Code section 65995, et seq. ("Developer Fees"); and

WHEREAS, said Developer Fees have been deposited in a separate capital facilities account (Fund 25 – Capital Facilities Fund) pursuant to Government Code section 66006, subdivision (a), in a manner to avoid commingling of Developer Fees with other revenues and funds of the District, except for temporary investments; and

WHEREAS, said Developer Fees expended for the sole purpose for which they were collected; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 66006, subdivision (b) (1), provides that the District shall, within 180 days after the last day of each fiscal year, make available to the public the following information regarding Developer Fees for the fiscal year:

- (A) A brief description of the type of fee in the account or Fund;
- (B) The amount of the fee;
- (C) The beginning and ending balance of the account or fund;

- (D) The amount of the fees collected and the interest earned;
- (E) An identification of each public improvement on which fees were expended and the amount of the expenditures on each improvement, including the total percentage of the cost of the public improvement that was funded with the fees;
- (F) An identification of an approximate date by which the construction of the public improvement will commence if the local agency determines that sufficient funds have been collected to complete financing on an incomplete public improvement, as identified in Government Code section 66001, subdivision (a)(2), and the public improvement remains incomplete;
- (G) A description of each interfund transfer or loan made from the account or fund, including the public improvement on which the transferred or loaned fees will be expended, and, in the case of an interfund loan, the date on which the loan will be repaid, and the rate of interest that the account or fund will receive on the loan; and
- (H) The amount of refunds made pursuant to Government Code section 66001, subdivision (e), and any allocations pursuant to Government Code section 66001, subdivision (f); and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 66001, subdivision (d), provides that for the fifth fiscal year following the first deposit into the account or fund of Developer Fees, and every five years thereafter, the District shall make all of the following findings with respect to that portion of the account or fund remaining unexpended, whether committed or uncommitted:

- (A) Identify the purpose to which the fee is to be put;
- (B) Demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it is charged;

- (C) Identify all sources and amounts of funding anticipated to complete financing in incomplete improvements identified in Government Code section 66001, subdivision (a)(2); and
- (D) Designate the approximate dates on which the funding referred to in Government Code section 66001, subdivision (d)(1)(C), is expected to be deposited into the appropriate account or fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 66001, subdivision (e), except as otherwise provided by law, when sufficient funds have been collected, as determined pursuant to Government Code section 66006, subdivision (b)(1)(F), to complete financing on an incomplete public improvement identified in Government Code section 66001, subdivision (a)(2), and the public improvements remain incomplete, the District must identify, within 180 days of the determination that sufficient funds have been collected, an approximate date by which the construction of the public improvement will be commenced, or must refund to the then current record owner or owners of the lots or units, as identified on the last equalized assessment role, of the development project or projects on a prorated basis, the unexpended portion of the fee, and any interest accrued thereon; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 66001, subdivision (d), those findings required by that section must be made in connection with the public information required by Government Code section 66006, subdivision (b); and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 66006, subdivision (b)(2) provides that the District must review the information made available to the public pursuant to Section 66006 at a regularly scheduled public meeting occurring not less than 15 days after the information is made public; and

WHEREAS, that information required by Government Code sections 66001 and 66006, including but not limited to a report entitled the "Annual Accounting of Developer Fees – Fiscal Year 2018-19" ("Public Report"), was made available to the public on or before September 23, 2019, more than 15 days prior to the hearing held on October 8, 2019 before the Governing Board of the Rescue Union School District ("Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Public Report was presented to the Board at its duly noticed public meeting of October 8, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board receives, incorporates by reference, approves and adopts the Public Report;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board makes the following findings:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That, pursuant to Government Code section 66001, subdivision (d) and Government Code section 66006, subdivisions (b)(1) and (b)(2), the District has made available to the public and to the Board the requisite information and proposed findings concerning Developer Fees received, deposited, invested and expended by the District.
3. That the Board, at its regularly scheduled public meeting of October 8, 2019, has publicly reviewed the following information as contained in the Public Report (See Exhibit A) pursuant to Government Code section 66006, subdivision (b)(1), as required by Government Code section 66006, subdivision (b)(2).
4. That the findings set forth in the Public Report (See Exhibit B) as provided by Government Code section 66001, subdivision (d), are hereby adopted by the Board.

5. That all Developer Fees have been received, deposited, invested and expended in compliance with all applicable laws, including but not limited to Education Code section 17620, et seq., Government Code section 65995, et seq., and Government Code section 66000, et seq.
6. That no refunds or allocations of Developer Fees are required pursuant to Government Code section 66001, subdivision (e).
7. That the District is in compliance with the requirements of Government Code sections 66001 and 66006.

This Resolution is adopted this 8th day of October, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTENTIONS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Clerk of the Governing Board

EXHIBIT A
ACCOUNTING OF DEVELOPER FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
CAPITAL FACILITIES FUND (the “Fund”)

Per Government Code section 66006(b)(1)(A)-H) as indicated:

- A. A brief description of the type of fee in the Fund.

Statutory School Facilities Fees

- B. The amount of the fee.

As of June 30, 2019, the District collected \$2.17 per square foot of assessable space of residential construction; and \$0.34 per square foot of covered and enclosed space of commercial/industrial construction; but subject to the District’s determination that a particular project is exempt from all or part of these fees.

The District’s School Facility Fee Justification Report from June of 2016 demonstrated Rescue Union School District is justified to collect the legal maximum fee of \$3.48 per square foot of residential development as authorized by Government Code 65995 (Level 1 fees) as future residential development creates a school facility cost of \$4.39 per square foot.

- C. The beginning and ending balance of the Fund.

<i>Beginning Fund Balance:</i>	\$ 1,789,584
<i>Ending Fund Balance:</i>	\$ 1,867,089

- D. The amount of the fees collected and the interest earned.

<i>Fees Collected:</i>	\$ 379,841
<i>Interest Earned:</i>	\$ 37,544

- E. An identification of each public improvement on which fees were expended and the amount of the expenditures on each improvement, including the total percentage of the cost of the public improvement that was funded with fees.

See Attachment A

- F. An identification of an approximate date by which the construction of the public improvement will commence if the local agency determines that sufficient funds have been collected to complete financing on an incomplete public improvement, as identified in Paragraph (2) Subdivision (a) of Section 66001, and the public improvement remains incomplete:

Not applicable. The District has not made this determination.

- G. A description of each interfund transfer or loan made from the account or fund, including the public improvement on which the transferred or loaned fees will be expended, and, in the case of an interfund loan, the date on which the loan will be repaid and the rate of interest that the account or fund will receive on the loan:

Not applicable. The District has not made any such interfund transfers.

- H. The amount of refunds made pursuant to Subdivision (e) of Section 66001 and any allocations pursuant to Subdivision (f) of Section 66001:

Not applicable. No refunds or allocations were made pursuant to subdivision (e) or (f) of Section 66001.

EXHIBIT B
ACCOUNTING OF DEVELOPER FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
CAPITAL FACILITIES FUND (the “Fund”)

Per Government Code Section 66001(d)(1)-(4) as indicated:

- A. With respect to only that portion of the Fund remaining unexpended at the end the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the purpose of the fees is to finance the construction or reconstruction of school facilities necessary caused by the development on which the fees were levied, which facilities are more specifically identified as follows:

Demographic Studies, School Facility Analysis & Developer Fee Justification Studies; Master planning services; Legal fees related to developer impact fees; Marina Village Middle School, Pleasant Grove Middle School, Lakeview Elementary, Rescue Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Lake Forest Elementary, and Green Valle Elementary; Planning, design and construction of future school properties including Sienna Ridge; COP Rental and Interest payments; Administrative costs in overseeing school facility construction projects; and, EDCOE developer fee collection administrative costs.

- B. Demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it is charged

Future residential development will cause new families to move into the District and, consequently, will generate additional students in the District. The District’s School Facility Fee Justification Report from June of 2016 demonstrated adequate school facilities do not exist for these students. Future residential development, therefore, creates a need for additional school facilities. The fee’s use (acquiring school facilities) is, therefore, reasonably related to the type of project (future residential development) on which it is imposed.

New commercial/industrial development will cause new workers to move into the District. Because some of these workers will have school-age children, commercial /industrial development will also generate new students in the District. The District’s School Facility Fee Justification Report from June of 2016 demonstrated adequate school facilities do not exist for these students. New commercial/industrial development, therefore, creates a need for additional school facilities. The fee’s use (acquiring school facilities) is, therefore, reasonably related to the type of project (new commercial/industrial development) on which it is imposed.

- C. With respect to only that portion of the Fund remaining unexpended at the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the sources and amounts of funding anticipated to complete financing on any incomplete improvements identified in Paragraph A above are as follows:

General Obligation Bond Proceeds (requires voter approval), Community Facilities District Funds and State matching funds.

- D. With respect to only that portion of the Fund remaining unexpended at the end of 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following are the approximate dates on which the funding referred to in Paragraph C above is expected to be deposited into the appropriate account or fund:

This cannot be determined for certain at this time. The determining factor is the availability of State funding on certain new construction projects, housing development progress and completion dates throughout the District.



Rescue Union School District
 Annual Accounting of Developer Fees - Fiscal Year 2018-19
 Per Government Code 66001-66008

08.29.19

Attachment A

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2018 Unaudited)			\$ 1,789,584
Revenues:			
Fees Collected		\$ 379,841	
Interest Earned		\$ 37,544	
Other:		\$ -	
Total Revenue:			\$ 417,385
Total Funds Available			\$ 2,206,969
Expenditures:		Amount Expended	Percentage of Cost Funded by Developer Fees
Construction Projects:			
<i>Rescue Elementary School Capital Improvements:</i>			
The District has embarked on a plan to upgrade facilities needed to accommodate growth.		\$ 108,567	100%
Debt Service - 2010 Certificates of Participation Refunding		\$ 162,720	31.25%
Rental Payments and Interest were paid on the 2010 Certificates of Participation used to refund the 2001 and 2008 COP's. Proceeds from the original sale of Certificates of Participation (2001) were used to plan, design, and construct school facilities and to accommodate growth in constructing the Pleasant Grove Middle School (\$2.5M of \$8M COP).			
EDCOE Fee		\$ 11,395	100%
The El Dorado County Office of Education administers the collection of Developer Impact Fees for the school districts in El Dorado County. This is the administrative fee charged by EDCOE for their services.			
Contracts - School Facility Consultants		\$ 8,849	100%
The District contracted with School Facility Consultants to perform the following - Prepare Modernization Eligibility Analysis for Rescue USD, and District Master Plan.			
Legal Services - Lozano Smith		\$ 1,292	100%
The District contracted with Lozano Smith to perform legal services related to facilities growth.			
Conferences		\$ 311	100%
District staff attended Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) and other facilities related workshops, courses, and conferences.			
Administrative Expenses		\$ 46,746	33%
Administrative expenses including payroll and benefits related to the Facilities Department's oversight of the capital improvements and projects being planned, designed and constructed to accommodate growth were incurred by the District.			
Total Expenditures:			\$ 339,880
Ending Balance (June 30, 2019)			\$ 1,867,089

Rescue USD
Developer Fee Summary

Updated 08.29.2019

Year	Interest	9013		9017		Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Transfers In	Audit Adjust	Ending Balance
		Level I	Level II	Level III	Level III						
2008-09	\$ 33,716	\$ 33,351	\$ 99,442			\$ 2,628,347	\$ 166,509	\$ 886,381			\$ 1,908,475
2009-10	\$ 5,093	\$ 30,425	\$ 80,275			\$ 1,908,475	\$ 116,267	\$ 450,135	\$ 2,043,000		\$ 3,617,608
2010-11	\$ 4,499	\$ 15,832	\$ 44,167			\$ 3,617,608	\$ 64,498	\$ 80,683	\$ 547,445	\$ (2,043,000)	\$ 2,105,868
2011-12	\$ 4,911	\$ 20,047	\$ 64,827			\$ 2,105,868	\$ 89,785	\$ 74,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,121,494
2012-13	\$ 4,193	\$ 84,069	\$ -			\$ 2,121,494	\$ 88,262	\$ 121,042			\$ 2,088,714
2013-14	\$ 4,920	\$ 220,232	\$ -			\$ 2,088,714	\$ 225,152	\$ 75,191			\$ 2,238,675
2014-15	\$ 6,208	\$ 342,532	\$ -			\$ 2,238,675	\$ 348,740	\$ 823,008		\$ (130,188)	\$ 1,634,218
2015-16	\$ 6,031	\$ 509,854	\$ -			\$ 1,634,218	\$ 515,885	\$ 682,334			\$ 1,467,768
2016-17	\$ 8,905	\$ 542,732	\$ -			\$ 1,467,768	\$ 551,637	\$ 393,957			\$ 1,625,449
2017-18	\$ 18,232	\$ 423,148	\$ -			\$ 1,625,449	\$ 441,380	\$ 277,245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,789,584
2018-19	\$ 37,544	\$ 379,841	\$ -			\$ 1,789,584	\$ 417,385	\$ 339,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,867,089

Five Year Revenue/Expenditure 2014-15 thru 2018-19	\$ 2,275,026	\$ 2,516,424
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**RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
2390 BASS LAKE ROAD
RESCUE, CA 95672**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the District Office Board Room, located at 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, CA, the Governing Board of the Rescue Union School District will consider the adoption of a Resolution in the Matter of the Annual Developer Fee Report for 2018-2019, pursuant to Government Code sections 66001 [and 66006].

Any interested party may make an oral or written presentation at the meeting. Rescue Union School District has made available to the public information regarding the capital facilities fees received, deposited, invested and expended by the District, particularly through a document entitled Annual Accounting Developer Fees 2018-2019.

Such information may be obtained at the District Office at the address listed above, by contacting Sean Martin at 530-677-4461, or at the following link: <http://www.rescueusd.org/School-Board/Agendas-Minutes/index.html>

By: Sean Martin
Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Dated: September 20, 2019

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
October 8, 2019**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
<i>First Reading</i>		
BP/AR 1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures <i>REVISE</i>	Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW LAWS authorizing the use of uniform complaint procedures (UCP) to resolve allegations of noncompliance with accommodations for pregnant and parenting students (AB 2289), the development and adoption of an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians (AB 1808), the development of a school plan for student achievement (AB 716), and specified educational rights of migrant students and immigrant students enrolled in a newcomer program (AB 2121). Policy also updates section on "Non-UCP Complaints" to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1808) which provides that complaints alleging health and safety violations in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs are subject to Williams UCP. Regulation also updates section on "Notifications" to more closely reflect the California Department of Education's (CDE) Federal Program Monitoring instrument, deletes section on "District Responsibilities" which duplicates material in other sections, reorganizes section on "Report of Findings" for clarity, and revises section on "Corrective Actions" to delete item #9 which is not a remedy. 3/19
AR/E 1312.4	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1808) which authorizes the use of Williams UCP to resolve allegations of health and safety violations in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs. Regulation also adds optional paragraph authorizing the use of Williams UCP for complaints alleging that a school that serves grades 6-12 and meets a 40 percent student poverty threshold fails to comply with the requirements to stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with feminine hygiene products and to not charge students for such products. Exhibit 1 revised to add the applicable complaint procedure for the types of complaints listed in the notice. Exhibit 2 expands the applicability of the complaint form to include complaints alleging the failure to provide feminine hygiene products. New Exhibits 3 and 4 provide a sample notice and complaint form for complaints regarding health and safety in license-exempt preschool programs pursuant to AB 1808. 3/19
AR 1340	Access to District Records <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to revise section on "Public Records" to delete legal cite which was repealed pursuant to NEW LAW (AB 716) and to include any district or school plan, unless otherwise prohibited by law, as a public record to which members of the public have access. Regulation also updated to reflect the prohibition against disclosing an individual's citizenship or immigration status or religious beliefs, practices, or affiliation to federal government authorities. 3/19

RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws
October 8, 2019

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
BP/AR 3100	Budget <i>REVISE</i>	Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1808) which requires districts to annually develop, adopt, and post an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians and to file the budget overview with the county superintendent of schools. Section on "Long-Term Financial Obligations" revised to reflect NEW LAW (SB 1413) which establishes the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program to allow districts to prefund required contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System. Regulation updated to emphasize that any recommendations by the budget advisory committee should be consistent with the district's vision, goals, priorities, LCAP, and other comprehensive plans and to clarify that a regional budget review committee convened by the county superintendent of schools requires approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as well as the district board. 3/19
BP/AR 3260	Fees and Charges <i>REVISE</i>	Policy and regulation updated to add new section on "Collection of Debt," reflecting NEW LAW (AB 1974) which prohibits negative action against a student or former student for a debt owed to the school and requires districts to provide parents/guardians with an itemized invoice that references applicable district policies. Regulation also revised to more directly reflect the most recent CDE fiscal advisory regarding student fees. 3/19
AR 3514	Environmental Safety <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2453, 2018) which (1) authorizes state facilities modernization grants to be used to update air filtration systems and (2) authorizes districts and schools in communities with a high cumulative exposure to toxic air contaminants to work with air districts and to be eligible for a grant to implement air quality mitigation efforts. Regulation also reflects the July 1, 2019 deadline for completing testing for lead in the drinking water of any school constructed before January 1, 2010, and NEW LAW (AB 2370, 2018) which requires a licensed child care center that is located in a building constructed before January 1, 2010 to have its drinking water tested for lead contamination. 5/19
BP/AR 3515.4	Recovery for Property Loss or Damage <i>REVISE</i>	Policy updated to reflect the 2019 limits for parent/guardian liability for property loss or damage caused by a child's willful misconduct and for any reward paid for information leading to the identification of persons responsible for property damage. Policy also reflects NEW LAW (AB 1974) which prohibits the collection of debt owed by a current or former homeless or foster youth. Regulation updated to reflect the requirement to offer an option for a student to provide work in lieu of payment when the parents/guardians are unable to pay, and AB 1974 which allows the district, at its discretion, to offer any student, regardless of ability to pay, a nonmonetary means to settle debt. Regulation also adds a paragraph allowing the district to withhold a student's grades, diplomas, or transcripts until the damages have been recovered. Section on "Payment of Reward" deleted and key concepts moved to BP. 3/19

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws
October 8, 2019**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
BP/AR 4030	Nondiscrimination in Employment <i>REVISE</i>	<p>Policy and regulation updated to clarify applicability of the policy to nonemployees providing services to the district pursuant to a contract. Policy reflects NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2018, No. 20) which add a definition of national origin and make it an unlawful employment practice to inquire into or discriminate against an employee on the basis of immigration status. Policy also reflects NEW LAW (SB 1300) which (1) prohibits districts from requiring an employee, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, to sign a nondisparagement agreement or release the right to file a claim against the district for unlawful acts in the workplace, including sexual harassment, and (2) provides that a district may be responsible for any harassment (not just sexual harassment) of employees by nonemployees if the district knows or should have known of the conduct and failed to take action. Regulation revises section on "Measures to Prevent Discrimination" to reflect a requirement, formerly in BP, to post the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) poster on workplace discrimination and harassment and to add the requirement to post the DFEH poster on the rights of transgender employees. Regulation also reflects NEW LAW (SB 1300) which authorizes training on bystander intervention.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3/19</p>
AR 4161.1 4361.1	Personal Illness/Injury Leave <i>REVISE</i>	<p>Regulation updated to revise section on "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" to clarify that, for districts choosing Option 2, employees must receive "at least" 50 percent of their regular salary during the additional period of absence. Section on "Parental Leave" updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2012) which requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3/19</p>
AR 4261.1	Personal Illness/Injury Leave <i>REVISE</i>	<p>Regulation updated to revise section on "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" to clarify that, for districts choosing Option 2, employees must receive "at least" 50 percent of their regular salary during the additional period of absence. Section on "Parental Leave" updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2012) which requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3/19</p>

**RUSD Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws
October 8, 2019**

POLICY	TITLE	REQUIREMENT
BP/AR 5117	Interdistrict Attendance <i>REVISE</i>	Policy updated to delete references to the Open Enrollment Act since schools are not currently being identified as low achieving based on the Academic Performance Index, update legal cites, and clarify the continuing requirement to register as a school district of choice with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and county board of education before enrolling students under that program. Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2826) which adds a requirement, applicable to districts that have entered into interdistrict attendance agreements, to post on their web site the procedures and timelines for requests for interdistrict transfer permits. Regulation also reflects timelines added by AB 2826 for notifying parents/guardians of the district's granting or denial of the transfer request, which differ for current-year and future-year transfer requests, and for the parent/guardian's appeal of the district's decision to the county office of education. In section on "School District of Choice Program," material deleted regarding the denial of a transfer into the district based on a negative impact on a desegregation plan or the racial/ethnic balance of the district, as such grounds are only applicable to transfers out of the district. 3/19
AR 5125.2	Withholding Grades, Diploma and Transcripts <i>REVISE</i>	Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1974) which allows districts to offer any student, other than a current or former homeless student, nonmonetary means to settle debt owed for property loss or damage resulting from the student's willful misconduct and to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until the work or other alternative is completed. 3/19
BP/AR 5131.2	Bullying <i>BP REVISE</i> <i>AR ADOPT</i>	Policy updated and regulation added to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2291, 2018) which mandates districts to adopt, on or before December 31, 2019, procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying. Regulation includes material formerly in BP re: bullying prevention measures, staff development, student instruction, reporting, and corrective actions. Regulation also adds definition of bullying and examples of behaviors that may constitute bullying and cyberbullying, and reflects CDE's online training module on bullying developed pursuant to AB 2291. 5/19
E 5145.6	Parental Notifications <i>REVISE</i>	Exhibit reflects NEW LAWS requiring parental notice of the rights of pregnant and parenting students (AB 2289), mental health services available in the school and community (AB 2022), risks and effects of lead exposure when child enrolls in a licensed child care center or preschool (AB 2370), and specified educational rights of migrant students and newly arrived immigrant students in grades 11-12 (AB 2121). Exhibit also deletes two items related to Open Enrollment Act transfers since schools are not currently being identified as low achieving under this program. Section V updated to add legal cite pursuant to NEW LAW (AB 1808) which requires classroom notice on Williams UCP to include health and safety issues in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs. 3/19

Rescue Union ESD

Board Policy

Uniform Complaint Procedures

BP 1312.3

Community Relations

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Note: To address prohibited discrimination and violations of state and federal laws governing educational programs, 5 CCR 4621 mandates districts to adopt uniform complaint procedures (UCP) consistent with the state's complaint procedures specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670. See the section "Complaints Subject to UCP" below for a list of programs and activities subject to these procedures pursuant to state law.

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

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

The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation reflect all components required by law and the FPM instrument. Additional details provided herein may help districts during a compliance check by CDE or in the event that a CDE or OCR investigation occurs.

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

Complaints Subject to ~~the~~ UCP

Note: The FPM process includes a review of a district's policies and procedures to determine whether all district programs and activities that are subject to the UCP, as listed in the FPM instrument, are addressed. Items #1-12

list all programs and activities identified in the FPM instrument. The district may revise the following items to reflect the programs it offers and the grade levels it serves.

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

1. Any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal ~~laws~~^{law} or regulations governing any program subject to the UCP which is offered by the district, including adult education programs; After School Education and Safety programs; agricultural ~~career technical~~^{vocational} education; American Indian education centers and early childhood education program assessments; bilingual education; California Peer Assistance, ~~peer assistance~~ and Review~~review~~ programs for teachers; state; career technical and technical education, career technical, and technical training programs; federal career technical education; child care and development programs; child nutrition programs; compensatory education; consolidated categorical aid programs; Economic Impact Aid; the federal Every Student Succeeds Act; ~~English learner programs, federal education programs in Title I-VII~~, migrant education; Regional Occupational Centers and Programs; school safety plans; special education programs; California; State Preschool Programs; Tobacco-Use Prevention Education programs; and any other district-implemented state categorical program that is not funded through the local control funding formula pursuant to~~program which is listed in~~ Education Code 64000

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

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

association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610)

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

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

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

Note: Education Code 46015, as added by AB 2289 (Ch. 942, Statutes of 2018), authorizes the use of UCP for complaints alleging the district's noncompliance with requirements related to the provision of parental leave to a pregnant or parenting student or other accommodations to which pregnant and parenting students are entitled pursuant to Education Code 46015.

4. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with requirements to provide a pregnant or parenting student the accommodations specified in Education Code 46015, including those related to the provision of parental leave, right of return to the school of previous enrollment or to an alternative education program, if desired, and possible enrollment in school for a fifth year of instruction to enable the student to complete state and Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 46015)
5. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities (5 CCR 4610)

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52075, any complaint alleging noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code 52060-52077 may be filed in accordance with the district's UCP. Pursuant to Education Code 52064.1, as added by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), by July 1, 2019 districts are required to develop a local control funding formula budget overview for parents/guardians in conjunction with the LCAP.

65. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with applicable legal requirements of Education Code 52060-52077 related to the implementation of the local control and accountability plan, including the development of a local control funding formula budget overview for parents/guardians (Education Code 52075)

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

Note: Education Code 64001, as amended by AB 716 (Ch. 471, Statutes of 2018), provides for the use of UCP for complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements to develop a school plan for student achievement pursuant to Education Code 64001 and to establish a school site council pursuant to Education Code 65000-65001.

7. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the development of a school plan for student achievement or the establishment of a school site council, as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 64000-64001, 65000-65001)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

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

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Note: Item #12 is for use by districts that maintain elementary schools.

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

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Note: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that district policy ensure that complainants are protected from retaliation as specified in item #13 below.

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

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

119. Any other complaint as specified in a district policy

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

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

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

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

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Non-UCP Complaints

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

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

1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services, ~~the County~~ Protective Services Division, and the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to Department of Social Services and shall, for licensing-exempt facilities, be referred to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator.
3. Any complaint alleging fraud shall be referred to the Legal, Audits and Compliance Branch of the California Department of Education.

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

Any complaint alleging employment discrimination or harassment shall be investigated and resolved by the district in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, including the right to file the complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

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

In addition, Education Code 8235.5, as added by AB 1808, authorizes the use of Williams uniform complaint procedures to address any complaints alleging violations of health and safety requirements applicable to California State Preschool Programs (Education Code 8235-8239.1) that are exempt from licensing pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.792.

Any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, ~~or~~ teacher vacancies and misassignments, or health and safety violations in any license-exempt California State Preschool Program shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures in AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

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200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

~~222—Reasonable accommodations; lactating students~~

8200-8498 Child care and development programs

8500-8538 Adult basic education

18100-18203 School libraries

32280-32289 School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures

33380-33384 California Indian Education Centers

35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures

44500-44508 California Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers

~~46015 Parental leave for students~~

48853-48853.5 Foster youth

48985 Notices in language other than English

49010-~~49014~~~~49013~~ Student fees

49060-49079 Student records, especially:

49069.5 ~~Records~~Rights of foster youth~~parents~~

49490-49590 Child nutrition programs

49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51210 Courses of study grades 1-6

51223 Physical education, elementary schools

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

51226-51226.1 Career technical education

51228.1-51228.3 Course periods without educational content

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan, especially:

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

52160-52178 Bilingual education programs

52300-52462 Career technical education

52500-52616.24 Adult schools

54000-54029 Economic Impact Aid

54400-54425 Compensatory education programs

54440-54445 Migrant education

54460-54529 Compensatory education programs

56000-56865 Special education programs

59000-59300 Special schools and centers

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64000-64001 Consolidated application process; school plan for student achievement

65000-65001 School site councils

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11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.792 California Child Day Care Act; general provisions and definitions

1596.7925 California Child Day Care Act; health and safety regulations

104420 Tobacco-Use Prevention Education

PENAL CODE

422.55 *Hate crime; definition*

422.6 *Interference with constitutional right or privilege*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11023 *Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 *Applicability of uniform complaint procedures to complaints regarding students with disabilities*

~~3080~~ **Application of section**

4600-~~4670~~4687 *Uniform complaint procedures*

4680-4687 *Williams uniform complaint procedures*

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1221 *Application of laws*

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

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

6301-6576 *Title I Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged basic programs*

6801-7014 *Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students*

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

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

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

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

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

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

6101-6107 *Age Discrimination Act of 1975*

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

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.107 *Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

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

104.7 *Designation of responsible employee for Section 504*

~~CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34~~

106.8 *Designation of responsible employee for Title IX*

106.9 *Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex*

110.25 *Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age*

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Sample UCP Board Policies and Procedures

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Dear Colleague Letter, September 22, 2017

Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015

Dear Colleague Letter: Responding to Bullying of Students with Disabilities, ~~October 2014~~ August 2013

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Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, 2002

WEB SITES

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

Family Policy Compliance Office: ~~<https://www2-http://familypolicy.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpc>~~
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>
U.S. Department of Justice: ~~<http://www.justice.gov>~~

Policy RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
adopted: December 11, 2012 Rescue, California
revised: February 26, 2013
revised: December 9, 2014
revised: October 13, 2015
revised: April 12, 2016
revised: December 13, 2016
revised: October 10, 2017
revised: April 10, 2018
Considered: October 8, 2019

Rescue Union ESD

Administrative Regulation

Uniform Complaint Procedures

AR 1312.3

Community Relations

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Note: 5 CCR 4621 **mandates** that the district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) be consistent with the procedures of 5 CCR 4600-4670. Additionally, Education Code 52075 **mandates** districts to adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

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

Apart from these mandates, state law authorizes the use of UCP to resolve complaints of noncompliance with laws related to the development of a school plan for student achievement and the establishment of school site councils; accommodations for pregnant and parenting students; prohibition against the charging of student fees; educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court school students, children of military families, migrant students, and students participating in a newcomer program for newly arrived immigrants; assignment of students to courses without educational content; and physical education instructional minutes. See the section "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy.

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

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Compliance Officers

Note: 5 CCR 4621 **mandates** the district to identify in its policies and procedures the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs, including the receiving and investigating of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) and retaliation. During its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will check to ensure that the district's procedures list the specific title(s) of the employee(s) responsible for receiving and investigating

complaints. Districts should identify the specific title(s) of the compliance officer(s) in the space provided below. If a district identifies multiple compliance officers, it is recommended that one be designated the "lead compliance officer."

The district designates the individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) identified below as ~~the employee(s)~~ responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws. The individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment ~~as the responsible for handling employee(s) to handle~~ complaints regarding unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying). The compliance officer individual(s) shall receive and coordinate the investigation of complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(title or position)

(unit or office)

(address)

(telephone number)

(email)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that have designated more than one compliance officer.

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

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

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

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

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

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

Notifications

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

Note: During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that the district's policy contains a statement ensuring annual dissemination of notice of the district's UCP to the persons specified below.

~~In addition, the~~The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's UCP to students, employees, parents/guardians of district students, district advisory committee members, school advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. ~~_(The notification shall include information regarding the prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying; unlawful student fees; local control and accountability plan (LCAP) requirements; and requirements related to the educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court school students, and children of military families. (Education Code 262.3, 48853, 48853.5, 49010-49013, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2, 52075; 5 CCR 4622)~~

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
~~(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)~~
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

~~(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)~~

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

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: 5 CCR 4622 requires the district to include specified information in its annual UCP notice to students, parents/guardians, employees, and others. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check the notice to ensure that it contains the components specified below.

A sample of the annual notice is available through the CDE web site. It is the district's responsibility to update the notice as necessary to reflect new law.

The notice shall include:

1. A statement that the district is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to prohibition of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group and all programs and activities that are subject to UCP as identified in the section "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy
2. A statement that a complaint regarding student fees or the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

3. A statement that a student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities
4. A statement that a complaint regarding student fees must be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred
5. A statement that the district will post a standardized notice of the educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court school students now enrolled in the district, children of military families, migrant students, and immigrant students enrolled in a newcomer program, as specified in Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2, and the complaint process

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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

(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

6. Identification of

The notice shall:

1. ~~Identify the responsible staff member~~person(s), position(s), or unit(s) designated to receive responsible for receiving complaints
7. A statement that complaints will be investigated in accordance with the district's UCP and a written decision will be sent to the complainant within 60 days from the receipt of the complaint, unless this time period is extended by written agreement of the complainant
8. A statement that the complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to CDE by filing a written appeal, including a copy of the original complaint and the district's decision, within 15 days of receiving the district's decision
9. A statement advising~~2. Advise~~ the complainant of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available ~~to him/her~~ under state or federal antidiscrimination laws, if applicable
3. ~~Advise the complainant of the appeal process, including, if applicable, the complainant's right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in cases involving unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying).~~
4. ~~10.~~ A statement that copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge

Note: The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.61, districts are required to post information related to Title IX on their web sites, including specified information about complaint procedures under Title IX. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. A district that does not maintain a web site may comply by posting the information on the web site of its county office of education. A comprehensive list of rights based on the provisions of the federal regulations implementing Title IX can be found in Education Code 221.8. In addition, in its April 2015 Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, OCR recommends that districts use web posting and social media to disseminate their nondiscrimination notices, policies, and procedures and communicate current compliance officer(s)' contact information to students, parents/guardians, and employees.

Include statements that:

- a. ~~The district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs.~~
- b. ~~The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.~~
- c. ~~A complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) must be filed not later than six months from the date it occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension.~~

d. ~~Complaints should be filed in writing and signed by the complainant. If a complainant is unable to put his/her complaint in writing, for example, due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint.~~

e. ~~If a complaint is not filed in writing but the district receives notice of any allegation that is subject to the UCP, the district shall take affirmative steps to investigate and address the allegations, in a manner appropriate to the particular circumstances.~~

~~If the allegation involves retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) and the investigation confirms that discrimination has occurred, the district will take steps to prevent recurrence of discrimination and correct its discriminatory effects on the complainant, and on others, if appropriate.~~

f. ~~A student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for his/her participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.~~

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

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

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

(1) ~~Accept any coursework or part of the coursework that the student has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, and to issue full or partial credit for the coursework completed~~

(2) ~~Not require the student to retake any course or a portion of a course which he/she has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency~~

(3) ~~If the student has completed his/her second year of high school before the transfer, provide the student information about district adopted coursework and Board imposed graduation requirements from which he/she may be exempted pursuant to Education Code 51225.1~~

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

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

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

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

District Responsibilities

All **Filing of Complaints**

Note: Complaints filed under UCP may be filed directly with a compliance officer or with any site administrator not designated as a compliance officer. For example, acts of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) may initially be reported to a principal. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment and AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment. If a site administrator not designated as a

compliance officer receives a UCP complaint, the site administrator must notify a compliance officer. A district may also establish a site-level process for receiving informal reports about incidents for which a UCP complaint may be filed and notifying students and parents/guardians of their right to file a UCP complaint. Any site-level process established by a district should be in writing and distributed in the same manner as the grievance procedures listed herein with an explanation of how it interacts with the UCP complaint process.

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

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

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

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

~~All complainants shall be protected from retaliation.~~

~~Filing of Complaints~~

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

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

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

- ~~1. A complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing the programs specified in the accompanying Board policy (item #1 of the section "Complaints Subject to the-UCP") may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4630)~~

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

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

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

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

Mediation

Note: The following section should be used only by those districts that have decided to establish procedures for attempting to resolve complaints through alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation; see the

accompanying Board policy. The following section may be modified to specify the alternative dispute resolution method and timelines used within the district.

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

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

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

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

Investigation of Complaint

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

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

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

Note: In the investigation, the compliance officer should consider all relevant circumstances, such as how the misconduct affected one or more students' education; the type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct; the identity, age, and sex of the individuals involved in and impacted by the conduct and the relationship between them; the number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed; the size of the

school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred; and other incidents at the school involving different individuals.

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

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

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

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

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

Timeline for Final Decision

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, the district's written decision must be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of receiving the complaint. Option 1 below is for districts that do not allow complainants to appeal the compliance officer's decision to the Governing Board. Option 2 is for districts that allow appeals to the Board, and it requires the compliance officer's decision within 30 calendar days so that the Board's decision can still be given within the 60-day time limit. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, only a complainant has the right to receive a written report and to file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision. However, OCR has recommended that the same

rights be extended to a respondent to a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination to ensure the process is equitable for all involved. Furthermore, OCR recommends notifying the respondent in such a complaint whenever the complainant approves an extension of the timeline. Options 1 and 2 reflect these recommendations and may be modified to reflect district practice.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4640, when a UCP complaint is erroneously sent to CDE without first being filed with the district, the 60-day period specified in 5 CCR 4631 begins when the district receives the complaint.

OPTION 1:

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report, as described in the section "Final Written Decision" below, within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

For any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the respondent shall be informed of any extension of the timeline agreed to by the complainant. The respondent also shall be sent the district's final written decision at the same time it is provided to the complainant.

OPTION 2:

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

Report of Findings

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

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

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

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

~~For~~~~In resolving~~ any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the respondent shall be informed of any extension of the timeline agreed to by the complainant,~~also~~ shall be sent the district's final written decision, and, in the same manner as the complainant, may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the decision.

Final Written Decision

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

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

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

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

For all complaints, the district's final written decision shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

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

3. Disposition of the complaint
4. Rationale for such disposition

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

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

- a. The manner in which the misconduct affected one or more students' education
 - b. The type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct
 - c. The relationship between the alleged victim(s) and offender(s)
 - d. The number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed
 - e. The size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred
 - f. Other incidents at the school involving different individuals
5. Corrective action(s), including any actions that have been taken or will be taken to address the allegations in the complaint and including, with respect to a student fees complaint, a remedy that comports with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600

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

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

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

Note: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.67) protects student privacy, including student records containing details of the actions taken in response to a UCP complaint. However, pursuant to 20 USC 1221, FERPA may not "be construed to affect the applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act, or other statutes prohibiting discrimination, to any applicable program." In February 2015, the Family Policy Compliance Office

(FPCO), the federal agency which administers FERPA, released a letter concluding that FERPA permits a district to disclose to a student who was subjected to unlawful discrimination certain information about the sanctions imposed upon the offender when the sanctions directly relate to that student. Thus, if properly remedying the impact of discrimination would require disclosing to the alleged victim certain information on how the district disciplined the alleged student offender (e.g., an order that the alleged offender stay away from the alleged victim), FPCO interprets FERPA as allowing the district to disclose that information.

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

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

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

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient student or parent/guardian and the student involved is enrolled in a school at which 15 percent or more of the students speak a single primary language other than English, then the decision shall also be translated into that language pursuant to Education Code 48985. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

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

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

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

Corrective Actions

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

When a complaint is found to have merit, the compliance officer shall adopt any appropriate corrective action permitted by law. Appropriate corrective actions that focus on the larger school or district environment may include, but are not limited to, actions to reinforce district policies; training for faculty, staff, and students; updates to school policies; or school climate surveys.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

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

1. Counseling

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

2. Academic support
3. Health services
4. Assignment of an escort to allow the victim to move safely about campus
5. Information regarding available resources and how to report similar incidents or retaliation
6. Separation of the victim from any other individuals involved, provided the separation does not penalize the victim
7. Restorative justice
8. Follow-up inquiries to ensure that the conduct has stopped and there has been no retaliation

~~9. Determination of whether any past actions of the victim that resulted in discipline were related to the treatment the victim received and described in the complaint~~

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

1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
2. Parent/guardian conference
3. Education regarding the impact of the conduct on others
4. Positive behavior support
5. Referral to a student success team

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

6. Denial of participation in extracurricular or ~~cocurricular~~ ~~eo-curricular~~ activities or other privileges as permitted by law

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

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

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

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

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

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

Note: Generally, when a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy is provided to the complainant or other affected person. However, in certain instances, the law may require a remedy to be provided to all affected persons, not just the complainant or subject of the complaint. For example, pursuant to Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600, if the district, or CDE on appeal, finds merit in the complaint

alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees and charges, the district is required to provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians, as specified below. The same requirement applies to allegations of noncompliance with the LCAP requirements, pursuant to Education Code 52075, and to noncompliance with required instructional minutes for elementary students' physical education, pursuant to Education Code 51223. Districts that do not maintain elementary schools should delete reference to physical education below.

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

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

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

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Note: 5 CCR 4632-4633 provide that complainants may appeal to CDE if they disagree with the district's decision on any matter within the scope of the UCP, as provided below.

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision ~~on~~ a complaint regarding any specified federal or state educational program subject to ~~the~~ UCP may file an appeal in writing with CDE within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision. (~~Education Code 222, 48853, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 51223, 51225.1, 51225.2, 51228.3, 52075;~~ 5 CCR 4632)

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

The complainant ~~or respondent~~ shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and how the facts of the district's decision are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be sent to CDE with a copy of the original locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision in that complaint. (5 CCR 4632)

Note: Although not required pursuant to 5 CCR 4631-4633, OCR recommends that the right to appeal the district's decision to CDE be extended to the respondent to an allegation of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) to ensure fairness for all parties involved. The following paragraphs reflect OCR's recommendation.

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

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

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

Note: CDE may directly intervene in a complaint without waiting for action by the district when certain conditions exist, including the following: (1) the complaint alleges failure to comply with the UCP, including failure to follow the required timelines and failure to implement the final written decision; (2) the complainant requires anonymity due to the possibility of retaliation and would suffer immediate and irreparable harm if a complaint was filed and the complainant was named; (3) the complainant would suffer immediate and irreparable harm as a result of an application of a districtwide policy that is in conflict with state or federal law and that filing a complaint would be futile; (4) the complainant alleges failure to comply with the due process procedures established pursuant to special education law and regulation to implement a due process hearing order; (5) the complainant alleges facts that indicate that one or more students may be in immediate physical danger or that the health, safety, or welfare of one or more students is threatened; or (6) the complainant alleges failure to follow a student's individualized education program.

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Community Relations

Note: Education Code 35186 mandates that districts establish policies and procedures to address complaints regarding insufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, and emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of students or staff. When such a complaint is filed with the district, the district is required to investigate and resolve the complaint in accordance with the Williams uniform complaint procedures established pursuant to 5 CCR 4680-4687. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 8235.5, as added by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), California State Preschool Programs (CSPP) (Education Code 8235-8239.1) that are exempt from licensing pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.792 must utilize district complaint procedures, with modifications as necessary, to resolve allegations of noncompliance with applicable health and safety requirements. The Legislative Counsel's Digest of AB 1808 clarifies that the Williams uniform complaint procedures are the applicable procedures.

It is recommended that districts use these procedures only for complaints specified in law and this administrative regulation. See BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for a discussion of the types of complaints subject to the uniform complaint procedures established pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4670. For procedures related to complaints about employees, see BP/AR 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees. For complaints concerning the district's adoption and selection of specific instructional materials, see BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials. For complaints regarding the district's nutrition program, see BP 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance.

Types of Complaints

The district shall use the procedures described in this administrative regulation only to investigate and resolve the following: ~~(Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680-4683)~~

1. Complaints regarding the insufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials, including any complaint alleging that: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681)
 - a. A student, including an English learner, does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state- or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.
 - b. A student does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school. This does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each student.
 - c. Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.

- d. A student was provided photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials to address a shortage of textbooks or instructional materials.

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

2. Complaints regarding teacher vacancy or misassignment, including any complaint alleging that: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4682)
 - a. A semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists.
 - b. A teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English learners in the class.

(cf. 4112.22 - *Staff Teaching English ~~Language~~ Learners*)

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

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

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

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

(cf. 4112.2 - *Certification*)

(cf. 4113 - *Assignment*)

3. Complaints regarding the condition of school facilities, including any complaint alleging that: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4683)
 - a. A condition poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff.

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

- b.A school restroom has not been cleaned, maintained, or kept open in accordance with Education Code 35292.5.
- *Clean or maintained school restroom* means a school restroom has been cleaned or maintained regularly, is fully operational, or has been stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, or paper towels or functional hand dryers. (Education Code 35292.5)
- *Open restroom* means the school has kept all restrooms open during school hours when students are not in classes and has kept a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when students are in classes. –This does not apply when the temporary closing of the restroom is necessary for student safety or to make repairs. (Education Code 35292.5)

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that maintain any of grades 6-12. Education Code 35292.6 requires a school that serves any of grades 6-12 and meets a 40 percent student poverty threshold, as defined in 20 USC 6314, to stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with feminine hygiene products for use in connection with the menstrual cycle, and to not charge students for such products. See AR 3517 - Facilities Inspection. Although Education Code 35292.6 does not require a complaint process, it is recommended that the Williams uniform complaint procedures be used to address any allegation of noncompliance with Education Code 35292.6 in order to ensure consistency in the procedures that districts use to address allegations of noncompliance with all restroom maintenance requirements.

In any district school serving any of grades 6-12 in which 40 percent or more of the students in the school or school attendance area are from low-income families, as defined in 20 USC 6314, a complaint may be filed alleging noncompliance with the requirement of Education Code 35292.6 to stock, at all times, at least half of the restrooms in the school with feminine hygiene products and to not charge students for the use of such products.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

Note: Item #4 is for use by districts that operate one or more CSPP programs which are exempt from licensure by Health and Safety Code 1596.792 and are subject to the health and safety requirements of Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, as added by AB 1808. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, the California

Department of Education (CDE) must adopt regulations by July 1, 2019, that contain the program requirements specified below.

4. Complaints regarding the noncompliance of a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) with health and safety standards specified in Health and Safety Code 1596.7925 and related state regulations, including any complaint alleging that: (Education Code 8235.5; Health and Safety Code 1596.7925)
 - a. The preschool does not have outdoor shade that is safe and in good repair.
 - b. Drinking water is not accessible and/or readily available throughout the day.
 - c. The preschool does not provide safe and sanitary restroom facilities with one toilet and handwashing fixture for every 15 children.
 - d. Restroom facilities are not available only for preschoolers and kindergartners.
 - e. The preschool program does not provide visual supervision of children at all times.
 - f. Indoor or outdoor space is not properly contained or fenced or does not provide sufficient space for the number of children using the space at any given time.
 - g. Playground equipment is not safe, in good repair, or age appropriate.

Forms and Notices

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

Note: Education Code 8235.5 and 35186 require that the district's complaint form contain the elements stated in the following paragraph. In addition, Education Code 8235.5 and 35186 require that a notice be posted in each classroom in each school in the district, as specified below. See the accompanying exhibits for sample forms and classroom notices.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's complaint form specifies the location for filing a complaint and contains a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to the complaint. A complainant may add as much text to explain the complaint as desired. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

Note: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall post in each K-12 classroom in each school a notice containing the components specified in Education Code 35186. In each license-exempt CSPP classroom, a notice containing the components specified in Education Code 8235.5 shall be posted. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186)

Filing of Complaint

Note: Education Code 8235.5 and 35186 require that complaints be investigated and resolved within the timelines specified below. During the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process, CDE staff will expect to see statements regarding the filing of the complaint, the investigation, timelines, and the complainant's right to appeal to the Governing Board and to appeal facilities complaints to CDE, as detailed in the following section and the section "Investigation and Response" below.

A complaint alleging any condition(s) specified in the section "Types of Complaints" above shall be filed with the principal or designee, or the preschool administrator or designee as appropriate, at the school in which the complaint arises. ~~A~~~~The principal or designee shall forward a~~ complaint about problems beyond ~~the~~~~his/her~~ authority of the principal or preschool administrator shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, but not to exceed 10 working days. Complaints may be filed anonymously. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

Investigation and Response

The principal/preschool administrator or a designee of the Superintendent shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem within ~~their~~~~his/her~~ authority. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186; 5 CCR 4685)

Investigation of a complaint regarding preschool health or safety issues shall begin within 10 calendar days of receipt of the complaint. (Education Code 8235.5)

~~The principal/preschool administrator or Superintendent's designee~~~~He/she~~ shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186; 5 CCR 4685)

~~Complaints may be filed anonymously.~~ If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form a desire to receive that he/she would like a response to the complaint, the principal/preschool administrator or Superintendent's ~~or~~ designee shall report the resolution of the complaint to the complainant~~him/her at the mailing address indicated on the complaint form~~ within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint. ~~If~~~~At the same time,~~ the principal/preschool administrator makes this ~~or designee shall~~ report, ~~the same~~ information shall be reported at the same time to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186; 5 CCR 4680, 4685)

Note: Education Code 48985 specifies that, when 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in a particular school speak a single primary language other than English, all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to the parents/guardians of such students be written in English and in the primary language. Education Code 8235.5 and 35186 require that, when Education Code 48985 is applicable, any response requested by the complainant must be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

When Education Code 48985 is applicable and the complainant has requested a response, the response shall be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed. (Education Code [8235.5](#), 35186)

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, ~~the complainant~~he/she has the right to describe the complaint to the Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. (Education Code [8235.5](#), 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

For any complaint concerning a facilities condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff as described in item #3a or #4 in the section "Types of Complaints" above, a complainant who is not satisfied with the resolution proffered by the principal/preschool administrator or Superintendent or designee may file an appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 15 days of receiving the district's response. -The complainant shall comply with the appeal requirements specified in 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code [8235.5](#), 35186; 5 CCR 4687)

All complaints and written responses shall be public records. (Education Code [8235.5](#), 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Reports

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

On a quarterly basis, the Superintendent or designee shall report, to the Board at a regularly scheduled public Board meeting and to the County Superintendent of Schools, summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints. (Education Code [8235.5](#), 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

Forms and Notices

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

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

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

234.1 *Prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying*

1240 *County superintendent of schools, duties*

8235-8239.1 *California State Preschool Programs, especially:*

8235.5 *California State Preschool Program, complaints regarding health and safety issues*

17592.72 *Urgent or emergency repairs, School Facility Emergency Repair Account*

33126 *School accountability report card*

35186 *Williams uniform complaint procedures*

35292.5-35292.6 *Restrooms, maintenance and cleanliness*

48985 *Notice to parents in language other than English*

60119 *Hearing on sufficiency of instructional materials*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.792 *California Child Day Care Act; general provisions and definitions*

1596.7925 *California Child Day Care Act; health and safety regulations*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 *Uniform complaint procedures*

4680-4687 *Williams uniform complaint procedures*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6314 *Title I schoolwide program*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

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

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

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WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Note: Education Code 35186 creates the Williams uniform complaint procedures for the filing of complaints concerning deficiencies in textbooks or instructional materials, conditions of facilities that are not maintained in a clean or safe manner or in good repair, or teacher vacancy or misassignment. The following form contains elements required by Education Code 35186 and 5 CCR 4681-4683. During the Federal Program Monitoring process, California Department of Education staff will check to ensure that the complaint form includes all of the elements specified below.

K-12 COMPLAINT FORM: WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Education Code 35186 creates a procedure for the filing of complaints concerning deficiencies related to instructional materials, conditions of facilities that are not maintained in a clean or safe manner or in good repair, or teacher vacancy or misassignment. The complaint and response are public documents as provided by law. Complaints may be filed anonymously. However, if you wish to receive a response to your complaint, you must provide the contact information below.

Response requested? Yes No

Contact information: (if response is requested)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: Day: _____ Evening: _____

E-mail address, if any: _____

Date problem was observed: _____

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

School name/address: _____

Course title/grade level and teacher name: _____

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

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

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

1. Textbooks and instructional materials: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681)

- A student, including an English learner, does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state- or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.
- A student does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school. This does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each student.
- Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.
- A student was provided photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials to address a shortage of textbooks or instructional materials.

2. Teacher vacancy or misassignment: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4682)

- A semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists. A *teacher vacancy* is a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the school year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of a semester for an entire semester.
- A teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English learners in the class.
- A teacher is assigned to teach a class for which the teacher lacks subject matter competency.

3. Facilities conditions: (Education Code 17592.72, 35186, 35292.5, 35292.6; 5 CCR 4683)

- A condition exists that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff including gas leaks; nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; electrical power failure; major sewer line stoppage; major pest or vermin infestation; broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk; abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to students or staff; structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition; and any other condition deemed appropriate by the district.
- A school restroom has not been cleaned or maintained regularly, is not fully operational, or has not been stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, or paper towels or functional hand dryers.

Note: The following **optional** item is for districts that choose to use the William uniform complaint procedures to address complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements to stock restrooms at certain schools with feminine hygiene products pursuant to Education Code 35292.6; see the accompanying administrative regulation.

- For a school that serves students in any of grades 6-12 with 40 percent of more of its students from low-income families, as defined, the school has not stocked at least half of its restrooms with feminine products at all times and made those products available to students at no cost.
- The school has not kept all restrooms open during school hours when students are not in classes and has not kept a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when students are in classes. This does not apply when temporary closing of the restroom is necessary for student safety or to make repairs.

Please describe the issue of your complaint in detail. You may attach additional pages and include as much text as necessary to fully describe the situation. For complaints regarding facilities conditions, please describe the emergency or urgent facilities condition and how that condition poses a threat to the health or safety of students or staff.

Note: Education Code 35186 requires that complaints be filed with the principal or designee and that the complaint form specify the location for filing the complaint. Districts should specify the name and/or location in the spaces below.

Please file this complaint at the following location:

(principal or designee)

(address)

Please provide a signature below. If you wish to remain anonymous, a signature is not required. However, all complaints, even anonymous ones, should be dated.

(Signature)

(Date)

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Administrative Regulation

Access To District Records

AR 1340

Community Relations

Note: Article 1, Section 3 of the California Constitution grants any person the right to access information concerning meetings and writings of state and local government bodies, officials, and agencies as long as the constitutional rights of privacy and due process are protected. Courts broadly interpret rules or laws granting access and narrowly interpret those denying access; thus, the burden is on the district to demonstrate the need for restricting access to public records.

The following **optional** administrative regulation lists those records defined as public and, in contrast, those defined as confidential to which there is no public access. It is not intended to provide an all-inclusive list of records that may be defined as either public or confidential.

Definitions

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 6252, a "public record" includes any writing that relates to district business as defined below.

Emails and other electronic communications related in a substantive manner to district business are considered public records. Furthermore, in *City of San Jose v. Superior Court*, the California Supreme Court held that using a personal account or personal device to send or receive communications regarding public business does not categorically exclude those records from disclosure upon request under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) (Government Code 6250-6270). The court noted that public agencies are required to disclose all applicable records that can be located "with reasonable effort," including those records contained on a public employee's or official's personal device or account. Such searches need not be extraordinary or intrusive. For further information, see CSBA's Legal Alert: Tips for Governing Boards in Response to Public Records Act Ruling on Electronic Communications. Also see the accompanying Board policy, AR 3580 - District Records, and BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications.

Public records include any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the district's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by the district regardless of physical form or characteristics. (Government Code 6252)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)

Writing means any handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, photocopying, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored. (Government Code 6252)

Member of the public means any person, except a member, agent, officer, or employee of the district or a federal, state, or other local agency acting within the scope of such his/her membership, agency, office, or employment. (Government Code 6252)

Public Records

Note: While not specifically enumerated in Government Code 6252, items #1-14 below are items which fall within the definition of "public records."

Public records to which members of the public shall have access include, but are not limited to:

1. Proposed and approved district budgets and annual audits (Education Code 41020, 42103)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

2. Statistical compilations

3. Reports and memoranda

4. Notices and bulletins

5. Minutes of public meetings (Education Code 35145)

(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)

6. Meeting agendas (Government Code 54957.5)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

7. Official communications between the district and other government agencies

Note: District and school plans (e.g., local control and accountability plan, school plan for student achievement, comprehensive safety plan) must generally be accessible to the public. However, pursuant to Education Code 32281, the Governing Board may choose to prohibit disclosure of those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents. See BP 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

8. District and school plans, and the information and data relevant to the development and evaluation of such plans, unless otherwise prohibited by law

- ~~8. School based program plans (Education Code 52850)~~

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

- ~~9. Information and data relevant to the evaluation and modification of district plans~~

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
~~(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)~~
~~0520.2—Title I Program Improvement Schools)~~
~~(cf. 0520.3—Title I Program Improvement Districts)~~

~~10~~(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

9. Initial proposals of exclusive employee representatives and of the district (Government Code 3547)

(cf. 4143.1/4243.1 - Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations)

Note: Although Government Code 6254 exempts from disclosure those records pertaining to pending litigation, the Attorney General opined in 71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235 (1988) that records predating the filing of the lawsuit are subject to disclosure. In Fairley v. Superior Court, a California Court of Appeal concurred and held that documents were exempted only if they were prepared for use in litigation. (See item #2 in the section "Confidential Records" below.) The following item reflects the opinion of the court and the Attorney General. The Board should consult legal counsel if it believes that any document related to litigation should not be disclosed.

1044. Records pertaining to claims and litigation against the district which have been adjudicated or settled (Government Code 6254, 6254.25)

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

1142. Statements of economic interests required by the Conflict of Interest Code (Government Code 81008)

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

Note: Generally, the names and salaries of public employees are subject to disclosure under the CPRA. In Sacramento County Employees Retirement System v. Superior Court, a California Court of Appeal held that the names and corresponding pension benefits of members of a county retirement system are subject to disclosure and are not considered "individual records of members" protected by Government Code 31532. However, in International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers v. The Superior Court of Alameda County, the California Supreme Court recognized that, in some instances, the salaries of certain employees might be exempt from disclosure, depending on the facts and circumstances. The Board should consult legal counsel if it believes that any document related to the names and salaries of public employees should not be disclosed.

1243. Documents containing names, salaries, and pension benefits of district employees

1344. Employment contracts and settlement agreements (Government Code 53262)

(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract)
(cf. 4117.5/4217.5/4317.5 - Termination Agreements)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

1415. Instructional materials including, but not limited to, textbooks__ (Education Code 49091.10)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

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

Access to public records of the district shall be granted to Governing Board members on the same basis as any other member of the public. When Board members are authorized to access public records in the administration of their duties, the Superintendent or designee shall not discriminate among any of the Board members as to which record, or portion of the record, will be made available, or when it will be made available. (Government Code 6252.5, 6252.7)

Note: Government Code 6254.29 specifies that the CPRA does not require a district to disclose an employee's social security number and states the Legislature's intent that districts redact social security numbers from any records being disclosed to the public. In addition, Government Code 6254.3 prohibits disclosure of an employee's personal cell phone number and birth date.

When disclosing to a member of the public any record that contains personal information, including, but not limited to, an employee's home address, home telephone number, social security number, personal cell phone number, or birth date, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that such personal information is redacted from that record. _(Government Code 6254.29, 6254.3)

Confidential Public Records

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 8310.3, districts are prohibited from collecting or disclosing to federal government authorities any personal information regarding an individual's religious beliefs, practices, or affiliation for the purpose of compiling a list, registry, or database of individuals based on religious affiliation, national origin, or ethnicity.

In addition, Education Code 234.7 prohibits the collection of information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members. If the district becomes aware of the citizenship or immigration status of any student, it is prohibited from disclosing that information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as such disclosure is not among the limited exceptions specified in law for which student records may be released without parental consent or a lawful judicial order. An ICE "administrative warrant" is not a court order that would allow a district to disclose student records without parent/guardian consent. See BP/AR 5125 - Student Records, BP/AR 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement, and the Office of the Attorney General's publication Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues.

Unless otherwise authorized or required by law, information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status or religious beliefs, practices, or affiliation shall not be disclosed to federal government authorities. (Education Code 234.7; Government Code 8310.3)

(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

Records to which the members of the public shall not have access include, but are not limited to:

1. Preliminary drafts, notes, and interagency or intradistrict memoranda that are not retained by the district in the ordinary course of business, provided that the public interest in withholding these records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

2. Records specifically generated in connection with or prepared for use in litigation to which the district is a party or to respond to claims made against the district pursuant to the Tort Claims Act, until the litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled, or beyond, if the records are protected by some other provision of law (Government Code 6254, 6254.25)
3. Personnel records, medical records, or similar materials, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5) - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

The home addresses, home telephone numbers, personal cell phone numbers, or birth date of employees may only be disclosed as follows: (Government Code 6254.3)

- a. To an agent or a family member of the employee
- b. To an officer or employee of a state agency or another school district or county office of education when necessary for the performance of official duties
- c. To an employee organization pursuant to regulations and decisions of the Public Employment Relations Board, except that the home address and any telephone number for an employee who performs law enforcement-related functions, or the birth date of any employee, shall not be disclosed

Upon written request of any employee, the district shall not disclose the employee's home address, home telephone number, personal cell phone number, or birth date, and the district shall remove this information from any mailing list of the district except a list used exclusively to contact the employee.

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

- d. To an agent or employee of a health benefit plan providing health services or administering claims for health services to district employees and their enrolled dependents, for the purpose of providing the health services or administering claims for employees and their enrolled dependents

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

4. Student records, except directory information and other records to the extent permitted under the law, when disclosure is authorized by law

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

5. Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data except as provided by law (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
~~(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)~~

6. Without affecting the law of eminent domain, the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the district relative to the acquisition of property, or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all of the contract agreement obtained (Government Code 6254)
7. Information required from any taxpayer in connection with the collection of local taxes that is received in confidence and the disclosure of the information to other persons would result in an unfair competitive disadvantage to the person supplying the information_ (Government Code 6254)
8. Library circulation and patron use records of a borrower or patron including, but not limited to, ~~his/her~~ name, address, telephone number, email address, borrowing information, or use of library information resources, except when disclosure is to ~~persons~~ person acting within the scope of ~~their~~ his/her duties in the administration of the library, to ~~persons~~ person authorized in writing by the individual to whom the records pertain, or by court order (Government Code 6254, 6267)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

Note: The following exemption protects attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product, as well as other work product prepared for use in pending litigation or claims. Pursuant to the Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California, when an attorney has been hired to represent the district as a whole, this privilege may only be waived by the Board.

In Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors v. Superior Court, the California Supreme Court held that invoices for the services of district counsel, or portions of those invoices, may be privileged and therefore exempt from disclosure. The Board should consult with legal counsel to determine what records to disclose in response to a CPRA request for such invoices.

9. Records for which the disclosure is exempted or prohibited pursuant to state or federal law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

10. Documents prepared by or for the district to assess its vulnerability to terrorist attack or other criminal acts intended to disrupt district operations and that are for distribution or consideration in closed session (Government Code 6254)

~~(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)~~

11. Recall petitions, petitions for special elections to fill Board vacancies, or petitions for the reorganization of the school district (Government Code 6253.5)

(cf. 9223 - Filling Vacancies)

12. Minutes of Board meetings held in closed session (Government Code 54957.2)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

13. Computer software developed by the district (Government Code 6254.9)

14. Information security records, the disclosure of which would reveal vulnerabilities to, or otherwise increase potential for an attack on, the district's information technology system (Government Code 6254.19)

15. Records that contain individually identifiable health information, including records that may be exempt pursuant to physician-patient privilege, the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Government Code 6254, 6255)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

16. Any other records listed as exempt from public disclosure in the California Public Records Act or other statutes

Note: Item #17 below reflects an exemption often referred to as the "catch-all" or "public interest" exemption pursuant to Government Code 6255. This exemption allows a district to withhold a record based on analysis of the specific facts of the situation and in light of the competing public interests. This exemption also includes the "deliberative process privilege" which is designed to protect a district's decision-making process in order to encourage candid discussions within the district. Legal counsel should be consulted to determine whether a request for a record falls under this exemption.

17. Any other records for which the district can demonstrate that, based on the particular facts of the case, the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record (Government Code 6255)

Inspection of Records and Requests for Copies

Note: Court decisions have held that a public record request may be made orally, by phone, or in writing, including by email, fax, or hand delivery. The district may ask, but not require, that the person put an oral request in writing.

Any person may request a copy or inspection of any district record that is open to the public and not exempt from disclosure. (Government Code 6253)

Within 10 days of receiving any request to inspect or copy a district record, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether the request seeks release of a disclosable public record in the district's possession. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly inform the person making the request of ~~the~~his/her determination and the reasons for the decision. (Government Code 6253)

In unusual circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may extend the 10-day limit for up to 14 days by providing written notice to the requester and setting forth the reasons for the extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be made. —Unusual circumstances include the following, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to properly process the request: (Government Code 6253)

1. The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request
2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request
3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency (e.g., a state agency or city) having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the district (e.g., two different school sites) with substantial interest in the request
4. In the case of electronic records, the need to compile data, write programming language or a computer program, or construct a computer report to extract data

If the Superintendent or designee determines that the request seeks disclosable public records, the determination shall state the estimated date and time when the records will be made available. (Government Code 6253)

Public records shall be open to inspection at all times during district office hours. Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be made available for inspection by any person requesting the record after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law. (Government Code 6253)

Note: Government Code 6253 states that copies of records must be provided "promptly." The term "promptly" is not defined in law, but Government Code 6253 also states that a district may not delay or obstruct the copying of records. Thus, if the records are held in a manner that allows for prompt disclosure, the records generally should not be withheld because of the 10-day response period or the 14-day extension detailed above.

Upon request for a copy that reasonably describes an identifiable record, an exact copy shall be promptly provided unless it is impracticable to do so. (Government Code 6253)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that charge for copies. See the accompanying Board policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall charge an amount for copies that reflects the direct costs of duplication. Written requests to waive the fee shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

In addition to maintaining public records for public inspection during district office hours, the district may comply with public records requests by posting any public record on the district's web site and, in response to a public records request, directing the member of the public to the location on the web site where the record can be found. However, if the member of the public is unable to access or reproduce the record from the web site, the district shall promptly provide an exact copy of the public record upon payment of duplication fees, if applicable, unless it is impracticable to provide an exact copy. (Government Code 6253)

If any person requests that a public record be provided in an electronic format, the district shall make that record available in any electronic format in which it holds the information. The district shall provide a copy of the electronic record in the format requested as long as the requested format is one that has been used by the district to create copies for its own use or for use by other agencies. (Government Code 6253.9)

The cost of duplicating an electronic record shall be limited to the direct cost of producing a copy of the record in electronic format. However, the requester shall bear the cost of producing the copy of the electronic record, including the cost to construct the record and the cost of programming and computer services necessary to produce the copy, under the following circumstances: (Government Code 6253.9)

1. The electronic record is one that is produced only at otherwise regularly scheduled intervals.
2. The request would require data compilation, extraction, or programming to produce the record.

Assistance in Identifying Requested Records

Note: Government Code 6253.1 requires the district to assist a person requesting to inspect or obtain a copy of a public record as specified below. This assistance is not required if the district grants the request and the records are made available or if the request is denied on the grounds that the records are confidential.

If the Superintendent or designee denies a request for disclosable records, ~~he/she shall assist~~ the requester shall be assisted in making a focused and effective request that reasonably describes an identifiable record. To the extent reasonable under the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall do all of the following: (Government Code 6253.1)

1. Assist in identifying records and information responsive to the request or the purpose of the request, if specified

If, after making a reasonable effort to elicit additional clarifying information from the requester to help identify the record, the Superintendent or designee is still unable to identify the information, this requirement shall be deemed satisfied.

2. Describe the information technology and physical location in which the records exist
3. Provide suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought

Provisions of the Public Records Act shall not be construed so as to delay or obstruct the inspection or copying of public records. -Any notification denying a request for public records shall state the name and title of each person responsible for the denial. (Government Code 6253)

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Board Policy

Budget

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Business and Noninstructional Operations

The Governing Board recognizes its critical responsibility for adopting a sound budget ~~for~~ each fiscal year which is aligned with and reflects the district's vision, goals, priorities, local control and accountability plan (LCAP), and other ~~and~~ comprehensive plans. ~~The district budget shall guide administrative decisions and actions throughout the year and shall serve as a tool for monitoring the fiscal health of the district.~~

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. ~~3000 - Concepts and Roles~~)

0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan

(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The district budget shall show a complete plan and itemized statement of all proposed expenditures and all estimated revenues for the following fiscal year, together with a comparison of revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year. The budget shall also include the appropriations limit and the total annual appropriations subject to limitation as determined pursuant to Government Code 7900-7914. (Education Code 42122)

~~The Board shall adopt the budget only after a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) developed pursuant to Education Code 52060-52077 or an annual update to the LCAP is in place for the budget year. Expenditures necessary to implement the LCAP or the annual update during the subsequent fiscal year shall be included in the budget. (Education Code 42127)~~

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

Development and Adoption Process

~~The Superintendent or designee shall establish an annual budget development process and calendar in accordance with the single budget adoption process described in Education Code 42127(i). He/she shall annually notify the County Superintendent of Schools of the district's decision to use the single budget adoption process in the subsequent year. (Education Code 42127)~~

In order to provide guidance in the development of the budget, the Board shall annually establish budget priorities based on identified district needs and goals and on realistic projections of

available funds.

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the preparation of a proposed district budget for approval by the Board and shall involve appropriate staff in the development of budget projections.

Note: Education Code 42103 and 42127 require the district to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of the budget. A public hearing on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) must occur at the same meeting as the public hearing on the proposed budget. See the accompanying administrative regulation and BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan for requirements pertaining to the public hearing.

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 a local control funding formula (LCFF) budget overview for parents/guardians with specified information, based on a template created by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). The budget overview must be developed in conjunction with, and attached as a cover to, the LCAP and annual update to the LCAP. The adoption, review, approval, and posting of the budget overview are subject to the same requirements as for the LCAP, including the requirement for a public hearing.

The Board ~~development process and~~ shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budget in accordance with Education Code 42103 and 42127. The hearing shall occur at the same meeting as the public hearing on the district's LCAP and the local control funding formula (LCFF) budget overview for parents/guardians. (Education Code 42103, 42127, 52062, 52064.1)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

The Board shall adopt the district budget at a public meeting held after the date of the public hearing but on or before July 1 of each year. The Board shall adopt the budget following its adoption of the LCAP, or annual update to the LCAP, and the LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians. The budget shall include the expenditures necessary to implement the LCAP or the annual update to the LCAP. (Education Code 42127, 52062)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42126, the district budget must be in a format prescribed by the SPI. The SPI has established a requirement that districts use the Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS). SACS ensures that districts meet state and federal reporting guidelines and comply with generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The California Department of Education's (CDE) California School Accounting Manual provides guidance regarding coding of revenues and expenditures.

The budget that is presented at the public hearing as well as the budget formally adopted by the Board shall adhere to ~~be in~~ the state's Standardized Account Code Structure as ~~format~~ prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). (Education Code 42126, 42127)

~~—~~The Superintendent or designee may supplement this format with additional information as necessary to effectively communicate the budget to the Board, staff, and public.

Note: Education Code 42127 requires the district to file the adopted budget with the County Superintendent of

Schools as described below. If the district fails to submit a budget by July 1, the County Superintendent will, at district expense, develop a budget by September 15 and transmit that budget to the Board.

No later than five days after the Board adopts the district budget or by July 1, whichever occurs first, the Board shall file the adopted district budget with the County Superintendent of Schools. The budget and supporting data shall be maintained and made available for public review. (Education Code 42127)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127, on or before September 15, the County Superintendent must approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the district's adopted budget. Education Code 42127 requires that this determination be based on a consideration of whether the district's adopted budget complies with state standards and criteria, will allow the district to meet its current and multiyear financial obligations, includes the expenditures necessary to implement the LCAP or annual update to the LCAP, satisfies all conditions established by the County Superintendent in the case of a conditionally approved budget, and complies with the requirements pertaining to ending fund balances that exceed the state minimum recommended reserve.

Education Code 42127 also requires the County Superintendent to consider other studies, reports, evaluations, or audits that may indicate that the district is in fiscal distress; see the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team's Fiscal Oversight Guide and BP 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability.

If the County Superintendent disapproves or conditionally approves the district's budget, the Board shall review and respond to the County Superintendent's recommendations at a regular public meeting on or before October 8. The response shall include any revisions to the adopted budget and any other proposed actions to be taken as a result of those recommendations. (Education Code 42127)

Budget Advisory Committee

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that choose to establish a budget advisory committee to provide input during the budget development process.

This committee is different from the budget review committee that is required pursuant to Education Code 42127 and 42127.1 if the County Superintendent disapproves the district's budget; see the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a budget advisory committee composed of staff, Board representatives, and/or members of the community.

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that selected either Option 1, 2, or 3 above.

The committee shall submit recommendations during the budget development process and its duties shall be assigned each year based on district needs. All recommendations of the committee shall be advisory only and shall not be binding on the Board.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)
(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)
(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

Budget Criteria and Standards

The district budget shall be developed in accordance with state criteria and standards specified in 5 CCR 15440-15450 as they relate to projections of average daily attendance (ADA), enrollment, ratio of ADA to enrollment, LCFF revenue, salaries and benefits, other revenues and expenditures, facilities maintenance, deficit spending, fund balance, and reserves. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the supplemental information specified in 5 CCR 15451 which addresses the methodology and budget assumptions used, contingent liabilities, use of one-time revenues for ongoing expenditures, use of ongoing revenues for one-time expenditures, contingent revenues, contributions, long-term commitments, unfunded liabilities, status of collective bargaining agreements, the LCAP, and LCAP expenditures. (Education Code 33128, 33129, 42127.01; 5 CCR 15440-15451)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that receive supplemental and concentration funding within the LCFF based on the number and concentration of "unduplicated students" (i.e., students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and/or foster youth) pursuant to Education Code 42238.02 and 42238.03. 5 CCR 15496 addresses the method of determining the percentage by which services for unduplicated students must be increased or improved above services provided to all students in the fiscal year. Pursuant to 5 CCR 15496, the district's LCAP must include evidence demonstrating how LCFF funding apportioned on the basis of unduplicated students is used to support such students; see AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

The district budget shall provide for increased or improved services for unduplicated students at least in proportion to the increase ~~in to the district's revenue generated from such funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students in accordance with 5 CCR 15496.~~ Unduplicated students are students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and/or foster youth. (Education Code 42238.07; 5 CCR 15496)

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

The Board may establish other budget assumptions or parameters which may take into consideration the stability of funding sources, legal requirements and constraints on the use of funds, anticipated increases and/or decreases in the cost of services and supplies, ~~categorical~~ program requirements, and any other factors necessary to ensure that the budget is a realistic plan for district revenues and expenditures.

(cf. 2210 - Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy)
(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

Fund Balance

Note: The following section should be revised to reflect district practice. GASB Statement 54 addresses the way fund balances (i.e., the gross differences between assets and liabilities reflected on the balance sheet) in governmental funds are reported in external financial reports. Fund balances must be classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned in accordance with GASB 54 definitions; also see AR 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability. Pursuant to GASB 54, the Board has sole authority to specify purposes of funds classified as "committed" and also must express, or delegate the authority to express, intended purposes of resources that result in the "assigned" fund balance. The Board may modify the following section to reflect its fund balance policy or may adopt a formal resolution containing the required components.

The district shall classify fund balances in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54, as follows:

1. *Nonspendable fund balance* includes amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as resources that are not in a spendable form (e.g., inventories and prepaids) or that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. *Restricted fund balance* includes amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers or by law.

Note: For purposes of the committed fund balance, GASB 54 requires that the Board commit funds no later than the end of the reporting period. In New Requirements for Reporting Fund Balance in Governmental Funds, the CDE clarifies that for districts the end of the reporting period is June 30.

3. *Committed fund balance* includes amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Board.

For this purpose, all commitments of funds shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board. ~~The constraints shall be imposed no later than the end of the reporting period (of June 30),~~ although the actual amounts may be determined subsequent to that date but prior to the issuance of the financial statements.
4. *Assigned fund balance* includes amounts which ~~are intended the Board or its designee intends to use~~ for a specific purpose ~~but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.~~

The Board delegates authority to assign funds to the assigned fund balance to the Superintendent ~~or designee~~ and authorizes the assignment of such funds to be made any time prior to the issuance of the financial statements. The Superintendent shall have discretion to further delegate the authority to assign funds.

5. *Unassigned fund balance* includes amounts that are available for any purpose.

When multiple types of funds are available for an expenditure, the district shall first utilize funds from the restricted fund balance as appropriate, then from the committed fund balance, then from the assigned fund balance, and lastly from the unassigned fund balance.

Note: Although not required by GASB 54, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that public agencies adopt a minimum fund balance policy that establishes an appropriate level of unrestricted

fund balance that will be maintained in the general fund. The GFOA's Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund describes a variety of factors that should be considered when developing a minimum fund balance policy, such as the predictability of its revenue and volatility of its expenditures, perceived exposure to significant one-time outlays, potential drain upon the general fund from other funds as well as the availability of resources in other funds, potential impact on bond ratings and the corresponding increased cost of borrowed funds, and portion of unrestricted fund balance already committed or assigned for a specific purpose.

The Board intends to maintain a minimum assigned and unassigned fund balance in an amount the Board deems sufficient to maintain fiscal solvency and stability and to protect the district against unforeseen circumstances.

Note: The GFOA recommends that the minimum fund policy address both the circumstances under which the unrestricted fund balance can be spent down and the procedure for replenishing deficiencies. The district may revise the following optional paragraph to specify the rate at which the district will attempt to recover the fund balance (e.g., the Board shall develop a plan to recover the fund balance at a rate of at least one percent each year).

If the assigned and unassigned fund balance falls below this level set by the Board due to an emergency situation, unexpected expenditures, or revenue shortfalls, the Board shall develop a plan to recover the fund balance which may include dedicating new unrestricted revenues, reducing expenditures, and/or increasing revenues or pursuing other funding sources.

Reserve Balance

Note: 5 CCR 15450 establishes a minimum local reserve balance for economic uncertainties based on the district's average daily attendance (ADA). The minimum reserve balance is the greater of five percent or \$55,000 for districts with 0-300 ADA; the greater of four percent or \$55,000 for districts with 301-1,000 ADA; three percent for districts with 1,001-30,000 ADA; two percent for districts with 30,001-400,000 ADA; and one percent for districts with over 400,000 ADA. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the minimum reserve applicable to the district's ADA.

The district budget shall include a minimum reserve balance for economic uncertainties that is consistent with the percentage or amount specified in 5 CCR 15450.

Note: Education Code 42127.01 establishes, under certain conditions, a maximum amount of local reserve balance for economic uncertainties. Pursuant to Education Code 42127.01, if the amount of monies in the state Public School System Stabilization Account is three percent or more of the combined total of general fund revenues appropriated for school districts and allocated local proceeds of taxes, the district's combined assigned or unassigned ending general fund balance must not exceed 10 percent of those funds in the immediately following fiscal year.

Basic aid districts, as described in Education Code 42238.02, and districts with 2,500 or less ADA are exempted from this requirement and may delete the following paragraph. Other districts may also be exempted from this requirement by the County Superintendent for up to two consecutive fiscal years within a three-year period upon providing documentation of extraordinary fiscal circumstances (e.g., multiyear infrastructure or technology projects) that substantiate the need for a reserve in excess of the limit specified in Education Code 42127.01.

In any year following the fiscal year in which the district is notified by the SPI that the amount of monies in the state Public School System Stabilization Account equals or exceeds three percent of the combined total of general fund revenues appropriated for school districts and allocated local proceeds of taxes, the district budget shall not contain a combined assigned or unassigned

ending general fund balance that is in excess of 10 percent of these funds, unless the requirement is waived in accordance with Education Code 42127.01. (Education Code 42127.01)

Long-Term Financial Obligations

The district's current-year budget and ~~multiyear~~~~multi-year~~ projections shall include adequate provisions for addressing the district's long-term financial obligations, including, but not limited to, long-term obligations resulting from collective bargaining agreements, financing of facilities projects, unfunded or future liability for retiree benefits, and accrued workers' compensation claims.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

(cf. ~~4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation~~)

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

(cf. 7210 - Facilities Financing)

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Government Code 21710-21716, as added by SB 1413 (Ch. 665, Statutes of 2018), establish the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program and related Trust Fund, allowing districts that provide a defined benefit pension plan to their employees to prefund required pension contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Districts may elect to participate in the Prefunding Trust Program for the purpose of investing payments toward their required CalPERS pension contributions.

The Board may approve a plan for meeting the district's long-term obligations to fund contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) which, to the extent possible, minimizes significant increases in annual general fund expenditures towards pension obligations. The plan may include prefunding required pension contributions through the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program pursuant to Government Code 21710-21716.

Note: The following two optional paragraphs are for use by districts that provide "other postemployment benefits" (OPEBs) (i.e., medical, dental, vision, hearing, life insurance, long-term care, long-term disability, and other nonpension benefits to retired employees or Board members) and should be revised to reflect district practice; see BP/AR 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits and BB 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits. CSBA recommends that districts adopt a specific funding strategy for addressing their OPEB obligations. The district may pay the premiums as they fall due ("pay-as-you-go"), but in such a case the district would then accrue a deficit with respect to future retirees which can be expected to grow as a result of an increasing retiree population and increases in benefit costs. Therefore, it is recommended that the district prefund the debt to the extent possible using a method and level to be determined by the Board. For example, the district may contribute a set amount or percentage of the actuarially determined "annual required contributions" to an irrevocable trust or designated fund each year.

GASB Statement 75 requires districts that do not provide OPEB through a trust to report the total unfunded liability (i.e., OPEBs that are not prefunded) in the district's financial statements; see AR 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability.

CSBA's OPEB Solutions Program provides access to a trusted source of analysis and a GASB 75-compliant trust to prefund future obligations. See CSBA's web site for further information.

The Board shall approve a plan for meeting the district's long-term obligations to fund

nonpension, other postemployment benefits (OPEBs). This plan shall include a specific funding strategy and the method that will be used to finance the district's annual fiscal obligations for such benefits in a manner that continually reduces the deficit to the district to the extent possible. The Board reserves the authority to review and amend the funding strategy as necessary to ensure that it continues to serve the best interests of the district and maintains flexibility to adjust for changing budgetary considerations.

~~The~~ ~~When the~~ Superintendent or designee shall annually present~~presents~~ a report to the Board on the estimated accrued but unfunded cost of OPEBs. ~~As, the Board shall disclose, as~~ a separate agenda item at the same meeting, the Board shall disclose whether or not it will reserve a sufficient amount of money in its budget to fund the present value of the benefits of existing retirees and/or the future cost of employees who are eligible for benefits in the current fiscal year. (Education Code 42140)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that are self-insured for workers' compensation claims, either individually or as part of a joint powers agency. See AR 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability for provisions related to reporting the estimated accrued but unfunded cost of workers' compensation claims based on an actuarial report.

~~The~~ Superintendent or designee shall annually present~~presents~~ a report to the Board on the estimated accrued but unfunded cost of workers' compensation claims and the actuarial reports upon which the estimated costs are based. ~~As, the Board shall disclose, as~~ a separate agenda item at the same meeting, the Board shall disclose whether ~~or not~~ it will reserve in the budget sufficient amounts to fund the present value of accrued but unfunded workers' compensation claims or if~~if~~ it is otherwise decreasing the amount in its workers' compensation reserve fund. The Board shall annually certify to the County Superintendent the amount, if any, that it has decided to reserve in the budget for these costs. The Board shall submit to the County Superintendent any budget revisions that may be necessary to account for this budget reserve. (Education Code 42141)

Budget Amendments

Note: The following section is **optional** and should be revised to reflect district practice.

No later than 45 days after the Governor signs the annual Budget Act, the Superintendent or designee shall make available for public review any revisions in budgeted revenues and expenditures which occur as a result of the funding made available by that Budget Act. (Education Code 42127)

Whenever revenues and expenditures change significantly throughout the year, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend budget amendments to ensure accurate projections of the district's net ending balance. When final figures for the prior-year budget are available, this information shall be used as soon as possible to update the current-year budget's beginning balance and projected revenues and expenditures.

In addition, budget amendments shall be submitted for Board approval as necessary when ~~the~~

~~state budget is adopted,~~ collective bargaining agreements are accepted, district income declines, increased revenues or unanticipated savings are made available to the district, program proposals are significantly different from those approved during budget adoption, interfund transfers are needed to meet actual program expenditures, and/or other significant changes occur that impact budget projections.

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Business and Noninstructional Operations

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that have established a budget advisory committee and have selected either Option 1 or 2 in the "Budget Advisory Committee" section of the accompanying Board policy.

Membership of the district's budget advisory committee may include representatives
Initial Budget Adoption

On or before July 1 of each of year, the following groups:

1. Governing Board members, provided that less than shall adopt a majority of the Board serves on the committee

(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

2. District and school site administrators

3. Representatives of bargaining units

4. Certificated and/or classified staff

5. Parents/guardians

6. Representatives of the business community and/or other community members

7. Students

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)

Note: The remainder of this section details the duties of the budget advisory committee and is for use by districts that selected either Option 1, 2, or 3 in the "Budget Advisory Committee" section of the accompanying Board policy.

The committee's duties may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Making recommendations regarding budget priorities which align with the district's vision, goals, priorities, local control and accountability plan (LCAP), and other

comprehensive plans

2. Recommending cost reduction strategies, such as adheres to the state's standardized account code structure (SACS) as identifying services that may be reduced, made more efficient, or discontinued
3. Reviewing the clarity and effectiveness of budget documents and communications
4. Presenting progress reports on the committee's work and a final report of recommendations to prescribed by the Superintendent or designee and to the Board

The specific duties of the committee shall be clearly defined and presented to each member in writing, along with any background information necessary for the successful completion of the committee's charges, the timelines for reporting the committee's progress, and timelines for completion of each task.

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)

of Public Hearing

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52062, the public hearing on the budget must be at the same meeting as the public hearing on the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). In addition, pursuant to Education Code 52064.1, as added by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), districts are required to develop a local control funding formula budget overview for parents/guardians through a process that meets the requirements of Education Code 52062, including the requirement for a public hearing. See the accompanying Board policy and BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

The agenda for the public hearing on ~~Before adopting~~ the district budget ~~for the subsequent fiscal year, the Board shall hold a public hearing. The agenda for this hearing~~ shall be posted at least 72 hours before the hearing and shall indicate the location where the budget may be inspected. The proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at least three working days before this hearing. ~~This hearing shall be held at the same meeting as the public hearing to solicit public input on the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) or the annual update to the LCAP.~~ (Education Code 42103, 42127, 52062)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools of the location, ~~dates,~~ and date~~times~~ at which the proposed budget may be inspected, as well as the location, date, and time of the public hearing, in sufficient time for the County Superintendent to publish such information in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days but not more than 45 days before the hearing, as required by Education Code 42103.

Whenever the proposed district budget includes a combined assigned and unassigned ending fund balance that exceeds the minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties adopted by the State Board of Education, the district shall provide, for each fiscal year included

in the budget, the following information for public review and discussion at the public hearing: (Education Code 42127; 5 CCR 15450)

1. The minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties
2. The combined assigned and unassigned ending fund balances that are in excess of the minimum recommended reserve
3. A statement of reasons substantiating the need for the combined assigned and unassigned ending balances that are in excess of the minimum recommended reserve

During the hearing, any district resident may ~~appear and object~~^{speak} to the proposed budget or to any item in the budget. The hearing may conclude when all residents who have requested to be heard have had the opportunity to speak. (Education Code 42103)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

~~After the public hearing, at a public meeting held on a different date, the Board shall adopt the district budget following adoption of the LCAP at the same meeting. The budget shall not be adopted if an approved LCAP or annual update to the LCAP is not in effect for the budget year. (Education Code 52062)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall file the adopted budget with the County Superintendent no later than five days after adoption or by July 1, whichever occurs first. The budget and supporting data shall be maintained and made available for public review. (Education Code 42127)~~

~~(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)~~

Revised Budget

~~No later than 45 days after the Governor signs the annual Budget Act, the Superintendent or designee shall make available for public review any revisions in budgeted revenues and expenditures which are consequently necessary. (Education Code 42127)~~

~~If the County Superintendent disapproves the district's budget, the Board shall review and respond to his/her recommendations at a public meeting on or before September 8. The response shall include any revisions to the adopted budget and any other proposed actions to be taken as a result of those recommendations. (Education Code 42127)~~

~~Before revising the budget, the Board shall hold a second public hearing regarding the proposed revisions in accordance with Education Code 42103. In addition, if the initial budget was disapproved by the County Superintendent, the public hearing shall include a review by the Board and the County Superintendent of the disapproval and the County Superintendent's recommendations. (Education Code 42127)~~

~~The revised budget and supporting data shall be maintained and made available for public~~

~~review. (Education Code 42127)~~

Budget Review Committee for Disapproved Budgets

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127, if the County Superintendent conditionally approves or disapproves the district's initial budget, the district must respond to the County Superintendent's recommendations by October 8; see the accompanying Board policy. If the County Superintendent then disapproves that revised budget, Education Code 42127 and 42127.1 require the County Superintendent to call for the formation of a budget review committee unless the Governing Board and the County Superintendent agree to waive the committee requirement and the California Department of Education agrees to the waiver. See BP 1431 - Waivers. The formation, convening procedures, and timelines of the budget review committee are set forth in Education Code 42127.1-42127.3.

Education Code 42127 provides that the County Superintendent cannot call for the formation of a budget review committee if the sole reason for disapproving the district's budget is disapproval of the district's LCAP or the annual update to the LCAP.

~~If the district's budget is disapproved by the County Superintendent for any reason other than the district's revised budget is disapproved by the County Superintendent for any reason other than his/her~~ disapproval of the district's LCAP or annual update to the LCAP, the budget shall be reviewed by a budget review committee, unless the Board and County Superintendent agree to waive the requirement and the California Department of Education accepts the waiver. (Education Code 42127)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127.2, if the Board fails to select the budget review committee from a list of candidates provided by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) within five working days of receiving the list, as provided in item #1 below, the SPI will select and convene the committee no later than 10 working days after the district's receipt of the candidate list.

This committee shall consist of either: (Education Code 42127.1, 42127.2)

1. Three persons selected by the Board from a list of candidates provided by the ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), SPI~~, who shall be selected within five working days after receiving the list of candidates
2. A regional review committee selected and convened by the County Superintendent with the approval of the Board and SPI

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127.2, the budget review committee is required to submit, by November 30, its recommendation as to whether the district's budget should be approved or disapproved and, if the recommendation is for disapproval, its recommended revisions to the budget. The SPI may extend this deadline for up to 15 working days.

If the budget review committee recommends disapproval of the district budget, the Board may submit a response to the SPI no later than five working days after receipt of the committee's report. - The response may include any revisions to the adopted final budget and any other proposed actions to be taken as a result of the committee's recommendations. (Education Code 42127.3)

If the SPI disapproves the district budget after reviewing the committee's report and the district's response, the Board shall consult with the County Superintendent ~~to develop as he/she develops~~ and ~~adopt~~~~adopts~~, by ~~December 31~~~~November 30~~, a fiscal plan and budget that will allow the district to meet its current fiscal year and multiyear financial obligations. For the current fiscal year, the district shall operate in accordance with the budget adopted by the County Superintendent. (Education Code 42127.3)

Until the district receives approval of its budget, it shall continue to operate either on the basis of the prior year's budget or on the basis of the current year's unapproved budget as adopted and revised by the Board, whichever budget contains a lower total spending authority. (Education Code 42127.4)

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Board Policy

Fees And Charges

BP 3260

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49011, a district is prohibited from requiring students to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge in order to participate in an educational activity as defined in Education Code 49010. A district is also required to provide the supplies, materials, and equipment needed by students to participate in educational activities. Education Code 49011 clarifies that an otherwise impermissible fee would not be made permissible by the provision of a waiver for some students. However, pursuant to 5 CCR 350, a district is permitted, in certain circumstances, to impose fees that are specifically authorized by law. See the accompanying administrative regulation for a list of permissible fees.

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that books, materials, equipment, supplies, and other resources necessary for ~~student~~students' participation in the district's educational program are made available to ~~students~~them at no cost.

No student shall be required to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge for ~~his/her~~ participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011; 5 CCR 350)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

As necessary, the Board may approve fees, deposits, and other charges which are specifically authorized by law. When approving such fees, deposits, or charges, establishing fee schedules, or determining whether waivers or exceptions should be granted, the Board shall consider relevant data, including the socioeconomic conditions of ~~district~~ students' families and their ability to pay.

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

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

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

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. The prohibition against student fees pursuant to Education Code 49011 does not restrict districts from soliciting for voluntary donations, participating in fundraising activities, or providing prizes or other recognition for participants in such fundraising activities. However, according to the California Department of Education's (CDE) Fiscal Management Advisory 17-01, Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, the prohibition against student fees does bar a district from requiring volunteer hours as a condition of admission, enrollment, continued enrollment, sibling preference,

attendance, participation in educational activities, or receipt of credit or privileges related to educational activities.

The prohibition against student fees shall not prevent the district from soliciting for donations, conducting fundraising activities, or providing prizes or other recognition for participants in such activities and events. The Superintendent or designee shall emphasize that participation of students, parents/guardians, district employees, volunteers, or educational or civic organizations in such activities and events is voluntary. -The district shall not offer or award to a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities in exchange for voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student. The district# also shall not remove or threaten to remove from a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against the student, due to a lack of voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student.

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

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

The Superintendent or designee may provide information or professional development opportunities to administrators, teachers, and other personnel regarding permissible fees.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Complaints

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49013, a district is mandated to adopt policy and procedures which allow complaints to be filed using the uniform complaint procedures when the district is alleged to have violated the prohibition against requiring unauthorized student fees. See BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for language implementing this mandate.

A complaint alleging district noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring student fees, deposits, or other charges shall be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 49013)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Note: Education Code 49013 requires districts found in violation of the prohibition against student fees to design a remedy which may include reasonable efforts to identify and fully reimburse all affected individuals as specified in 5 CCR 4600. See AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for additional language reflecting these requirements.

If, upon investigation, the district finds merit in the complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend and the Board shall adopt an appropriate remedy to be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians in accordance with 5 CCR 4600.

Information related to the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees for participation in an educational activity shall be included in the district's annual notification of uniform complaint procedures to be provided to all students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 49013)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - *Employee Notifications*)
(cf. 5145.6 - *Parental Notifications*)

Collection of Debt

Note: Education Code 49014 (the Public School Fair Debt Collection Act), as added by AB 1974 (Ch. 577, Statutes of 2018), establishes requirements for districts to follow when seeking to recover a debt owed by students and/or parents/guardians, including debts resulting from unpaid fees lawfully imposed by a district. See the accompanying administrative regulation for additional language reflecting these requirements.

The debt collection requirements of this Act do not apply to debt owed as a result of vandalism or loss of district property loaned to the student. For further information in regard to such debt, see AR 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage.

For information regarding meal payments, including the collection of delinquent meal charges, see BP/AR 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund.

The Superintendent or designee shall, in accordance with law, recover any debt owed to the district as a result of unpaid permissible student fees approved by the Board. However, the district shall not bill a current or former student for accumulated debt, nor take negative action against a student or former student because of such debt, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (Education Code 49014)

1. Denying full credit for any class assignment
2. Denying full and equal participation in any classroom activity
3. Denying access to the library or other on-campus educational facilities
4. Denying or withholding grades or transcripts
5. Denying or withholding a diploma
6. Limiting or barring participation in an extracurricular activity, club, or sport
7. Limiting or excluding the student from participation in an educational activity, field trip, or school ceremony

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8250 *Child care and development services for children with disabilities*

8263 *Child care eligibility*

8422_ *21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens programs*

8482.6 *After School Education and Safety programs*

8760-8774 *Outdoor science, ~~and~~ conservation, ~~and~~ forestry programs*
17453.1 *District sale or lease of Internet appliances or personal computers to ~~parents of~~ students ~~or~~ parents*
17551 *Property fabricated by students*
19910-19911 *Offenses against libraries*
32033 *Eye protective devices*
32221 *Insurance for athletic team member*
32390 *Fingerprinting program*
35330-35332 *Excursions and field trips*
35335 *School camp programs*
38080-38086.1 *Cafeteria establishment and use*
38120 *Use of school band equipment on excursions to foreign countries*
39801.5 *Transportation for adults*
39807.5 *Payment of transportation costs*
39837 *Transportation of students to places of summer employment*
48050 *Residents of adjoining states*
48052 *Tuition for foreign residents*
48904 *Liability of parent or guardian*
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49065 *Charge for copies*
49066 *Grades, effect of physical education class apparel*
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Administrative Regulation

Fees And Charges

AR 3260

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 350, districts may charge fees only when specifically authorized by law. The following list specifies fees currently authorized by law and should be revised to reflect the types of fees that have been approved by the Governing Board; see the accompanying Board policy. Other permissible fees may exist and be identified in the future. For further information about fees and charges, see the California Department of Education's (CDE) Fiscal Management Advisory 17-01, Pupil Fees, Deposits and Other Charges.

Pursuant to Education Code 49011, a district is prohibited from requiring a student to pay fees or charges in order to participate in an educational activity. A complaint alleging the unauthorized charging of student fees should be filed in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures; see the accompanying Board policy and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Districts with questions as to whether a particular fee may be charged should consult with legal counsel.

When approved by the Governing Board, the Superintendent or designee may impose a fee for the following: (5 CCR 350)

1. Insurance for athletic team members, with an exemption providing for the district to pay the cost of the insurance for any team member who is financially unable to pay (Education Code 32221)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

2. Insurance for medical or hospital service for students participating in field trips and excursions (Education Code 35331)

Note: In its Fiscal Management Advisory 17-01, CDE interprets Education Code 35330 as permitting the district, at its discretion, to charge fees for any field trip, provided that no student is prevented from participating in a field trip due to a lack of funds.

3. Expenses of students' participation in a field trip or excursion within the state or to another state, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country, as long as no student is prohibited from making the field trip due to lack of funds (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

4. Student fingerprinting program, as long as the fee does not exceed the actual costs associated with the program (Education Code 32390)

(cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)

- School camp programs in outdoor science education, conservation education, or forestry operated pursuant to Education Code 8760-8774, provided that the fee is not mandatory and no student is denied the opportunity to participate for nonpayment of the fee (Education Code 35335)

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

Note: Education Code 17551 permits the district to sell to a student any property of the district which has been fabricated by the student, as provided in item #6 below. CDE Fiscal Management Advisory 17-01 clarifies that this cost applies to materials students will take home for their own possession and use, such as wood shop, art, or sewing projects.

- Reimbursement ~~to the district~~ for the direct cost of materials ~~used~~~~provided~~ by ~~students~~~~the district~~ to ~~fabricate~~~~a student for the fabrication of nonperishable personal~~ property ~~they~~~~the student~~ will take home for ~~their~~~~his/her~~ own possession and use, such as wood shop, art, or sewing projects kept by ~~students~~~~the student~~ (Education Code 17551)
- Home-to-school transportation and transportation between regular, full-time day schools and regional occupational centers, programs, or classes, as long as the fee does not exceed the statewide average nonsubsidized cost per student, the district provides a waiver based on financial need, and an exemption is made for any student with a disability whose individualized education program includes transportation as a related service necessary to receive a free appropriate public education~~and exemptions are made for indigent and disabled students~~ (Education Code 39807.5)

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

- Transportation for students to and from their places of employment in connection with any summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)
- Deposit for school band instruments, music, uniforms, and other regalia which school band members take on excursions to foreign countries (Education Code 38120)
- Sale or lease of personal computers or of Internet appliances that allow a person to connect to or access the district's educational network, provided that the items are sold or leased to parents/guardians at no more than cost and the district provides network access for families who cannot afford it (Education Code 17453.1)

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

- An adult education or secondary school community service class in civic, vocational, literacy, health, homemaking, and technical and general education, not to exceed the cost of maintaining the class (Education Code 51810-51815)

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

12. Eye safety devices worn in courses or activities involving the use of hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes, when being sold to students and/or teachers or instructors to keep and at a price not to exceed the district's actual costs (Education Code 32033)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

13. Actual cost of furnishing copies of any student's records, except that no charge shall be made for furnishing up to two transcripts or two verifications of a former student's records or for reproducing records of a student with a disability when the cost would effectively prevent the parent/guardian from exercising the right to receive the copies (Education Code 49065, 56504)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

14. Actual cost of duplication for reproduction of the prospectus of school curriculum or for copies of public records (Education Code 49091.14; Government Code 6253)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

15. Food sold at school, subject to free and reduced-price meal program eligibility and other restrictions specified in law (Education Code 38084)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Funds)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

16. ~~In accordance with~~~~As allowed in~~ law, replacement cost or reimbursement for lost or willfully damaged district books, supplies, or property, or for district property loaned to a student that ~~the student~~~~he/she~~ fails to return (Education Code 19910-19911, 48904)

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

17. Tuition for district school attendance by an out-of-state or out-of-country resident (Education Code 48050, 48052, 52613; 8 USC 1184)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

18. Adult education books, materials, transportation, and classes, except that no fee may be charged for classes in elementary subjects, classes for which high school credit is granted when taken by a person who does not hold a high school diploma, or classes in English and citizenship (Education Code 39801.5, 52612, 60410)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

19. Preschool and child care and development services, in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, unless the family qualifies for subsidized services or the program is ~~exempted from fees by law for severely disabled children and the student is eligible to enroll in it~~ (Education Code 8239, 8250, 8263)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

20. Participation in a before-school or after-school program that is funded as an After School Education and Safety (ASES) program, 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC), or 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program, provided that fees are waived or reduced for families with students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and, in regard to ASES and 21st CCLC programs, fees are not charged if the district knows the student is a homeless or foster youth (Education Code 8422, 8482.6)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Note: In Fiscal Management Advisory 17-01, CDE lists Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examination fees as permissible. Some districts choose to reduce the cost of the fees for low-income students through the use of district funds or other funding sources; see BP 6141.4 - International Baccalaureate Program and BP 6141.5 - Advanced Placement.

21. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma examinations for college credits, as long as the examination is not a course requirement and the results have no impact on student grades or credits in the course

(cf. 6141.4 - International Baccalaureate Program)

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

Note: In its Fiscal Management Advisory 17-01, CDE advises that a district that requires its students to wear a cap and gown as a condition for their participation in the high school graduation ceremony may not require such students to purchase the cap and gown. CDE recommends that such districts provide the graduates with a cap and gown for their use at the graduation ceremony and inform them that those interested may purchase a cap and gown from a vendor.

Collection of Debt

Note: Education Code 49014 (the Public School Fair Debt Collection Act), as added by AB 1974 (Ch. 577, Statutes of 2018), establishes requirements for districts to follow when seeking to recover a debt owed by students and/or parents/guardians, including a requirement to provide the parent/guardian with an itemized invoice that references the district's policies relating to debt collection and the rights established pursuant to Education Code 49014 and 49557.5 (unpaid meal fees). It is recommended that districts include references to this administrative regulation and the accompanying Board policy, as well as BP/AR 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund. For additional rights established by Education Code 49014, including prohibitions

against directly billing a student or former student or imposing any negative action on a student, see the accompanying Board policy.

Before pursuing payment of any debt that has accumulated from unpaid permissible fees, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an itemized invoice for any amount owed by the parent/guardian on behalf of a student or former student. The invoice shall reference district policies related to debt collection and the rights established pursuant to Education Code 49014 and 49557.5. For each payment received, the district shall provide a receipt to the parent/guardian. (Education Code 49014)

The Superintendent or designee shall not sell debt owed by a parent/guardian of a student or former student. (Education Code 49014)

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Administrative Regulation

Environmental Safety

AR 3514

Business and Noninstructional Operations

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

The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the job position(s) designated to coordinate the district's environmental safety programs.

The Superintendent may designate and train one or more employees to oversee and coordinate the district's environmental safety program(s). The responsibilities of the coordinator(s) shall include, but are not limited to, overseeing assessments of district facilities, recommending strategies for the prevention and mitigation of environmental health risks, ensuring effective implementation of environmental safety strategies, and reporting to the Superintendent regarding the district's progress in addressing environmental safety concerns.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)

(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

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

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

Indoor Air Quality

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice. For further information, see the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools.

In order to provide proper ventilation, humidity, and temperature in school facilities and to reduce indoor air contaminants, the ~~Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the~~ following strategies shall be implemented:

Note: Education Code 17074.25, as amended by AB 2453 (Ch. 714, Statutes of 2018), authorizes a modernization grant under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act (Education Code 17070.10-17079.30) to be used to limit student exposure to harmful air pollutants by updating air filtration systems. Additionally, Health and Safety Code 44391.3, as added by AB 2453, allows districts located in communities with a high cumulative exposure burden to toxic air contaminants to work with air districts to identify school sites in need of air quality improvements. Contingent on appropriations being made for this purpose in the annual Budget Act or other statutes, such schools or districts will be eligible for a grant to implement air quality mitigation efforts, including, but not limited to, air filter upgrades or installation and vegetation buffer planting.

1. Mechanically driven heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems shall be operated continuously during working hours except under the circumstances specified in 8 CCR

5142. The systems shall be inspected at least annually and problems corrected within a reasonable time. Where the air supply is filtered, the filters shall be replaced or cleaned regularly to prevent significant reductions in airflow. Documentation of inspections, tests of ventilation rates, and maintenance shall be retained for at least five years. (8 CCR 5142-5143)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Staff shall ensure that airflow is not obstructed by the blocking of ventilators with posters, furniture, books, or other obstacles.

2. School facilities shall be regularly inspected for water damage, spills, leaks in plumbing and roofs, poor drainage, and improper ventilation so as to preclude the buildup of mold and mildew and prevent accidents due to unsafe conditions. Wet building materials and furnishings shall be dried within 48 hours if possible to prevent mold growth. When evidence of mold or mildew is found, maintenance staff shall locate and repair the source of water intrusion and remove or clean moldy materials.
3. Exterior wall and foundation cracks and openings shall be sealed as soon as possible to minimize seepage of radon into buildings from surrounding soils.
4. Least toxic pest management practices shall be used to control and manage pests at school sites. (Education Code 17608-17614; Food and Agriculture Code 13182)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

5. ~~The Superintendent or designee shall install a~~ carbon monoxide detector or alarm shall be installed in all school buildings that contain a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or forced-air furnace, unless otherwise exempted by state law or regulations. The device or alarm shall be located in close proximity to the appliance in order to accurately detect and alert school personnel of any leakage of carbon monoxide. (24 CCR 915.1-915.7)
6. Schedules and practices for routine housekeeping and maintenance shall be designed to effectively reduce levels of dust, dirt, and debris. Plain water, soap and water, or low-emission cleaning products shall be used whenever possible. Aerosols, including air fresheners and other products containing ozone, shall be avoided to the extent possible.

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

7. Painting of school facilities and maintenance or repair activities that require the use of potentially harmful substances shall be limited to those times when school is not in session. Following any such activity, the facility shall be properly ventilated with adequate time allowed prior to reopening for use by any person.
8. Paints, adhesives, and solvents shall be used and stored in well-ventilated areas. These items shall be purchased in small quantities to avoid storage exposure.

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

9. To the extent possible, printing and duplicating equipment that may generate indoor air pollutants, such as methyl alcohol or ammonia, shall be placed in locations that are well ventilated and not frequented by students and staff.
10. The district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be consistently enforced in order to reduce the health risks caused by second-hand smoke.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

11. Staff and students shall be asked to refrain from bringing common irritants such as furred or feathered animals, stuffed toys that may collect dust mites, scented candles, incense, or air fresheners and from using perfume or cologne, scented lotion or hair spray, nail polish or nail polish remover, or other personal care products that are not fragrance-free in classrooms, school buses, or other enclosed areas or buildings.

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

Outdoor Air Quality

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice. Forecasts of ozone levels and particle pollution are available through the federal AirNow web site and may be printed in local newspapers. The district may monitor ultraviolet radiation levels through the EPA's UV Index web site; see BP 5141.7 - Sun Safety.

The Superintendent or designee may coordinate with the local air resources control board and monitor local health advisories and outdoor air quality alerts to obtain, including forecasts of ozone levels, particle pollution, ultraviolet radiation levels, and/or temperature and humidity.

Whenever a forecast indicates~~these measures indicate~~ a significant health risk, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate with each principal so that outdoor activities, especially those requiring prolonged or heavy exertion, may be avoided, limited in duration, or modified as necessary for all persons or for persons who may be particularly susceptible to the health risk involved.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Reduction of Vehicle Emissions

Note: 13 CCR 2480 prohibits idling of school buses, student activity buses, and other commercial motor vehicles within 100 feet of a school except under specified conditions. See AR 3542 - School Bus Drivers for additional language reflecting these requirements.

In order to reduce public exposure to toxic air contaminants, school bus drivers and other drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall limit unnecessary idling of vehicles at or near schools in accordance with 13 CCR 2480. The Superintendent or designee may also request parents/guardians to turn off their vehicles when they are idling on school grounds and encourage students to walk and/or bicycle to school.

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

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

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)

Note: Pursuant to 13 CCR 2025, any diesel-fueled, dual-fueled, or alternative diesel-fueled school bus that has a gross vehicle weight rating over 14,000 pounds and was manufactured on or after April 1, 1977 is required to have a particulate filter that reduces diesel particulate matter emissions by 85 percent. An exception exists for any school bus that operates fewer than 1,000 miles per year.

Any school bus that is diesel-fueled, dual-fueled, or alternative diesel-fueled and has~~with~~ a gross vehicle weight rating over 14,000 pounds shall be equipped with a particulate filter designed to reduce particulate matter emissions, oxides of nitrogen emissions, and other pollutants. (13 CCR 2025)

Drinking Water Safety

Note: The following section addresses the quality of tap water available in schools. See AR 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program for information about requirements to make fresh drinking water available during mealtimes.

The quality and safety of the district's drinking water sources shall be regularly assessed, and drinking fountains shall be regularly cleaned and maintained, to ensure that drinking water consumed at school does not contain~~avoid the presence of~~ dirt, mold, lead, or other impurities or contaminants that may cause serious health concerns.

Whenever any contaminants in the drinking water are determined to be a concern, the Superintendent or designee shall take reasonable steps to identify the source and mitigate any potential problem~~the concern~~ to ensure the availability of safe drinking water. As needed, the Superintendent or designee shall provide alternative sources of drinking water, such as bottled water or on-site water filtration, to ensure that students have access to fresh drinking water at mealtimes and at other times throughout the day.

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

Note: Due to the health risks posed by lead exposure, especially to young children, EPA has recommended that districts test for the presence of lead in drinking water. Health and Safety Code 116277 requires a community water system serving a school constructed before January 1, 2010 to test for lead in the potable water system of the school. Such testing is at the expense of the community water system and must be completed by July 1, 2019. If the school's lead level exceeds 15 parts per billion (equivalent to .015 milligrams per liter), the district must notify parents/guardians, take immediate steps to shut down all fountains and faucets where the excess lead levels may exist, and provide a potable source of drinking water to students. See the California Water Boards'

"Frequently Asked Questions about Lead Testing of Drinking Water in California Schools: Updated for Assembly Bill 746/Health and Safety Code 116277."

Schools that have their own water supply, such as a well, are required to test for lead, copper, and other contaminants in tap water pursuant to other state and federal laws and regulations, including 22 CCR 64670-64679 and 40 CFR 141.80-141.91, and may revise the following paragraph to reflect applicable requirements.

Health and Safety Code 1597.16, as added by AB 2370 (Ch. 676, Statutes of 2018), requires a licensed child day care center that is located in a building that was constructed before January 1, 2010, to have its drinking water tested for lead contamination as specified. See AR 5148 - Child Care and Development for further information regarding potable water requirements for day care centers.

Whenever testing of drinking water finds concentrations of lead that exceed federal and state standards, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians and take immediate steps to shut down and make inoperable any fountains or faucets where excess lead levels may exist. ~~(Health and Safety Code 116277)~~

Prevention of Lead Exposure

Note: The following section reflects EPA recommendations. For further information, the district may contact its city or county lead poisoning prevention program. For information regarding the prevention of lead exposure in drinking water, see section on "Drinking Water Safety" above.

In addition to ~~testing for the presence of lead in drinking water in district schools~~~~keeping school facilities as dust free and clean as possible~~, the following steps shall be taken to minimize potential exposure to lead in school facilities:

1. School facilities shall be kept as dust-free and clean as possible.
- ~~21.~~ Lead-based paint, lead plumbing and solders, or other potential sources of lead contamination shall not be used in the construction of any new school facility or the modernization or renovation of any existing school facility. (Education Code 32244)
- ~~32.~~ Lead exposure hazards shall be evaluated before any renovation or remodeling is begun, and children shall not be allowed in or near buildings in which these activities may create lead dust. Contractors and workers shall comply with state and federal standards related to the handling and disposal of lead debris and the clean-up and containment of dust within the construction area.

Note: 17 CCR 35001-36100 contain state standards for lead abatement services. In addition, 40 CFR 745.61-745.339 extend federal standards for renovations involving lead-based paint to child-occupied facilities, which include preschools and kindergarten classrooms.

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- ~~3.~~ Lead-based painted surfaces that are in good condition shall be kept intact. If lead-based paint is peeling, flaking, or chalking, contractors or workers shall follow state and federal standards for safe work practices to minimize contamination when removing the paint.

54. Soil with low lead content may be covered with grass, other plantings, concrete, or asphalt. For soil with high lead content, removal and abatement are required.

~~5. Drinking water shall be regularly tested for lead and remediated as provided in the section "Drinking Water" above.~~

Any action to abate existing lead hazards, ~~excluding containment or cleaning~~, shall be taken only by contractors, inspectors, and workers certified by the California Department of Public Health in accordance with 17 CCR 35001-35099. (Education Code 32243)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parent/guardians, teachers, and staff members if significant risk factors for lead exposure are found. (Education Code 32243)

Prevention of Mercury Exposure

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice. Mercury may exist in schools in thermometers, barometers, switches, thermostats, flowmeters, light bulbs, and other sources. Although devices containing mercury are considered safe as long as the mercury is sealed, if a device is broken and mercury spills, the health of students and staff may be endangered.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify any mercury-containing products ~~containing mercury~~ that are present in district facilities and, to the extent possible, shall replace them with mercury-free alternatives.

Note: The EPA's web site contains detailed procedures for cleaning up a small mercury spill, actions that should never be taken in the event of a spill, and items that should be assembled in a mercury spill kit.

Staff shall receive information about proper procedures to follow in the event of a mercury spill. Clean-up instructions, a clearly labeled kit with necessary clean-up supplies, and a list of local resources shall be readily accessible.

In the event of a spill, staff shall evacuate all students from the immediate area of the spill, ensure that any clothing or other items with mercury on them remain in the room, open windows to the outside, and close doors to other parts of the school. ~~Staff who are trained in proper clean-up procedures may carefully clean a small spill.~~ As needed for larger or difficult-to-clean spills, the Superintendent or designee shall use an experienced professional referred by the local health department or environmental agency.

Any products containing mercury shall be properly disposed at an appropriate hazardous waste collection facility.

Asbestos Management

Note: Education Code 49410-49410.7 and the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) (15 USC 2641-2656; 40 CFR 763.80-763.99) contain requirements for asbestos inspection and abatement which are applicable to school districts. For further information, consult the local air quality management district or air pollution control district.

40 CFR 763.84 requires the district to designate a person who will be responsible for ensuring that federal and state requirements are properly implemented. According to the EPA, this designated person is not required to be a licensed asbestos consultant, but the district must verify that he/she has received proper training. The specific knowledge that the designated person must have is described in the EPA's publication *How to Manage Asbestos in School Buildings: AHERA Designated Person's Self-Study Guide*. The following section may be revised to reflect the position designated to fulfill this responsibility, who may be the same person designated above to coordinate all the district's environmental safety programs.

The Superintendent shall designate an employee who shall ensure that the district's responsibilities related to asbestos inspection and abatement are implemented in accordance with federal and state regulations. This employee shall receive adequate training to perform these duties, including, as necessary, training on the health effects of asbestos; detection, identification, and assessment of asbestos-containing building materials; options for controlling asbestos-containing building materials; asbestos management programs; and relevant federal and state regulations. (40 CFR 763.84)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The designated employee shall ensure that the district complies with the following requirements:

1. School facilities shall be inspected for asbestos-containing building materials as necessary in accordance with the following:
 - a. Any school building that is leased, acquired, or otherwise used by the district shall be inspected for asbestos-containing building materials prior to its use as a school building, unless exempted by federal regulations. (40 CFR 763.85, 763.99)
 - b. At least once every six months, the district shall conduct a periodic surveillance consisting of a visual inspection of each school building that contains or is assumed to contain asbestos-containing building materials. (40 CFR 763.92)
 - c. At least once every three years, the district shall conduct a re-inspection of all known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials in each school building. (40 CFR 763.85)
2. Based on the results of the inspection, an appropriate response which is sufficient to protect human health and the environment shall be determined from among the options specified in 40 CFR 763.90. The district may select the least burdensome response, taking into consideration local circumstances, including occupancy and use patterns within the school building and economic concerns such as short-term and long-term costs. (40 CFR 763.90)
3. An asbestos management plan for each school site shall be maintained and regularly updated to keep it current with ongoing operations and maintenance, periodic surveillance, inspection, re-inspection, and response action activities. (15 USC 2643; 40 CFR 763.93)

The asbestos management plan shall be available for inspection in district and school offices during normal business hours. Parent/guardian, teacher, and employee organizations shall be annually informed of the availability of these plans. (40 CFR 763.84, 763.93)

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

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

4. Staff, students, and parents/guardians shall be informed at least once each school year about any inspections, response actions, and post-response actions, including periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities, that are planned or in progress. (40 CFR 763.84)
5. Inspections, re-inspections, periodic surveillance, and response actions, including operations and maintenance, shall be conducted in compliance with state and federal regulations for the protection and safety of workers and all other individuals. (Education Code 49410.5; 40 CFR 763.84, [763.90](#))

Asbestos inspection and abatement work, preparation of a management plan, and any maintenance activities that may disturb asbestos-containing building materials, except for emergency repairs or small-scale, short-duration maintenance activities, shall be completed by state-certified asbestos inspectors or contractors. (15 USC 2646; 40 CFR 763.84, 763.85, 763.91)

6. All custodial and maintenance employees shall be properly trained in accordance with applicable federal and/or state regulations. (40 CFR 763.84)

All district maintenance and custodial staff who may work in a building that contains asbestos-containing [building](#) materials, regardless of whether they are required to work with such materials, shall receive at least two hours of related asbestos awareness training. New maintenance and custodial staff shall receive such training within 60 days after beginning employment. Any maintenance or custodial staff who conduct activities that will disturb asbestos-containing [building](#) materials shall receive 14 hours of additional training. The trainings shall address the topics specified in 40 CFR 763.92. (15 USC 2655; 40 CFR 763.84, 763.92)

7. Short-term workers, such as telephone repair workers, utility workers, or exterminators, who may come in contact with asbestos in a school shall be provided information regarding the locations of known or suspected asbestos-containing building materials. (40 CFR 763.84)
8. Warning labels shall be posted immediately adjacent to any known or suspected asbestos-containing building material located in routine maintenance areas in accordance with 40 CFR 763.95. (40 CFR 763.84)

The district shall maintain, in both the district and school offices and for a period of three years, records pertaining to each preventive measure and response action taken; staff training; periodic

surveillances conducted; cleaning, operations, and maintenance activities; and any fiber release episode. (40 CFR 763.94)

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Board Policy

Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage

BP 3515.4

Business and Noninstructional Operations

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

Pursuant to Education Code 48904, parents/guardians are liable to the district for the costs of damages caused by the willful misconduct of their minor children (1) that results in damage to school property, an employee's personal property, or injury or death of a district student, employee, or volunteer, and (2) for any reward paid by the district for information leading to the identification and apprehension of persons who willfully damage or destroy property. These amounts are adjusted annually for inflation by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. For 2019, the liability of a parent/guardian must not exceed \$20,300 for damages and \$20,300 for the reward. For situations not addressed by the Education Code, Civil Code 1714.1 provides for parent/guardian liability for the willful misconduct of their minor child which results in injury, death, or property damage. The limit under this statute is adjusted every two years for cost-of-living by the Judicial Council of California and, effective July 1, 2017, parent/guardian liability must not exceed \$42,100.

Pursuant to Penal Code 640.5 and 640.6, an individual who has been found to have defaced district property with graffiti may be fined or ordered by a court to perform community service. Depending on the amount of damage, Penal Code 594 also specifies that an individual, or the parent/guardian of a minor, who has been convicted of vandalism may be ordered to clean up and repair the property and to keep the property free from graffiti for one year.

The Governing Board desires to create a safe and secure learning environment and to minimize acts of vandalism and damage to school property. When district property is damaged due to the willful misconduct of a student or other person, the district shall seek reimbursement of damages, within the limitations specified in law, ~~and rewards from any individual or from the custodial parent/guardian of a minor child or from any other responsible individual~~ ~~minor who commits any act of theft or vandalism.~~

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)

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

(cf. ~~5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)~~

5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, ~~Theft~~ and Graffiti)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49014, as added by AB 1974 (Ch. 577, Statutes of 2018), the district may collect debt owed to the school by a student who willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures district property or fails to return property that was loaned by the district, unless the student is a current or former homeless student or foster youth.

The district may collect debt owed by a student or former student as a result of vandalism or to cover the replacement cost of district books, supplies, or property loaned to a student that the student willfully fails to return or that is willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise injured. However, this policy shall not apply to a student who is a current or former homeless or foster child or youth. (Education Code 48904, 49014)

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Rewards

Note: The following section is optional.

The Board may offer and pay a reward for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person who willfully damagesIf law enforcement officials are unable to fix responsibility for the theft or destroys any district property. (Government Code 53069.5)

Note: The Governing Board may set any amount for the reward it deems to be appropriate. However, as detailed above, Education Code 48904 specifies a limit on the amount of parent/guardian liability for repayment of the reward.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee is authorized to offer a reward in any amount deemedhe/she deems appropriate, not exceeding \$2,500, for information leading to the identification and apprehension of the guilty party. A reward in excess of \$2,500 shallmust be authorized in advance by the Board.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all districts.

The Superintendent or designee shall disburse the rewardA reward shall be paid only when the guilt of the person responsible for the actcrime has been established by a criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial procedure. If more than one person provides information, the reward shall be divided among them as appropriateprocedures.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

19910 Libraries, malicious cutting, tearing, defacing, breaking or injuring

19911 Libraries, willful detention of property

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48904 Liability of parent/or guardian for willful misconduct; withholding of grades, diplomas and transcripts

49014 Public School Fair Debt Collection Act

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

GOVERNMENT CODE

53069.5 *Reward for information concerning person causing death, injury, or property damage; ~~liability for reward~~*

53069.6 *Actions to recover damages*

54951 *_Local agency, definition*

~~61601.1 Graffiti abatement district~~

PENAL CODE

484 *Theft defined*

594 *_Vandalism*

594.1 *Aerosol paint and etching cream*

640.5 *Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity*

640.6 *Graffiti*

Policy Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

Judicial Council of California: <http://www.courts.ca.gov>

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Administrative Regulation

Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage

AR 3515.4

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Note: The following administrative regulation is **optional** and should be modified to reflect district practice.

Reports

District employees shall report any damage to or loss of school property to the Superintendent~~principal~~ or designee immediately after such damage or loss is discovered.—~~In those instances in which insurance reimbursement may be involved, the principal or designee shall contact the appropriate district official.~~

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism,~~Theft~~ and Graffiti)

Note: Certain acts of graffiti or vandalism may trigger the need for an investigation pursuant to the district's sexual harassment or nondiscrimination grievance procedures (e.g., graffiti that is sexual in nature or disparaging to a class of individuals protected by the district's nondiscrimination policies). See BP 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti.

Investigation

The Superintendent or designee shall ~~ensure that a complete investigation is conducted at the site where the vandalism occurred.~~

~~The principal or designee shall~~ conduct a complete investigation of any instance of damage to or loss of school property and shall consult.—~~The investigation shall be carried out in cooperation with~~ law enforcement officials when appropriate.

(cf. 3515.3 -- District Police/Security Department)

Recovery of Damages

When the individual~~person~~ causing the damage or loss has been identified and the costs of repair, replacement, or cleanup determined, the Superintendent or designee shall take all practical and reasonable steps to recover the district's~~these~~ costs and shall consult with the,~~including consulting~~ district's legal counsel and/or insurance carrier, as appropriate.

Such~~if necessary.~~ Reasonable steps may include the filing of a civil complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover damages from the responsible person and, if.

~~If the responsible person is a minor, recovery may be sought from the minor's custodial parent/guardian in accordance with law. Education Code 48904.~~

Damages may include the cost of repair or replacement of the property, the payment of any reward, interest, court costs, and all other damages as provided by law.

Note: If a student's parents/guardians are unable to pay the damages, Education Code 48904 requires the district to offer an option for the student to provide work in lieu of payment. Pursuant to Education Code 49014, as added by AB 1974 (Ch. 577, Statutes of 2018), a district may offer any student or former student alternative, nonmonetary means to settle debt owed as a result of damage or loss of district property, regardless of the parents/guardians' ability to pay. However, the district is prohibited from collecting debt from a current or former homeless student or foster youth, and therefore cannot offer or require such a student to work or provide an alternative form of compensation.

~~If the responsible person is a minor student of the district and the student's parents/guardians are unable to pay for the damages or to return the property, the district shall offer a program of voluntary work for the student in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. The district may offer any other student or former student, with parent/guardian permission, the option to provide service, work, or other alternative, nonmonetary forms of compensation to settle the debt owed as a result of property loss or damage. Service or work exchanged for repayment of a debt shall comply with all provisions of the Labor Code related to youth employment. (Education Code 48904, 49014)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until the student's parents/guardians have paid for the damages or the voluntary work has been completed. Prior to withholding a student's grades, diploma, or transcripts, due process shall be afforded the student in accordance with law. (Education Code 48904)~~

~~(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)~~

~~In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate appropriate disciplinary procedures against the student.~~

~~(cf. 5131 - Conduct)~~

~~(cf. 5144 - Discipline)~~

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

~~(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)~~

~~(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)~~

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

Payment of Reward

~~When authorized according to Governing Board policy, the reward shall be paid to the party who provides information sufficient to identify and apprehend the person or persons subsequently found responsible for the damage or loss. If more than one informant provides information, the reward shall be divided among the informants. The Superintendent or designee shall determine who is entitled to what portion of the reward. The identity of the informant shall be considered~~

~~confidential and shall not be made public by the district.~~

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RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Policy

Nondiscrimination In Employment

BP 4030

Personnel

Note: The following Board policy and accompanying administrative regulation are **mandated** pursuant to Government Code 11138 and 2 CCR 11023. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) (Government Code 12900-12996) prohibits districts and district employees from harassing or discriminating against employees and job applicants on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, age, religious creed, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression. Pursuant to Government Code 12940, these protections apply to employees, job applicants, persons who serve in an unpaid internship or other limited-duration program to gain unpaid work experience, volunteers, and independent contractors.

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

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

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

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

(cf. 3600 - Consultants)

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

Note: 2 CCR 11027.1, as added by Register 2018, No. 20, provides a definition of "national origin" for the purpose of implementing state nondiscrimination laws.

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

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

Note: 2 CCR 11028, as amended by Register 2018, No. 20, prohibits inquiry into an employee's immigration status or discrimination on the basis of such status, unless the district provides clear and convincing evidence that it is required to do so in order to comply with federal immigration law. Districts should consult legal counsel as necessary.

The district shall not inquire into any employee's immigration status nor discriminate against an employee on the basis of immigration status, unless there is clear and convincing evidence that it is necessary to comply with federal immigration law. (2 CCR 11028)

Note: The following items illustrate unlawful discriminatory practices as specified in Government Code 12940. Labor Code 1197.5 prohibits the payment of different wage rates to employees for similar work based on sex, race, or ethnicity and prohibits the use of prior salary history by itself to justify any disparity in compensation under the bona fide factor exception.

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

1. Discrimination in hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment

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

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

2. Taking of an adverse employment action, such as termination or the denial of employment, promotion, job assignment, or training

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

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

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

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

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

- a. Sex discrimination based on an employee's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical condition or on an employee's gender, gender expression, or gender identity, including transgender status

(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)

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

- b. Religious creed discrimination based on an employee's religious belief or observance, including ~~his/her~~ religious dress or grooming practices, or based on the district's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement-

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

- c. ~~Requirement.~~ ~~Disability discrimination based on a district requirement~~ for a medical or psychological examination of a job applicant, or an inquiry into whether a job applicant has a mental or physical disability or a medical condition or as to the severity of any such disability or condition, without the showing of a job-related need or business necessity

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

- d. ~~Failure~~ ~~Disability discrimination based on the district's failure~~ to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an employee, or to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with an employee who has requested such accommodations in order, to determine the effective reasonable accommodations, if any, to be provided to ~~for~~ the employee

~~, when he/she has requested reasonable~~

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee who opposes any discriminatory employment practice by the district or its employees, agents, or representatives or who complains, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint process pursuant to this policy. No employee who requests an accommodation for any protected characteristic listed in this policy shall be subjected to any punishment or sanction, regardless of whether the request was granted. (Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11028)

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12964.5, as added by SB 1300 (Ch. 955, Statutes of 2018), the district is prohibited from requiring an employee, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or

continued employment, to sign a nondisparagement agreement or similar document that would deny the employee the right to disclose information about unlawful acts in the workplace or requiring an employee to release the right to file a claim or civil action against the district.

No employee shall, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, be required to sign any document that releases the employee's right to file a claim against the district or to disclose information about harassment or other unlawful employment practices. (Government Code 12964.5)

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

Note: Pursuant to 2 CCR 11019, in certain instances, an employee's (especially a supervisor's) knowledge or notice of prohibited conduct of another employee or individual may subject the district to liability. Therefore, it is recommended that the district require its employees with knowledge of harassment or discrimination to report the incident to the appropriate district authorities. In addition, Government Code 12940, as amended by SB 1300, provides that a district may be responsible for harassment of employees by nonemployees where the district knows or should have known of the conduct and failed to take immediate and corrective action, taking into consideration the extent of the district's control and other legal responsibility that the district may have with respect to the conduct of those nonemployees. Also see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment.

See the accompanying administrative regulation for requirements related to the identification of the employee who will be responsible for compliance with the nondiscrimination laws.

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

Note: Government Code 12940 and 2 CCR 11023 require districts to take all reasonable steps to prevent prohibited discrimination and harassment, including, but not limited to, dissemination of the district's policy on the prevention of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. In addition, Government Code 12950 requires districts to post, in prominent and accessible locations on district premises, posters developed by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), which are available on DFEH's web site. For further information on prevention strategies, see the accompanying administrative regulation.

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

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

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

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

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

CIVIL CODE

51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Unlawful discrimination

11138 Rules and regulations

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:

12940-12952 Unlawful employment practices

12960-12976 Unlawful employment practices; complaints

PENAL CODE

422.56 Definitions, hate crimes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11006-11086 Discrimination in employment, especially:

11013 Recordkeeping

11019 Terms, conditions and privileges of employment

11023 Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction

11024 Sexual harassment training and education

11027-11028 National origin and ancestry discrimination

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4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

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

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

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100.6 Compliance information

104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

Legal Reference: (continued)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34 (continued)

104.8 Notice

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106.9 Dissemination of policy

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Workplace Harassment Guide for California Employers

Your Rights and Obligations as a Pregnant Employee

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Notice of Non-Discrimination, August 2010

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~~EEOC Questions and Answers: Religious Discrimination in the Workplace, 2008~~

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

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

Policy RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Administrative Regulation

Nondiscrimination In Employment

AR 4030

Personnel

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 11138 and 2 CCR 11023, districts are **mandated** to adopt rules and regulations to ensure that district programs and activities are free from unlawful discriminatory practices. Pursuant to Government Code 12940, protections against discrimination apply to employees, job applicants, persons who serve in an unpaid internship or other limited-duration program to gain unpaid work experience, volunteers, and independent contractors.

All allegations of discrimination in employment, including those involving an employee, job applicant, intern, volunteer, or person contracted to provide services to the district~~job applicant~~, shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with procedures specified in this administrative regulation.

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

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

(cf. 3600 - Consultants)

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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

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

Superintendent

(position title)

2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, CA 95672

(address)

530-677-4461

(telephone number)

colson@rescueusd.org

(email)

~~Director of Human Resources
2390 Bass Lake Road
Rescue, CA 95672
(530) 677-4461
eharris@rescueusd.org~~

Measures to Prevent Discrimination

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12940 and 2 CCR 11023, the district is required to take all reasonable steps to prevent unlawful discrimination and harassment. 2 CCR 11023 specifies certain requirements to be included in the district's policy. The following section reflects the requirements of 2 CCR 11023 and other applicable laws or regulations, as indicated.

To prevent unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in district employment, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12950, districts are required to post the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing's (DFEH) posters entitled California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment and Transgender Rights in the Workplace, as provided in item #1. DFEH rules require that these materials be posted electronically and in every location where the district has employees (e.g., district office, hiring office, each school site). These posters and the rules for posting are available on the DFEH web site.

In addition, 2 CCR 11049 requires posting a notice of the rights and obligations of employees who are pregnant, have a related medical condition, or are recovering from childbirth. See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

1. Display in a prominent and accessible location at every work site where the district has employees and post electronically on computers in a conspicuous location, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) posters in regard to workplace discrimination and harassment and the rights of transgender employees (Government Code 12950)

¹(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

2. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and regulation, including the complaint procedures and the coordinator's contact information, by: (5 CCR 4960; 34 CFR 100.6, 106.9)
 - a. Including them in each announcement, bulletin, or application form that is used in employee recruitment
 - b. Posting them in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and other prominent locations
 - c. Posting them on the district's web site and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)

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2. Disseminate the district's nondiscrimination policy to all employees by one or more of the following methods: (2 CCR 11023)
- a. Printing and providing a copy of the policy to all employees, with an acknowledgment form for each employee to sign and return
 - b. Sending the policy via email with an acknowledgment return form
 - c. Posting the policy on the district intranet with a tracking system ensuring all employees have read and acknowledged receipt of the policies
 - d. Discussing the policy with employees upon hire and/or during a new hire orientation session
 - e. Any other way that ensures employees receive and understand the policy

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

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

Note: Item #5 below provides for training regarding the district's discrimination policy and reporting procedures. For requirements specifically pertaining to sexual harassment training, see AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment. Pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, if the district has 50 or more employees, it must provide at least two hours of staff development regarding sexual harassment to all supervisory employees within six months of their assumption of a supervisory position and once every two years thereafter. As amended by SB 1343 (Ch. 956, Statutes of 2018), Government Code 12950.1 requires any district that has five or more employees to provide at least two hours of sexual harassment training to supervisory employees and at least one hour of sexual harassment training to all nonsupervisory employees by January 1, 2020 and once every two years thereafter.

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

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

~~(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)~~

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12950.2, as added by SB 1300 (Ch. 955, Statutes of 2018), districts are authorized, but not required, to provide bystander intervention training as provided below.

The district may also provide bystander intervention training to employees that includes information and practical guidance on how to recognize potentially problematic behaviors and motivates them to take action when they observe such behaviors. The training and education may include exercises to provide employees with the skills and confidence to intervene as appropriate and to provide them with resources they can call upon that support their intervention. (Government Code 12950.2)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

65. Periodically review the district's recruitment, hiring, and promotion processes and regularly monitor the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment to ensure district compliance with law
76. For any district facility where 10 percent of employees have a language other than English as their spoken language, translate the policy into every language spoken by at least 10 percent of the workforce

Complaint Procedure

Note: 2 CCR 11023 mandates that a district's policy include a complaint process with specified requirements. Some of the requirements of 2 CCR 11023 are similar to those required under existing case law.

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

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

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

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination or harassment shall be addressed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Notice and Receipt of Complaint:** —A complainant may inform ~~ahis/her~~ direct supervisor, another supervisor, the coordinator, the Superintendent or, if available, a complaint hotline or an ombudsman. The employee's direct supervisor may be bypassed in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

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

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

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

~~(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)~~
~~(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)~~

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

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

~~(cf. 3580 - District Records)~~
~~(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)~~
~~(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)~~

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

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

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

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

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

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. –If a determination has been made that discrimination or harassment occurred, the report ~~also~~ shall also include any corrective action(s) that have been or will be taken to address the behavior, provide appropriate options for remedial actions and resolutions for the complainant, and ensure that retaliation or further discrimination or harassment is prevented. The report shall be presented to the Superintendent or designee.

A summary of the findings~~The report~~ shall be presented to the complainant and, the person accused, ~~and the Superintendent or designee.~~

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

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

Other Remedies

Note: Items #1-3 below state the time limits within which employees must file their complaints. EEOC's guidance states that it is important for employers' nondiscrimination policies to contain information about timeframes for filing charges of unlawful discrimination or harassment with EEOC or DFEH. Employees should be informed that the deadline for filing charges starts to run from the last date of the unlawful act, not

from the conclusion of the district's complaint investigation. Pursuant to DFEH procedures, DFEH will automatically forward any complaint it has accepted for investigation to EEOC when the matter falls within EEOC's jurisdiction.

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

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

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

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

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

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Administrative Regulation

Personal Illness/Injury Leave

AR 4161.1

4361.1

Personnel

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)

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

Use of Sick Leave

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

Certificated employees may use sick leave for absences due to:

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

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

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

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

3. Personal necessity (Education Code 44981)

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

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

4. Medical and dental appointments, in half day or whole day increments_.
5. Industrial accidents or illnesses when leave granted specifically for that purpose has been exhausted (Education Code 44984)

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

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

Government Code 12945.6 extends the right to parental leave to an eligible employee who is not covered by FMLA or CFRA when the district employs 20-49 employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed.

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

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

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 233, any district that provides sick leave to its employees is required to permit them to use sick leave, in an amount not less than the sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement, for the purposes specified in items #7-8 below.

For the purpose of using sick leave to attend to the health care needs of a family member, as specified in item #7 below, Labor Code 245.5 defines "family member" as an employee's spouse, registered domestic partner, child (biological, adopted, or foster child; stepchild; legal ward; or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis), parent (biological, adoptive, or foster parent; stepparent; legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner; or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child), grandparent, grandchild, or sibling.

For additional information about leaves for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking granted in accordance with item #8 below, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.

7. Need of the employee or employee'shis/her family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care (Labor Code 233, 246.5)
8. Need of the employee to seek or obtain any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and/or 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or the employee'shis/her child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

For the purposes specified in items #7-8, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave thathe/she would be accruedaeerue during six monthsthe current school year at the employee's thenhis/her current rate of entitlement. (Labor Code 233)

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

Note: The following paragraph is optional.

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

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

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

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

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44979-44980, certificated employees are entitled to have their accumulated sick leave transferred with them in the circumstances specified in the following optional paragraph.

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

Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a certificated employee who is a former active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 10 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, for a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. An eligible employee who works less than five days per week shall be entitled to such leave in proportion to the time workedhe/she works. (Education Code 44978.2)

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee either on the date the employee receives confirmation of the submission of thehis/her disability application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later. -When the employee receives thehis/her disability rating decision, the employeehe/she shall report that information to the Superintendent or designee. If the disability rating decision makes the employee eligible for the leave, the time used before the decision shall be counted toward the 10-day maximum leave. If the disability rating decision makes the employee ineligible for the leave, the district may change the sick leave time used before the disability rating decision to an alternative leave balance. (Education Code 44978.2)

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

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

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

Notification of Absence

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

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

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44977, employees who are absent due to illness for up to five months after exhausting all available sick leave must receive their regular salary minus the cost of a substitute. Alternatively, Education Code 44983 allows districts to adopt a rule that gives certificated employees 50 percent or more of their regular salary during the period of absence. When an employee is absent for a cause other than illness, Education Code 44977 and 44983 provide that the amount deducted from the employee's salary shall be determined according to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board as long as such rules are not in conflict with State Board of Education regulations.

If not covered in the district's bargaining agreement, the district may add provisions to this section reflecting salary deductions for employees absent longer than five months.

During each school year, when a certificated employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and, due to illness or accident, continues to be absent ~~from his/her duties~~for an additional period of up to five school months, the ~~district~~employee shall ~~deduct from the employee's~~receive his/her regular salary ~~for that period~~minus the actual cost of a substitute to fill the position. If the district has made every reasonable effort to secure the services of a substitute and has been unable to do so, the amount that would have been paid to a substitute shall be deducted from the employee's salary. (Education Code 44977)

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

Absence Beyond Five-Month Period/Reemployment List

Note: The following paragraph is required for districts that select Option 1 (i.e., differential pay) in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above and should be carefully considered by districts that select Option 2 (i.e., 50 percent pay). Education Code 44978.1 requires the

establishment of a reemployment list for employees who are unable to resume their duties after the five-month period provided pursuant to Education Code 44977.

Although Education Code 44978.1 does not explicitly require a reemployment list for districts selecting Option 2, such districts should be aware that failure to establish a reemployment list may subject employees to termination following a five-month absence. Therefore, any district that selects Option 2 and currently maintains a reemployment list for employees who are absent beyond the five-month period, or that wishes to establish such a list, should consult legal counsel before changing its policy or practices.

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

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

Parental Leave

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

During each school year, a certificated employee may use all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, for the purpose of parental leave for a period of up to 12 work weeks. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such parental leave. (Education Code 44977.5)

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

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44977.5, the district is required to provide differential pay to a certificated employee for up to 12 work weeks when the employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent due to parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.2. Such an employee is entitled to receive differential pay, calculated in the same manner described in Option 1 or 2 in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above. As amended by AB 2012 (Ch. 994, Statutes of 2018), Education Code 44977.5 requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave. The following paragraph may be revised to specify a percentage higher than 50 percent in accordance with district practice.

Since Education Code 44977.5 does not expressly require districts to provide differential pay to employees who are eligible for parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, it is unclear whether such employees would be entitled to differential pay. Districts should consult legal counsel if they have questions regarding differential pay for such employees.

An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave shall receive differential pay of at least 50 percent of the employee's regular salary for the remainder of the 12 work weeks. (Education Code 44977.5)

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

Verification Requirements

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

Labor Code 233 requires districts to allow their employees to use sick leave for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5, the paid sick leave law. Because the paid sick leave law is silent on requests for verification, and actually requires an employer to provide an employee with paid sick days upon oral or written request, districts should be cautious in requiring verification for sick leave used for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5 (items #7-8 in the section "Use of Sick Leave" above). Although a district is permitted to require verification from an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, pursuant to Labor Code 230 and 230.1, a general insistence on verification could be deemed a violation of Labor Code 246.5. Any district with questions regarding its authority related to verification should consult legal counsel.

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

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

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

Note: 42 USC 2000ff-1, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, and its implementing regulations, 29 CFR 1635.1-1635.12, specify that it is unlawful for a district to request, require, or purchase employees' or their family member's individual genetic information except in complying with the medical certification requirements for family care and medical leave purposes or with the employee's prior written authorization. See AR

4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1635.9, any such information received by the district must be kept confidential as specified below.

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

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

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

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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

Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements

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

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

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

1. At a conspicuous location in each workplace, display a poster on paid sick leave that includes the following information:
 - a. That an employee is entitled to accrue, request, and use paid sick days
 - b. The ~~number~~amount of sick days provided by Labor Code 245-249
 - c. The terms of use of paid sick days
 - d. That discrimination or retaliation against an employee for requesting and/or using sick leave is prohibited by law and that an employee has the right to file a

complaint with the Labor Commissioner if the district discriminates or retaliates against the employee~~him/her~~

2. Provide at least 24 hours or three days of paid sick leave to each eligible employee to use per year and allow eligible employees to use accrued sick leave upon reasonable request
3. Provide eligible employees written notice, on their pay stub or other document issued with their pay check, of the amount of paid sick leave they have available

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

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44964 Power to grant leave of absence in case of illness, accident, or quarantine
44965 Granting of leaves of absence for pregnancy and childbirth
44976 Transfer of leave rights when school is transferred to another district
44977 Salary deduction during absence from duties up to five months after sick leave is exhausted
44977.5 Differential pay during parental leave up to 12 weeks after sick leave is exhausted
44978 Provisions for sick leave of certificated employees
44978.1 Inability to return to duty; placement in another position or on reemployment list
44978.2 Leave for military service connected disability
44979 Transfer of accumulated sick leave to another district
44980 Transfer of accumulated sick leave to a county office of education
44981 Leave of absence for personal necessity
44983 Exception to sick leave when district adopts specific rule
44984 Industrial accident or illness
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230 Jury duty; legal actions by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off
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233 Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner
234 Absence control policy
245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014

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Administrative Regulation

Personal Illness/Injury Leave

AR 4261.1
Personnel

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)

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

Use of Sick Leave

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

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

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

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

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

3. Personal necessity as specified in Education Code 45207

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government Code 12945.6 extends the right to parental leave to an eligible employee who is not covered by FMLA or CFRA when the district employs 20-49 employees within 75 miles of the worksite where the employee requesting the leave is employed.

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

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

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 233, any district that provides sick leave to its employees is required to permit them to use sick leave, in an amount not less than the sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement, for the purposes specified in items #7-8 below.

For the purpose of using sick leave to attend to the health care needs of a family member, as specified in item #7 below, Labor Code 245.5 defines "family member" as an employee's spouse, registered domestic partner, child (biological, adopted, or foster child; stepchild; legal ward; or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis), parent (biological, adoptive, or foster parent; stepparent; legal guardian of an employee or the

employee's spouse or registered domestic partner; or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child), grandparent, grandchild, or sibling.

For additional information about leaves for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking granted in accordance with item #8 below, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.

7. Need of the employee or the employee's his/her family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care (Labor Code 233, 246.5)
8. Need of the employee to seek or obtain any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee, or the employee's his/her child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

For the purposes specified in items #7-8, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave that he/she would be accrued accrue during six months at the employee's then his/her current rate of entitlement. (Labor Code 233)

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

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

Note: The following paragraph is optional.

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any classified employee whose employment with the district is terminated after at least one calendar year for reasons other than for cause that, if the employee he/she accepts employment in another district, county office of education, or

community college district within one year of the termination of employment, ~~the employee may he/she shall be entitled to~~ request that the district transfer ~~anyhis/her~~ accumulated sick leave to ~~thehis/her~~ new employer. (Education Code 45202)

Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a classified employee who is a former active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 12 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, for a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or higher by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. An eligible employee who works less than five days per week shall be entitled to such leave in proportion to the time ~~workedhe/she works~~. (Education Code 45191.5)

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee either on the date the employee receives confirmation of the submission of ~~thehis/her~~ disability application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later. ~~When the employee receives thehis/her~~ disability rating decision, ~~the employeehe/she~~ shall report that information to the Superintendent or designee. If the disability rating decision makes the employee eligible for the leave, the time used before the decision shall be counted toward the 12-day maximum leave. If the disability rating decision makes the employee ineligible for the leave, the district may change the sick leave time used before the disability rating decision to an alternative leave balance. (Education Code 45191.5)

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

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

Leave for military-service connected disability shall be available for 12 months following the first date that the leave was credited. Leave not used during the 12-month period shall not be carried over and shall be forfeited. (Education Code 45191.5)

Notification of Absence

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

An employee shall notify the Superintendent or the designated manager or supervisor of ~~thehis/her~~ need to be absent as soon as such need is known so that the services of a substitute may be secured as necessary. This notification shall include an estimate of the expected duration of absence. If the absence becomes longer than estimated, the employee shall so notify the district. If the duration of absence becomes shorter than estimated, the employee shall notify the district not later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the day preceding the day on which ~~the~~

employee/he/she intends to return to work. If the employee fails to notify the district and the failure results in a substitute being secured, the cost of the substitute shall be deducted from the employee's pay.

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45196, districts may choose one of two methods for compensating classified employees who have exhausted their paid leaves and continue to be absent due to illness or injury.

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

When a classified employee has exhausted all paid leaves, including sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of illness or injury for a period of five months or less, the district shall deduct from the employee's regular salary for that period an amount that does not exceed the actual cost of a substitute to fill the position. (Education Code 45196)

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

Parental Leave

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

During each school year, a classified employee may use all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, for the purpose of parental leave for a period of up to 12 work weeks. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such parental leave. (Education Code 45196.1)

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

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45196.1, the district is required to provide differential pay to a classified employee for up to 12 work weeks when the employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent due to parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.2. Such an employee is entitled to receive differential pay, calculated in the same manner described in Option 1 or 2 in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above. As amended by AB 2012 (Ch. 994, Statutes of 2018), Education Code 45196.1 requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave. The following paragraph may be revised to specify a percentage higher than 50 percent in accordance with district practice.

Since Education Code 45196.1 does not expressly require districts to provide differential pay to employees who are eligible for parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, it is unclear whether such employees would be entitled to differential pay. Districts should consult legal counsel if they have questions regarding differential pay for such employees.

An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave shall receive differential pay of at least 50 percent of the employee's regular salary for the remainder of the 12 work weeks. (Education Code 45196.1)

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

Extension of Leave

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

A permanent employee who is absent because of a personal illness or injury and who has exhausted all available sick leave, vacation, compensatory overtime, and any other paid leave shall be so notified, in writing, and offered an opportunity to request additional leave. The Board may grant the employee additional leave, paid or unpaid, for a period not to exceed six months and may renew this leave for two additional six-month periods or for lesser periods. The total additional leave granted shall not exceed 18 months. (Education Code 45195)

(cf. 4216 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

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

Verification Requirements

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

Labor Code 233 requires districts to allow their employees to use sick leave for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5, the paid sick leave law. Because the paid sick leave law is silent on requests for verification, and actually requires an employer to provide an employee with paid sick days upon oral or written request, districts should be cautious in requiring verification for sick leave used for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5 (items #7-8 in the section "Use of Sick Leave" above). Although a district is permitted to require verification from an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, pursuant to Labor Code 230 and 230.1, a general insistence on verification could be deemed a violation of Labor Code 246.5. Any district with questions regarding its authority related to verification should consult legal counsel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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

Short-Term and Substitute Employees

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 245-249, the district is required to grant a minimum of one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked by an employee who works for 30 days within a year of employment, and does not allow unused sick leave to carry over to the next year. In addition, pursuant to Labor Code 245.5, retired annuitants who have not reinstated to the applicable public retirement system are excluded from participation in these leave benefit provisions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

45103 *Substitute employees*

45190 *Leaves of absence and vacations*

45191 *Leaves of absence for illness and injury*

45191.5 *Leave for military service connected disability*

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

45195 *Additional leave for nonindustrial accident or illness; reemployment preference*

45196 *Salary; deductions during sick leave*

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

45202 *Transfer of accumulated sick leave and other benefits*

GOVERNMENT CODE

12945.1-12945.2 *California Family Rights Act*

12945.6 *Parental leave*

LABOR CODE

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

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

233_ *Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner*

245-249 *Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

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BP 5117

Students

Note: The Education Code provides a number of options under which a district may enroll a student whose parent/guardian does not reside within district boundaries. Under an "interdistrict attendance permit" or "reciprocal agreement" pursuant to Education Code 46600-46610, a student may attend school in a different district when both the district of residence and the district of proposed attendance agree (Option 1 below). Alternatively, pursuant to Education Code 48300-48317, the Governing Board may declare the district to be a "school district of choice" willing to accept a specific number of interdistrict transfers into the district through a random selection process (Option 2 below). In order to maintain the integrity of the random selection process, it is recommended that a school district of choice not also accept transfers under the interdistrict attendance permit option except when extraordinary circumstances exist, as provided in Option 2 below. Districts that wish to use both sources of authority should consult legal counsel.

In addition, pursuant to Education Code 48204, a district may authorize a student whose parent/guardian is employed within district boundaries to attend a school in the district (Allen bill transfer); see AR 5111.1 - District Residency.

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of students who reside within the geographic boundaries of one district may, for a variety of reasons, desire to enroll their children in a school in another district.

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

(~~cf. 5111.1 - District Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment~~)

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

OPTION 1: (cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

Agreements and Permits

Note: The following section is for use by districts that have entered into an agreement with one or more other districts to accept student transfers through interdistrict attendance permits pursuant to Education Code 46600-46610. Districts selecting this option should also select Option 1 in the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Board may enter into an agreement with any other school district, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of students who are residents of the districts. (Education Code 46600)

Note: Education Code 46600 requires that the interdistrict attendance agreement specify the terms and conditions under which individual permits may be granted or denied. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 46600, students who have been granted an interdistrict attendance permit must be allowed to continue to attend the school without having to reapply unless the agreement between the two districts contains specific agreed-upon standards for reapplication; see the accompanying administrative regulation. Districts also may include in the agreement their agreed-upon standards for revocation of students' interdistrict attendance. Examples of

conditions that may result in revocation include falsification of information stated on the permit application, unsatisfactory attendance, continual disruption, or poor academic achievement.

The agreement shall specify the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. It also may contain standards agreed to by both districts for reapplication and/or revocation of the student's permit. (Education Code 46600)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46600, it is the responsibility of the superintendent or designee of the district of residence, subject to board policies of the district of residence and terms of the agreement, to issue an individual permit verifying the district's approval of an interdistrict transfer out of the district. The permit shall become valid when endorsed by the board's designee in the district of proposed enrollment.

See the accompanying administrative regulation for procedures to follow when the permit is denied.

Upon receiving a permit for transfer into the district that has been approved by the student's district of residence, or upon receiving a written request from the parent/guardian of a district student who wishes to enroll in another district, the Superintendent or designee shall review the request and may approve or deny the permit subject to the terms and conditions of the interdistrict attendance agreement.

Transportation

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

Transportation

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by all districts and should be revised to reflect district practice. Districts are not required to provide transportation or transportation assistance to students admitted under an interdistrict attendance permit pursuant to Education Code 46600-46610. Pursuant to Education Code 48311, a school district of choice is authorized, but not required, to provide transportation assistance to the extent that the district otherwise provides transportation assistance to students.

The district shall not provide transportation beyond any ~~district~~-school attendance area. -Upon request of a student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation for an interdistrict transfer ~~student~~students to and from designated bus stops within the attendance area of the school that the student attends if space is available.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41020 Annual district audits

46600-~~46610~~~~46611~~ Interdistrict attendance agreements

48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48300-~~48317~~~~48316~~ Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

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48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion; definition of bullying

48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances

48915.1 Expelled individuals; ~~enrollment~~ enrollment in another district

48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures

48980 Notice at beginning of term

48985 Notices to parents in language other than English

52317 Regional occupational center/program, enrollment of students, interdistrict attendance

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 31 Nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin

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Interdistrict Attendance Agreements and Permits

Note: The following option is for use by districts that have entered into an agreement with one or more other school districts to accept transfers through the "interdistrict attendance permit" or "reciprocal agreement" process pursuant to Education Code 46600-46610. (See Option 1 in the accompanying Board policy.) In 87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 132 (2004), the Attorney General opined that districts could not charge students a fee for processing applications for interdistrict attendance.

In accordance with an agreement between the Governing Board and the board of another district, a permit authorizing a student of either~~student's attendance outside his/her~~ district to enroll in the other district of residence may be issued upon approval of both districts~~the district of residence and the district of proposed attendance~~.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46600.2, as added by AB 2826 (Ch. 550, Statutes of 2018), districts are required to post on their web sites, in a manner accessible to the public without a password, the procedures and timelines regarding a request for an interdistrict transfer permit.

The district shall post on its web site the procedures and timelines for requesting an interdistrict transfer permit, including a link to BP 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance. The posted information shall include, but is not limited to: (Education Code 46600.1, 46600.2)

1. The date upon which the district will begin accepting and processing interdistrict transfer requests for the following school year
2. The reasons for which the district may approve or deny a request, and any information or documents that must be submitted as supporting evidence
3. If applicable, the process and timelines by which a denial of a request may be appealed within the district before the district renders a final decision
4. A statement that failure of a parent/guardian to meet any timelines established by the district shall be deemed an abandonment of the request
5. Applicable timelines for processing a request, including the following statements:
 - a. For an interdistrict transfer request received by the district 15 or fewer calendar days before the commencement of instruction in the school year for which the

transfer is sought, the district will notify the parent/guardian of its final decision within 30 calendar days from the date the request was received.

b. For an interdistrict transfer request received by the district more than 15 days before the commencement of instruction in the school year for which the interdistrict transfer is sought, the district will notify the parent/guardian of its final decision as soon as possible, but no later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction in the school year for which transfer is sought.

6. The conditions under which an existing interdistrict transfer permit may be revoked or rescinded

Note: Education Code 46600 requires districts to give priority for interdistrict attendance permits to a student who is a victim of an act of bullying, as provided below. For this purpose, Education Code 48900(r) defines bullying to include, but not be limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act directed specifically toward the student; see AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

Priority for interdistrict attendance shall be given to a student who has been determined by staff of either the district of residence or district of proposed enrollment to be a victim of an act of bullying, as defined in Education Code 48900(r), committed by a student of the district of residence. (Education Code 46600)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

In addition, the~~The~~ Superintendent or designee may approve an interdistrict attendance permit for a student for any of the following reasons when stipulated in the agreement:

~~1. When the student has been determined by staff of either the district of residence or district of proposed attendance to be a victim of an act of bullying as defined in Education Code 48900(r). Such a student shall be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing interdistrict attendance agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, shall be given consideration for the creation of a new permit. (Education Code 46600)~~

~~*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*~~

Note: **Optional** items #1-11 below should be revised and/or deleted to reflect district practice.

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

1. To meet the student's special mental or physical health needs as certified by a physician, school psychologist, or other appropriate school personnel-

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

2. When the student has a sibling attending school in the receiving district, to avoid splitting the family's attendance

3. To allow the student to complete a school year when the student's his/her parents/guardians have moved out of the district during that year-
4. To allow the student to remain with a class graduating that completing the final year from an of elementary, ~~or~~ middle, or senior high school-
5. When the parent/guardian provides written evidence that the family will be moving into the district in the immediate future and would like the student to start the school year in the district-
6. When the parent/guardian provides written evidence that the student will be living out of the district for one year or less-
7. When recommended by the school attendance review board or by county child welfare, probation, or social service agency staff in documented cases of serious home or community problems which make it inadvisable for the student to attend the school of residence-

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
 (cf. 5113.12 - District School Attendance Review Board)

8. When there is valid interest in a particular educational program not offered in the district of residence
9. To provide a change in school environment for reasons of personal and social adjustment

Note: In 84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 198 (2001), the Attorney General opined that a lack of school facilities is a justifiable reason for denial of the interdistrict attendance permit request. However, according to the Attorney General, once the student is admitted, the district may not later deny the student continued attendance at a district school because of overcrowding. Although Attorney General opinions are not binding on the courts, they are generally afforded deference in the court when there is no specific statutory or case law to the contrary. The following paragraph is based on this Attorney General opinion.

The Superintendent or designee may deny initial requests for interdistrict attendance permits due to limited district resources, overcrowding of school facilities at the relevant grade level, or other considerations that are not arbitrary. However, once a student is admitted, the district shall may not deny ~~him/her~~ continued attendance because of overcrowded facilities at the relevant grade level.

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

Note: Education Code 46600.2, as added by AB 2826, establishes the following timelines for notifying a student's parents/guardians of the district's final decision regarding the interdistrict transfer request.

If the transfer request is for a school year that begins within 15 calendar ~~Within 30~~ days of the ~~receipt of the~~ request for an interdistrict permit, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian ~~parents/guardians~~ of the final decision within 30 calendar days of receiving the request. ~~If the transfer request a student who~~ is for a school year that begins more than 15

calendar days after the receipt of the request, the parent/guardian shall be notified of the final decision as soon as possible, but no later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction during that school year. (Education Code 46600.2)

Note: Education Code 46600.2, as added by AB 2826, requires a district that denies a request for an interdistrict transfer to give written notice to the parent/guardian of the right to appeal to the County Board of Education.

Pursuant to Education Code 46601, parents/guardians may submit their appeal to the County Board within 30 calendar days of the district's final denial of the permit. The County Board then has 30 calendar days, unless extended by an additional five school days for good cause, to make its determination as to whether the student should be allowed to attend the district of proposed enrollment and the applicable period of attendance. However, Education Code -46601 allows a class 1 county (i.e., a county with a 1994-95 average daily attendance (ADA) of 500,000 or more for all districts in the county), until July 1, 2023, 60 calendar days to make its determination.

Pursuant to Education Code 46602, if the County Board determines that the student should be permitted to attend the district of proposed enrollment, the district shall admit the student without delay.

If a student's interdistrict transfer request is denied, the Superintendent or designee shall, in writing, notify the parents/guardians of their right to appeal to the County Board of Education within 30 calendar days from the date of the final denial. (Education Code 46600.2)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

All notices to parents/guardians regarding the district's decision on any request for interdistrict transfer shall conform to the translation requirements of Education Code 48985, and may be provided by regular mail, electronic format if the parent/guardian provides an email address, or by any other method normally used to communicate with parents/guardians in writing. (Education Code 46600.2)

Pending a decision by the two districts or ~~an appeal~~ by the County Board on appeal, the Superintendent or designee may provisionally admit a student who resides in another district for a period not to exceed two school months, provided the district is the district of proposed enrollment. If the decision has not been rendered by the conclusion of two school months and the districts or County Board is still operating within the prescribed timelines, the student shall not be allowed to continue attending the district school to which the student was provisionally admitted. (Education Code 46603)

Students who are under consideration for expulsion or who have been expelled may not appeal interdistrict attendance denials or ~~rescissions~~decisions while expulsion proceedings are pending or during the term of the expulsion. (Education Code 46601)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

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

Once a student is admitted to a school on the basis of an interdistrict attendance permit, the student~~he/she~~ shall not be required to reapply for an interdistrict transfer and shall be allowed to continue to attend the school of enrollment~~in which he/she is enrolled~~, unless reapplication standards are otherwise specified in the interdistrict attendance agreement. Existing interdistrict

attendance permits shall not be rescinded after June 30 following a student's completion of grade 10 or for any student entering grade 11 or 12 in the subsequent school year. (Education Code 46600)

OPTION 2: School District of Choice Program

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Transfers Out of the District

Note: The following optional section is for use by all districts.

A student whose parent/guardian is in active military duty shall not be prohibited from transferring out of the district, provided the school district of proposed enrollment approves the application for transfer. (Education Code 46600, 48307)

The district may limit transfers out of the district to a school district of choice under any of the following circumstances: (Education Code 48307)

Note: Even if a district has not designated itself as a school district of choice, it has the authority pursuant to Education Code 48307 to limit the number of students transferring out of the district into other districts that have designated themselves as school districts of choice. A district with an ADA of more than 50,000 may annually limit the number of such transfers to one percent of its current year estimated ADA. A district with an ADA of 50,000 or less may limit the number of such transfers to three percent of its current estimated ADA and may limit the maximum number of such transfers for the duration of the program to 10 percent of the ADA for that period. In Walnut Valley Unified School District v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County, the appellate court held that the 10 percent cap on outbound transfers "for the duration of the program" should be based on the district's ADA over the entire life of the district of choice program (i.e., from the program's inception in 1994 until the present day). The district may revise item #1 to reflect the applicable percentage in Education Code 48307 based on its ADA.

1. The number of student transfers out of the district to a school district of choice has reached the limit specified in Education Code 48307 based on the district's average daily attendance.
2. The County Superintendent of Schools has given the district a negative budget certification or has determined that the district will not meet the state's standards and criteria for fiscal stability in the subsequent fiscal year exclusively as a result of student transfers from this district to a school district of choice.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Note: Item #3 is optional and should be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 48307 authorizes the district to prohibit a transfer out of the district under the school district of choice program if the Board determines that the transfer would negatively impact a court-ordered desegregation plan, a voluntary desegregation plan, or the racial and ethnic balance of the district. Education Code 48307 provides that denial of transfers on the basis of a voluntary desegregation plan or the racial and ethnic balance of the district must be

consistent with the constitutional provisions added by Proposition 209 in 1996 (California Constitution, Article 1, Section 31). It is recommended that districts consult legal counsel before adopting policy to allow denial of transfers on either of these bases.

3. The Board determines that the transfer would negatively impact any of the following: (Education Code 48307)
 - a. A court-ordered desegregation plan
 - b. A voluntary desegregation plan of the district, consistent with the California Constitution, Article 1, Section 31
 - c. The racial and ethnic balance of the district, consistent with the California Constitution, Article 1, Section 31

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Withholding Grades, Diploma Or Transcripts

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Students

Note: In certain limited circumstances, state law permits districts to withhold student grades, diplomas, and or transcripts. Pursuant to Education Code 48904, the district may withhold the grades, diploma, and/or transcripts of a student who willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures any real or personal property belonging to the district, or who willfully does not return district property that was loaned to the student, until the damages are paid. For more information regarding limits of damages, as annually adjusted for inflation, see BP/AR 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage. Pursuant to Education Code 49014, as added by AB 1974 (Ch. 577, Statutes of 2018), a current or former homeless or foster youth is exempted from the requirement to pay damages.

If a student's parents/guardians are unable to pay the damages, Education Code 48904 requires the district to offer an option for the student to provide work in lieu of payment. Pursuant to Education Code 49014, a district may offer any other student regardless of the ability to pay, other than a current or former homeless or foster youth, alternative, nonmonetary means to settle the debt owed as a result of damage or loss of district property. In such cases, the district may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until the work or other alternative is completed.

Education Code 48904 mandates the Governing Board to establish procedures for withholding a student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until reparation is made.

When a minor student willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures real or personal property of the district or willfully does not return district property that has been loaned to the student, the student's parents/guardians may be required to pay the costs of all damages within the limits established pursuant to Education Code 48904. Until the student's parents/guardians have paid for the damages or the student has completed voluntary work or other nonmonetary alternative offered by the district in lieu of monetary damages, the Superintendent or designee may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts. (Education Code 48904, 49014)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, ~~Theft~~ and Graffiti)
(cf. 6161.2 - Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials)

This administrative regulation shall not apply to a student who is a current or former homeless or foster youth. (Education Code 49014)

~~Before~~If reparation is not made, the district shall afford the student his/her due process rights in conformance with Education Code expulsion procedures and may withhold the student's grades, diploma or transcripts.

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

~~If the student and parent/guardian are unable to pay for the damages or return the property, the principal or designee shall provide a program of voluntary work for the student to do. When this voluntary work is completed, the student's grades, diploma or transcripts shall be released. (Education Code 48904)~~

~~When a student from whom the district is withholding grades, diploma or transcripts transfers to another district, this information shall be sent to the new district with the student's records and a request that these items continue to be withheld until the new district receives notification that the debt has been cleared.~~

~~The student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts, the Superintendent or designee shall inform/notify the student's parents/guardians/parent/guardian in writing of the student's alleged misconduct. (Education Code 48904)~~

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

Note: Education Code 48904 mandates that the district's procedures for withholding a student's grades, diploma, and/ or transcripts conform to procedures established in the Education Code for student expulsion. For due process procedures related to student expulsion, see BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

~~The student shall be afforded due process consistent with procedures established for the expulsion of students. (Education Code 48904)~~

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

~~When a student who is transferring into the district has had grades, a diploma, and/or transcripts withheld by the whose misconduct caused a previous district, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until notified to withhold them. When informed by the previous district that the its decision to withhold has been rescinded. (Education Code 48904.3)~~

~~Upon receiving notice that a student whose grades, diploma, and/or transcripts have been withheld by this district has transferred to another district in California, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student's records to the new district and notify the new district that the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts are being withheld from the student and parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 48904.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall also notify the student's parents/guardians in writing that the decision to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts will be enforced by the new district. district shall release these documents. (Education Code 48904.3)~~

~~(cf. 5125 - Student Records)~~

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
48904 Liability of parent

48904.3 *Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury;
transfer of pupils to new school districts; notice to rescind decision to withhold*
48911 *Suspension by principal, designee or superintendent*
49014 *Public School Fair Debt Collection Act*
49069 *Absolute right to access*

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BP 5131.2

Students

Note: Education Code 234.4, as added by AB 2291 (Ch. 491, Statutes of 2018), mandates districts to adopt, on or before December 31, 2019, procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying. The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation contain sample procedures that fulfill this mandate and may be revised to reflect district practice.

In addition, Education Code 234.1 and federal law mandate that the Governing Board adopt policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on specified characteristics and ensuring the protection of complainants from retaliation. Also see BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment for language fulfilling this mandate.

In its October 2010 Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and , the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) clarified that misconduct that falls under a district's general anti-bullying policy may also trigger responsibilities under one or more federal or state antidiscrimination laws if the bullying is on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, and/or another legally protected category. Federal law requires the district to take immediate and appropriate action to investigate or otherwise determine what occurred and, if it finds that unlawful discrimination did occur, take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the harassment, eliminate any hostile environment and its effects, and prevent the harassment from recurring.

OCR's October 2014 Dear Colleague Letter: Responding to Bullying of Students with Disabilities points out that any bullying of a student with a disability that results in the student not receiving meaningful educational benefit constitutes a denial of a free appropriate public education and must be remedied under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. As necessary, the school may need to convene the student's individualized education program (IEP) team to determine whether the student's needs have changed as a result of the bullying and, if so, revise the IEP to ensure that the student continues to receive appropriate special education and related services.

Thus, while this policy is intended to prevent and address all types of bullying incidents among students, when "discriminatory bullying" is committed and the bullying is sufficiently serious to create a hostile educational environment for the alleged victim or to otherwise deny or limit the student's educational benefits and services, including denial of a free appropriate public education, the alleged victim must be afforded the protections specified under relevant state and/or federal law.

The Governing Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning, and school attendance and desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students from physical and emotional harm. ~~District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student.~~

No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, visual, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, ~~retaliate,~~ cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel, or retaliate against them for filing a complaint or participating in the complaint resolution process.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

~~Cyberbullying includes the electronic creation or transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images as defined in Education Code 48900. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.~~

Note: Because bullying and its effects extend beyond the school environment, collaboration among a variety of community agencies and organizations that serve youth may be helpful in preventing and responding to bullying. For further information about building a collaborative, see CSBA's publications Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success and Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement.

~~The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech/Expression) (cf. 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology)~~

~~Strategies for addressing bullying in district schools shall be developed with the involvement of key stakeholders, including students, parents/guardians, and staff. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with social services, mental health services, law enforcement, courts, and other agencies and community organizations in the development and implementation of effective strategies to promote safety in schools and the community.~~

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Note: Education Code 32282 encourages districts to include bullying prevention policies and procedures in their comprehensive safety plan; see BP 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan. In addition, Education Code 52060-52077 require the Board to adopt and annually update a local control and accountability plan which includes, among other specified state priorities, goals for addressing school climate; see BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. Pursuant to Education Code 52060, school climate should be 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.

~~, and may be~~
Such strategies shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan and, to the extent possible, into, the local control and accountability plan, and other applicable district and school plans.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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 specified characteristics. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4633, the uniform complaint procedures (UCP) must be used for this purpose. In addition, federal regulations require districts to adopt procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying) 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).

Although some bullying incidents 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 bullying 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 bullied because of an actual or perceived membership in a legally protected class. Those bullying incidents found to involve discrimination based on the results of the investigation would then be resolved using the UCP. When a bullying incident is determined to be nondiscriminatory, it should be resolved through the appropriate disciplinary process. Districts that are concerned about the capacity of a single district compliance officer to handle a possible increase in the number of UCP complaints, or that prefer to handle certain incidents at the school site level whenever possible, may designate multiple compliance officers in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

~~(cf. 1220—Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 6020—Parent Involvement)~~

~~As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may collaborate with law enforcement, courts, social services, mental health services, other agencies, and community organizations in the development and implementation of joint strategies to promote safety in schools and the community and to provide services for alleged victims and perpetrators of bullying.~~

~~(cf. 1020—Youth Services)~~

Bullying Prevention

~~To the extent possible, district schools shall focus on the prevention of bullying by establishing clear rules for student conduct and implementing strategies to promote a positive, collaborative school climate. Students shall be informed, through student handbooks and other appropriate means, of district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for engaging in bullying.~~

~~(cf. 5137—Positive School Climate)~~

~~As appropriate, the district shall provide students with instruction, in the classroom or other educational settings, that promotes social-emotional learning, effective communication and conflict resolution skills, character/values education, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, and appropriate online behavior.~~

~~(cf. 6142.8—Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.94—History-Social Science Instruction)~~

~~Such instruction shall also educate students about the negative impact of bullying, discrimination, intimidation, and harassment based on actual or perceived immigration status, religious beliefs and customs, or any other individual bias or prejudice.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to teachers and other school staff to raise their awareness about the legal obligation of the district and its employees to prevent discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of district students. Such training shall be designed to provide staff with the skills to:~~

- ~~1. Discuss the diversity of the student body and school community, including their varying immigration experiences~~
- ~~2. Discuss bullying prevention strategies with students, and teach students to recognize the behavior and characteristics of bullying perpetrators and victims~~
- ~~3. Identify the signs of bullying or harassing behavior~~
- ~~4. Take immediate corrective action when bullying is observed~~
- ~~5. Report incidents to the appropriate authorities, including law enforcement in instances of criminal behavior~~

~~(cf. 4131—Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4231—Staff Development)~~

~~(cf. 4331—Staff Development)~~

~~Based on an assessment of bullying incidents at school, the Superintendent or designee may increase supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as classrooms, playgrounds, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias.~~

~~Intervention~~

~~Students are encouraged to notify school staff when they are being bullied or suspect that another student is being victimized. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop means for students to report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously.~~

~~School staff who witness an act of bullying shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so.—(Education Code 234.1)~~

~~When appropriate based on the severity or pervasiveness of the bullying, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators and may contact law enforcement.~~

~~The Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may refer a victim, witness, perpetrator, or other student affected by an act of bullying to a school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, school nurse, or other school support service personnel for case management, counseling, and/or participation in a restorative justice program as appropriate.—(Education Code 48900.9)~~

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

Reporting and Filing of Complaints

~~Any student, parent/guardian, or other individual who believes that a student has been subjected to bullying or who has witnessed bullying may report the incident to a teacher, the principal, a compliance officer, or any other available school employee. Within one business day of receiving such a report, a staff member shall notify the principal of the report, whether or not a uniform complaint is filed. In addition, any school employee who observes an incident of bullying involving a student shall, within one business day, report his/her observation to the principal or a district compliance officer, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.~~

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

~~When the circumstances involve cyberbullying, individuals with information about the activity shall be encouraged to save and print any electronic or digital messages that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated. When a student uses a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Superintendent or designee may file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.~~

~~When a report of bullying is submitted, the principal or a district compliance officer shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with AR 1312.3. The student who is the alleged victim of the bullying shall be given an opportunity to describe the incident, identify witnesses who may have relevant information, and provide other evidence of bullying.~~

Investigation and Resolution of Complaints

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3.

If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

Discipline

~~Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900, may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.~~

~~(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures5138—Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)~~

~~(cf. 5144—Discipline)~~

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

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

~~(cf. 6159.4 Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)~~

Any employee who permits or engages in bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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48985 Translation of notices
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

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422.55 Definition of hate crime
647 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor
647.7 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; punishment
653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

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Students

AR 5131.2(a)

BULLYING

Note: Education Code 234.4, as added by AB 2291 (Ch. 491, Statutes of 2018), **mandates** districts to adopt, on or before December 31, 2019, procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying. The following administrative regulation may be revised to reflect district practice.

Definitions

Note: The following section reflects definitions and examples of bullying and cyberbullying contained in the California Department of Education's (CDE) Bullying Module and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Education Code 48900 defines "bullying," including bullying via an electronic act, for purposes of establishing grounds for suspension or expulsion. See AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. In addition, Penal Code 653.2 makes it a crime to distribute another person's personally identifiable information electronically with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of the person's own or a family member's safety and for the purpose of imminently causing harassment or injury by a third party.

Bullying is an unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived imbalance of power between individuals with the intent to cause emotional or physical harm. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social/relational and involves repetition or potential repetition of a deliberate act.

Cyberbullying includes the electronic creation or transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account or assuming that person's online identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

Examples of the types of conduct that may constitute bullying and are prohibited by the district include, but are not limited to:

1. Physical bullying that inflicts harm upon a person's body or possessions, such as hitting, kicking, pinching, spitting, tripping, pushing, taking or breaking someone's possessions, or making cruel or rude hand gestures
2. Verbal bullying that includes saying or writing hurtful things, such as teasing, name-calling, inappropriate sexual comments, taunting, or threats to cause harm

3. Social/relational bullying that harms a person's reputation or relationships, such as leaving a person out of an activity on purpose, influencing others not to be friends with someone, spreading rumors, or embarrassing someone in public
4. Cyberbullying, such as sending demeaning or hateful text messages or emails, sending rumors by email or by posting on social networking sites, or posting embarrassing photos, videos, web site, or fake profiles

Measures to Prevent Bullying

The Superintendent or designee shall implement measures to prevent bullying in district schools, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring that each school establishes clear rules for student conduct and implements strategies to promote a positive, collaborative school climate

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

2. Providing to students, through student handbooks and other age-appropriate means, information about district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for engaging in bullying
3. Encouraging students to notify school staff when they are being bullied or when they suspect that another student is being bullied, and providing means by which students may report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously
4. Conducting an assessment of bullying incidents at each school and, if necessary, increasing supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as classrooms, playgrounds, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias

Note: Although Education Code 234.1 requires the district to adopt a policy requiring school personnel who witness acts of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) against students based on the actual or perceived status of the student belonging to a protected class to take immediate steps to intervene when it is safe to do so, it is recommended that districts apply this policy equally to all students; also see AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment.

5. Annually notifying district employees that, pursuant to Education Code 234.1, any school staff who witnesses an act of bullying against a student has a responsibility to immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so

Staff Development

Note: Education Code 32283.5, as amended by AB 2291, requires districts to make available annually, to certificated staff and all other employees who have regular interaction with students, the CDE's online [Bullying Module](#) described below.

The Superintendent or designee shall make the California Department of Education's online training module on the dynamics of bullying and cyberbullying, which includes the identification of bullying and cyberbullying and the implementation of strategies to address bullying, available annually to all certificated staff and to other employees who have regular interaction with students. (Education Code 32283.5)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 234.7, districts are **mandated** to adopt policy, equivalent to that developed by the Attorney General, which requires the provision of staff training with the components specified below.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to teachers and other school staff to raise their awareness about the legal obligation of the district and its employees to prevent discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of district students. Such training shall be designed to provide staff with the skills to:

1. Discuss the diversity of the student body and school community, including their varying immigration experiences
2. Discuss bullying prevention strategies with students, and teach students to recognize the behavior and characteristics of bullying perpetrators and victims
3. Identify the signs of bullying or harassing behavior
4. Take immediate corrective action when bullying is observed
5. Report incidents to the appropriate authorities, including law enforcement in instances of criminal behavior

Student Instruction

Note: California content standards related to student education about bullying and violence prevention (e.g., recognizing the characteristics of bullying, examining the effects of bullying on others, demonstrating what to say and do when witnessing bullying) are addressed within the health education content standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

47 USC 254 mandates districts that receive e-rate discounts to adopt a policy which addresses educating students about appropriate online behavior, including the interaction with other individuals on social networking web sites and in chat rooms, as well as providing information about cyberbullying awareness and response. See BP 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology for language implementing this mandate.

As appropriate, the district shall provide students with instruction, in the classroom or other educational settings, that promotes social-emotional learning, effective communication and conflict resolution skills, character/values education, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, and appropriate online behavior.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

Note: Education Code 234.7 requires districts to educate students about the negative impact of bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status or religious beliefs and customs. The following paragraph reflects the California Attorney General's model policy developed pursuant to Education Code 234.7, contained in the Office of the Attorney General's publication Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, and has been expanded to include education about the impact of bullying based on any other individual characteristic.

The district shall also educate students about the negative impact of bullying, discrimination, intimidation, and harassment based on actual or perceived immigration status, religious beliefs and customs, or any other individual bias or prejudice.

Note: The remainder of this section reflects recommendations in CDE's Bullying Module and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Students should be taught the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors, how to advocate for themselves, how to help another student who is being bullied, and when to seek assistance from a trusted adult. As role models for students, staff shall be expected to demonstrate effective problem-solving and anger management skills.

To discourage cyberbullying, teachers may advise students to be cautious about sharing passwords, personal data, or private photos online and to consider the consequences of making negative comments about others online.

Reporting and Filing of Complaints

Note: The following reporting process may be revised to reflect district practice.

Any student, parent/guardian, or other individual who believes that a student has been subjected to bullying or who has witnessed bullying may report the incident to a teacher, the principal, a compliance officer, or any other available school employee.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Within one business day of receiving such a report, a staff member shall notify the principal of the report, whether or not a uniform complaint is filed. In addition, any school employee who observes an incident of bullying involving a student shall, within one business day, report such observation to the principal or a district compliance officer, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Within two business days of receiving a report of bullying, the principal shall notify the district compliance officer identified in AR 1312.3.

Note: Districts have the authority to monitor student use of the district's Internet system and to conduct individual searches of student accounts if there is reasonable suspicion that a user has violated district policy or the law; see BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure and BP/E 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology.

When the circumstances involve cyberbullying, individuals with information about the activity shall be encouraged to save and print any electronic or digital messages that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated. When a student uses a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Superintendent or designee may file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.

Discipline/Corrective Actions

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900-48900.4, "bullying" is a ground for suspension or expulsion; see AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

The courts have generally upheld discipline for off-campus student conduct that poses an identifiable threat to the safety of other students, staff, or school property or presents a risk of substantial disruption of school activities, provided that the district is able to document the impact or disruption that the conduct has, or could be expected to have, on school activities (e.g., Wynar v. Douglas County School District, Lavine v. Blaine School District). The court in J.C. v. Beverly Hills Unified School District found that the district would be able to discipline a student for a video recorded off campus and posted on YouTube, but that the discipline imposed on this particular student was not justified since the district did not present evidence of specific facts that led school officials to predict that the video would cause substantial disruption (e.g., the video was not violent or threatening nor did it lead to any confrontations between the students).

Consistent with these interpretations, Education Code 48900 defines bullying by means of an electronic act to include creation or transmission originating on or off the school site. Thus, for purposes of determining whether the conduct may be subject to suspension or expulsion, the act does not necessarily need to have been committed while at school, while coming to or from school, or during a school-sponsored activity. Nevertheless, the act needs to satisfy the criteria specified in the definition of "bullying" in Education Code 48900 (i.e., a severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student in fear of harm to the student's person or property, causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health, causing substantial interference with the student's academic performance, or causing substantial interference with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from school services, activities, or privileges).

When the conduct does not rise to the level specified in Education Code 48900, the district may implement interventions other than suspension or expulsion to address the bullying. For further information, see CSBA's policy brief Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards. Also see BP 5131 - Conduct and BP 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression.

Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900, may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

When appropriate based on the severity or pervasiveness of the bullying, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators and may contact law enforcement.

The Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may refer a victim, witness, perpetrator, or other student affected by an act of bullying to a school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, school nurse, or other school support service personnel for case management, counseling, and/or participation in a restorative justice program as appropriate. (Education Code 48900.9)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

If any student involved in bullying exhibits warning signs of suicidal thought or intention or of intent to harm another person, the Superintendent or designee shall, as appropriate, implement district intervention protocols which may include, but are not limited to, referral to district or community mental health services, other health professionals, and/or law enforcement.

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

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CSBA Sample Exhibit

Students

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PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS

Cautionary Notice: Government Code 17581.5 releases 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 Exhibit related to scoliosis screening and bus safety instruction may be suspended.

Note: The following exhibit lists notices which the law explicitly requires be provided to parents/guardians. See the referenced Board policy, administrative regulation, or Board bylaw for further information about related program and notice requirements. For example, see AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for the contents of the annual notice regarding uniform complaint procedures as mandated by 5 CCR 4622.

The exhibit does not include other notices that are recommended throughout CSBA's sample policy manual but are not required by law. The district may revise the exhibit to reflect additional notifications provided by the district.

When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually			
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 222.5	BP 5146	Rights and options for pregnant and parenting students
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 234.7	BP 0410	Right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 310	BP 6142.2 AR 6174	Information on the district's language acquisition programs
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 17611.5, 17612, 48980.3	AR 3514.2	Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information, and, if district has no web site and uses certain pesticides, integrated pest management plan
By February 1	Education Code 35256, 35258	BP 0510	School Accountability Report Card provided

Beginning of each school year	Education Code 35291, 48980	AR 5144 AR 5144.1	District and site discipline rules E 5145.6(b)
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PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually (continued)			
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 44050	BP 4119.21 4219.21 4319.21	Code of conduct addressing employee interactions with students
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 46010.1	AR 5113	Absence for confidential medical services
Beginning of each school year, if district has adopted policy on involuntary transfer of students convicted of certain crimes when victim is enrolled at same school	Education Code 48929, 48980	BP 5116.2	District policy authorizing transfer
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980	BP 6111	Schedule of minimum days and student-free staff development days
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 231.5; 5 CCR 4917	AR 5145.7	Copy of sexual harassment policy as related to students
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 32255- 32255.6	AR 5145.8	Right to refrain from harmful or destructive use of animals
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 35160.5, 46600-46611, 48204, 48301, 48350-48361	BP 5111.1 AR 5116.1 AR 5117	All statutory attendance options, available local attendance options, options for meeting residency, form for changing attendance, appeals process
Beginning of each school year, if Board allows such absence	Education Code 48980, 46014	AR 5113	Absence for religious exercises or purposes
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 48205	AR 5113 BP 6154	Excused absences; grade/credit cannot be reduced due to excused absence if work or test

has been completed; full text of
Education Code 48205

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PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually (continued)			
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 48206.3, 48207, 48208	AR 6183	Availability of home/hospital instruction for students with temporary disabilities
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 49403	BP 5141.31	School immunization program
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 49423, 49480	AR 5141.21	Administration of prescribed medication
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 49451; 20 USC 1232h	AR 5141.3	Right to refuse consent to physical examination
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 48980, 49471, 49472	BP 5143	Availability of insurance
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622	AR 1312.3	Uniform complaint procedures, available appeals, civil law remedies
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 49063	AR 5125 AR 5125.3	Challenge, review, and expunging of records
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 49063, 49069; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.7	AR 5125	Student records: inspect and review, access, types, location, persons responsible, location of log, access criteria, cost of copies, amendment requests, criteria to determine legitimate educational interest, course prospectus availability
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 49063, 49073;	AR 5125.1	Release of directory information

20 USC 1232g;
34 CFR 99.37

Beginning of each school year and at least one more time during school year using specified methods

Education Code
49428

None

How to access mental health services at school and/or in community

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PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually (continued)			
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 49520, 48980; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.5	AR 3553	Eligibility and application process for free and reduced-price meals
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 51513; 20 USC 1232h	AR 5022 BP 6162.8	Notice of privacy policy and dates of activities re: survey, health examination, or collection of personal information for marketing; process to opt out of such activities; inspection rights and procedures
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 56301	BP 6164.4	Parental rights re: special education identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation and review, and procedures for initiating a referral for assessment
Beginning of each school year	Education Code 58501, 48980	AR 6181	Alternative schools
Beginning of each school year	Health and Safety Code 104855	AR 5141.6	Availability of dental fluoride treatment; opportunity to accept or deny treatment
Annually	5 CCR 852; Education Code 60615	AR 6162.51	Student's participation in state assessments; option to request exemption from testing
Beginning of each school year	20 USC 6312;	BP 4112.2	Right to request information

year, if district receives Title I funds	34 CFR 200.48	AR 4222	re: professional qualifications of child's teacher and paraprofessional
Beginning of each school year	34 CFR 104.8, 106.9	BP 0410 BP 6178	Nondiscrimination
Beginning of each school year to parent, teacher, and employee organizations or, in their absence, individuals	40 CFR 763.84, 763.93	AR 3514	Availability of asbestos management plan; any inspections, response actions or post-response actions planned or in progress E 5145.6(e)

PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually (continued)			
Beginning of each school year	USDA SP-23-2017	AR 3551	District policy on meal payments
II. At Specific Times During the Student's Academic Career			
Beginning in grade 7, at least once prior to course selection and career counseling	Education Code 221.5, 48980	BP 6164.2	Course selection and career counseling
Upon a student's enrollment	Education Code 310	BP 6142.2 AR 6174	Information on the district's language acquisition programs
When child first enrolls in a public school, if school offers a fingerprinting program	Education Code 32390, 48980	AR 5142.1	Fingerprinting program
When participating in driver training courses under the jurisdiction of the district	Education Code 35211	None	Civil liability, insurance coverage
Upon registration in K-6, if students have not previously been transported	Education Code 39831.5	AR 3543	School bus safety rules and information, list of stops, rules of conduct, red light crossing instructions, bus danger zones, walking to and from stops
Beginning of each school year for high school students, if high school is open campus	Education Code 44808.5, 48980	BP 5112.5	Open campus

Beginning of each school year in grades 9-12, if district allows career technical education (CTE) course to satisfy graduation requirement	Education Code 48980, 51225.3	AR 6146.1	How each graduation requirement does or does not satisfy college entrance a-g course criteria; district CTE courses that satisfy a-g criteria
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Upon a student's enrollment	Education Code 49063	AR 5125 AR 5125.3	Specified rights related to student records
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When students enter grade 7	Education Code 49452.7	AR 5141.3	Specified information on type 2 diabetes
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II. At Specific Times During the Student's Academic Career (continued)

When in kindergarten, or first grade if not previously enrolled in public school	Education Code 49452.8	AR 5141.32	Requirement for oral health assessment, explanation of law, importance of oral health, agency contact, privacy rights
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Beginning of each school year for students in grades 9-12	Education Code 51229, 48980	AR 6143	College admission requirements, UC and CSU web sites that list certified courses, description of CTE, CDE Internet address, how students may meet with counselors
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Beginning of each school year for students in grades 7-12, or at time of enrollment if after beginning of year	Education Code 51938, 48980	AR 6142.1	Sexual health and HIV prevention education, right to view A/V materials, whether taught by district staff or outside consultants, right to request specific Education Code sections, right to excuse
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Within 20 working days of receiving results of standardized achievement tests or, if results not available in school year, within 20 working days of start of next school year	Education Code 60641; 5 CCR 863	AR 6162.51	Results of tests; test purpose, individual score and intended use
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By October 15 for students in grade 12	Education Code 69432.9	AR 5121 AR 5125	Forwarding of student's grade point average to Cal Grant program; timeline to opt out
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When child is enrolled or reenrolled in a licensed child care center or preschool	Health and Safety Code 1596.7996	AR 5148	Information on risks and effects of lead exposure, blood lead testing
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When child is enrolled in kindergarten	Health and Safety Code 124100, 124105	AR 5141.32	Health screening examination
To students in grades 11-12, early enough to enable registration for fall test	5 CCR 11523	AR 6146.2	Notice of proficiency examination provided under Education Code 48412

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II. At Specific Times During the Student's Academic Career (continued)

To secondary students, if district receives Title I funds	20 USC 7908	AR 5125.1	Request that district not release name, address, phone number of child to military recruiters without prior written consent
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III. When Special Circumstances Occur

In the event of a breach of security of district records, to affected persons	Civil Code 1798.29	BP 3580	Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, contact information for credit reporting agencies
Upon receipt of a complaint alleging discrimination	Education Code 262.3	AR 1312.3	Civil law remedies available to complainants
When determining whether an English learner should be reclassified as fluent English proficient	Education Code 313; 5 CCR 11303	AR 6174	Description of reclassification process, opportunity for parent/guardian to participate
When student is identified as English learner and district receives Title I or Title III funds for English learner programs, not later than 30 days after beginning of school year or within two weeks of placement if identified during school year	Education Code 313.2, 440; 20 USC 6312	AR 6174	Reason for classification, level of English proficiency, identification as long-term English learner, description of program(s), option to decline program or choose alternate, option to remove student from program at any time, exit requirements of program
When homeless or foster youth applies for enrollment in before/after school program	Education Code 8483	AR 5148.2	Right to priority enrollment; how to request priority enrollment
Before high school student attends specialized secondary program on a university campus	Education Code 17288	None	University campus buildings may not meet Education Code requirements for structural safety

At least 72 hours before use of pesticide product not included in annual list	Education Code 17612	AR 3514.2	Intended use of pesticide product
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To members of athletic teams	Education Code 32221.5	AR 5143	Offer of insurance; no-cost and low-cost program options
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III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)

Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes before they participate in competition	Education Code 33479.3	AR 6145.2	Information on sudden cardiac arrest
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If school has lost its WASC accreditation status	Education Code 35178.4	BP 6190	Loss of status, potential consequences
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When district has contracted for electronic products or services that disseminate advertising	Education Code 35182.5	BP 3312	Advertising will be used in the classroom or learning center
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At least six months before implementing uniform policy	Education Code 35183	AR 5132	Dress code policy requiring schoolwide uniform
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Before implementing a year-round schedule	Education Code 37616	BP 6117	Public hearing on year-round schedule
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When interdistrict transfer is requested and not approved or denied within 30 days	Education Code 46601	AR 5117	Appeal process
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Before early entry to kindergarten, if offered	Education Code 48000	AR 5111	Effects, advantages and disadvantages of early entry
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When student identified as being at risk of retention	Education Code 48070.5	AR 5123	Student at risk of retention
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When student excluded due to quarantine, contagious or infectious disease, danger to safety or health	Education Code 48213	AR 5112.2 BP 5141.33	Student has been excluded from school
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Before already admitted student is excluded for lack of immunization	Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040	AR 5141.31	Need to submit evidence of immunization or exemption within 10 school days; referral to medical care
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When a student is classified as truant	Education Code 48260.5, 48262	AR 5113.1	Truancy, parental obligation, availability of alternative programs, student consequences, need for conference
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III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When a truant is referred to a SARB or probation department	Education Code 48263	AR 5113.1	Name and address of SARB or probation department and reason for referral
When student requests to voluntarily transfer to continuation school	Education Code 48432.3	AR 6184	Copy of district policy and regulation on continuation education
Prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school	Education Code 48432.5	AR 6184	Right to request meeting prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school
To person holding educational rights, prior to recommending placement of foster youth outside school of origin	Education Code 48853.5	AR 6173.1	Basis for the placement recommendation
When student is removed from class and teacher requires parental attendance at school	Education Code 48900.1	AR 5144.4	Parental attendance required; timeline for attendance
Prior to withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts	Education Code 48904	AR 5125.2	Damaged school property
When withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts from transferring student	Education Code 48904.3	AR 5125.2	Next school will continue withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts
When student is released to peace officer	Education Code 48906	BP 5145.11	Release of student to peace officer for the purpose of removing minor from school, unless taken into custody as victim of suspected child abuse
At time of suspension	Education Code 48911	BP 5144.1 AR 5144.1	Notice of suspension
When original period of suspension is extended	Education Code 48911	AR 5144.1	Extension of suspension
At the time a student is assigned to a supervised suspension classroom	Education Code 48911.1	AR 5144.1	The student's assignment to a supervised suspension classroom
Before holding a closed session re: suspension	Education Code 48912	AR 5144.1	Intent to hold a closed session re: suspension

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III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When student expelled from another district for certain acts seeks admission	Education Code 48915.1, 48918	BP 5119	Hearing re: possible danger presented by expelled student
When readmission is denied	Education Code 48916	AR 5144.1	Reasons for denial; determination of assigned program
When expulsion occurs	Education Code 48916	AR 5144.1	Readmission procedures
At least 10 calendar days before expulsion hearing	Education Code 48918	AR 5144.1	Notice of expulsion hearing
When expulsion or suspension of expulsion occurs	Education Code 48918	AR 5144.1	Decision to expel; right to appeal to county board; obligation to inform new district of status
Before involuntary transfer of student convicted of certain crime when victim is enrolled at same school	Education Code 48929, 48980	BP 5116.2	Right to request a meeting with principal or designee
One month before the scheduled minimum day	Education Code 48980	BP 6111	When minimum days are scheduled after beginning of the school year
When parents/guardians request guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site	Education Code 48987	AR 5141.4	Guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site with local child protective agencies
When student in danger of failing a course	Education Code 49067	AR 5121	Student in danger of failing a course
When student transfers from another district or private school	Education Code 49068	AR 5125	Right to receive copy of student's record and to challenge its content
When parent/guardian's challenge of student record is denied and parent/guardian appeals	Education Code 49070	AR 5125.3	If board sustains allegations, the correction or destruction of record; if denied, right to submit written objection

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III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When district is considering program to gather safety-related information from students' social media activity	Education Code 49073.6	BP 5125	Opportunity for input on proposed program
When district adopts program to gather information from students' social media activity, and annually thereafter	Education Code 49073.6	AR 5125	Information is being gathered, access to records, process for removal or corrections, destruction of records
Within 24 hours of release of information to a judge or probation officer	Education Code 49076	AR 5125	Release of student record to a judge or probation officer for conducting truancy mediation program or for presenting evidence at a truancy petition
Before release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena	Education Code 49077	AR 5125	Release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena
When screening results in suspicion that student has scoliosis	Education Code 49452.5	AR 5141.3	Scoliosis screening
When test results in discovery of visual or hearing defects	Education Code 49456; 17 CCR 2951	AR 5141.3	Vision or hearing test results
Within 10 days of negative balance in meal account	Education Code 49557.5	AR 3551	Negative balance in meal account; encouragement to apply for free or reduced-price meals
Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes before their first practice or competition	Education Code 49475	AR 6145.2	Information on concussions and head injuries
Within 30 days of foster youth, homeless youth, former juvenile court school student, child of military family, or migrant student being transferred after second year of high school, or immigrant student enrolled in newcomer program in grades 11-12	Education Code 51225.1	BP 6146.1 AR 6173 AR 6173.1 AR 6173.3 AR 6175	Exemption from local graduation requirements, effect on college admission, option for fifth year of high school

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III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
Before any test/survey questioning personal beliefs	Education Code 51513	AR 5022	Permission for test, survey questioning personal beliefs
At least 14 days before HIV prevention or sexual health instruction, if arrangement made for guest speaker after beginning of school year	Education Code 51938	AR 6142.1	Instruction in HIV prevention or sexual health by guest speaker or outside consultant
Prior to administering survey regarding health risks and behaviors to students in 7-12	Education Code 51938	AR 5022	Notice that the survey will be administered
Within 30 calendar days of receipt of results of assessment or reassessment of English proficiency	Education Code 52164.1, 52164.3; 5 CCR 11511.5	AR 6174	Results of state test of English proficiency
When migrant education program is established	Education Code 54444.2	BP 6175 AR 6175	Parent advisory council membership composition
When child participates in licensed child care and development program	Health and Safety Code 1596.857	AR 5148	Parent/guardian right to enter facility
When district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Funds	Health and Safety Code 104420	AR 3513.3	The district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures
When testing by community water system finds presence of lead exceeding specified level	Health and Safety Code 116277	AR 3514	Elevated lead level at school
When sharing student immunization information with an immunization system	Health and Safety Code 120440	AR 5125	Types of information to be shared, name and address of agency, acceptable use of the information, right to examine, right to refuse to share
At least 14 days prior to sex offender coming on campus as volunteer	Penal Code 626.81	AR 1240 BP 1250	Dates and times permission granted; obtaining information from law enforcement

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III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When hearing is requested by person asked to leave school premises	Penal Code 627.5	AR 3515.2	Notice of hearing
When responding to complaint re: discrimination, special education, or noncompliance with law	5 CCR 4631	AR 1312.3	Findings, disposition of complaint, any corrective actions, appeal rights and procedures
When child participates in licensed child care and development program	5 CCR 18066	AR 5148	Policies re: excused and unexcused absences
Within 30 days of application for subsidized child care or preschool services	5 CCR 18094, 18118	AR 5148 AR 5148.3	Approval or denial of services
Upon recertification or update of application for child care or preschool services	5 CCR 18095, 18119	AR 5148 AR 5148.3	Any change in service, such as in fees, amount of service, termination of service
Upon child's enrollment in child care program	5 CCR 18114	AR 5148	Policy on fee collection
When payment of child care fees is seven days late	5 CCR 18114	AR 5148	Notice of delinquent fees
When district substantively changes policy on student privacy rights	20 USC 1232h	AR 5022	Notice of any substantive change in policy or regulation
For districts receiving Title I funds, when child has been assigned or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state certification requirements for the grade level/subject taught	20 USC 6312	AR 4112.2	Timely notice to parent/guardian of child's assignment
For districts receiving Title I funds, not later than 30 days after beginning of school year, to parents/guardians of English learners	20 USC 6312	AR 6174	Reasons for placement, level of proficiency, instructional methods, how program meets child's strengths and teaches English, exit requirements, right to choose other program

When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
For schools receiving Title I funds, upon development of parent involvement policy	20 USC 6318	AR 6020	Notice of policy
When household is selected for verification of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals	42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.6a	AR 3553	Need to submit verification information; any subsequent change in benefits; appeals
When student is homeless or unaccompanied minor	42 USC 11432; Education Code 48852.5	AR 6173	Educational and related opportunities; transportation services; placement decision and right to appeal
When student transfers out of state and records are disclosed without consent pursuant to 34 CFR 99.30	34 CFR 99.34	AR 5125	Right to review records
When district receives federal funding assistance for nutrition program	USDA FNS Instruction 113-1	BP 3555	Rights and responsibilities, nondiscrimination policy, complaint procedures
IV. Special Education Notices			
Prior to conducting initial evaluation	Education Code 56301, 56321, 56321.5, 56321.6, 56329; 20 USC 1415(d); 34 CFR 300.502, 300.503	BP 6159.1 AR 6159.1 AR 6164.4	Proposed evaluation plan, related parental rights, prior written notice, procedural safeguards
Before functional behavioral assessment begins	Education Code 56321	AR 6159.4	Notification and consent
24 hours before IEP when district intending to record	Education Code 56341.1	AR 6159	Intention to audio-record IEP meeting
Early enough to ensure opportunity for parent/guardian to attend IEP meeting	Education Code 56341.5; 34 CFR 300.322	AR 6159	Time, purpose, location, who will attend, participation of others with special knowledge, transition statements if appropriate
When parent/guardian orally requests review of IEP	Education Code 56343.5	AR 6159	Need for written request

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IV. Special Education Notices (continued)			
Within one school day of emergency intervention or serious property damage	Education Code 56521.1	AR 6159.4	Emergency intervention
Whenever there is a proposal or refusal to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, placement, or FAPE, including when parent/guardian revokes consent for services	20 USC 1415(c); 34 CFR 300.300, 300.503	AR 6159 AR 6159.1	Prior written notice
Upon filing of state complaint	20 USC 1415(d); 34 CFR 300.504	AR 6159.1	Procedural safeguards notice
When disciplinary measures are taken or change in placement	20 USC 1415(k); 34 CFR 300.530	AR 5144.2	Decision and procedural safeguards notice
Upon requesting a due process hearing	20 USC 1415(k); 34 CFR 300.508	AR 6159.1	Student's name, address, school, description of problem, proposed resolution
Eligibility for services under Section 504	34 CFR 104.32, 104.36	AR 6164.6	District responsibilities, district actions, procedural safeguards
V. Classroom Notices			
In each classroom in each school	Education Code 8235.5, 35186	AR 1312.4 E 1312.4	Complaints subject to Williams uniform complaint procedures

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