

**All Personnel**

BP 4119.11(a)

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**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

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The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe work environment that is free of harassment and intimidation. The Board prohibits sexual harassment against district employees and retaliatory behavior or action against any persons who complains, testifies, or otherwise participates in the complaint process established for the purpose of this policy.

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

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

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

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

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

*(cf. 4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports)*

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

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

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

1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to employees and others to whom the policy may apply

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

3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints
4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

**Sexual Harassment Reports and Complaints**

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT** (continued)

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

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

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (2 CCR 11023)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex*

GOVERNMENT CODE

12900-12996 *Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:*

12940 *Prohibited discrimination*

12950 *Sexual harassment; distribution of information*

12950.1 *Sexual harassment training*

LABOR CODE

1101 *Political activities of employees*

1102.1 *Discrimination: sexual orientation*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11009 *Employment discrimination*

11021 *Retaliation*

11023 *Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction*

11024 *Sexual harassment training and education*

11034 *Terms, conditions, and privileges of employment*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 *Title IX prohibition against discrimination*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

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

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

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

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

COURT DECISIONS

*Department of Health Services v. Superior Court of California*, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 1026

*Faragher v. City of Boca Raton*, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 2275

*Burlington Industries v. Ellreth*, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 2257

*Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District*, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 1989

*Oncala v. Sundowner Offshore Serv. Inc.*, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 998

*Meritor Savings Bank, FSB v. Vinson et al.*, (1986) 447 U.S. 57

*Management Resources:*

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

*Promising Practices for Preventing Harassment*, November 2017

WEB SITES

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

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