

CSBA Sample Board Policy

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

BP 0430(a)

COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 56195.1, school districts and county offices of education (COE) are required to form geographical regions, known as Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA), of sufficient size and scope to administer a local plan and the allocation of funds for all the special education service needs of the children residing within the boundaries of the region. Districts may join together or with a COE to form a SELPA, or a single district may form its own SELPA. Each SELPA is required to develop and administer a local plan describing how it will provide special education services. Pursuant to Education Code 56195.5, the Governing Board has authority, consistent with the SELPA plan, over the programs it directly maintains.

The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation should be revised to reflect requirements for the type of SELPA in which the district participates.

The Governing Board desires recognizes its obligation to provide a free appropriate public education to all individuals with disabilities, aged 3 to 21 years, who reside in the district, including children who have been suspended or expelled or placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school.

Students shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered, and where appropriate, utilized. (Education Code 56303)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

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

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6159.3 - Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students)

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

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

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

Note: Education Code 56195.1 requires a local plan for the education of all individuals with disabilities residing in the district. This plan may be developed in conjunction with other districts (Option 1 below) or by a single district (Option 2).

The special education local plan area (SELPA) shall administer a local plan and administer the allocation of funds. (Education Code 56195)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

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Note: Option 1 below is for use by districts that have their own single-district SELPA. Option 2 below is for use by districts that join with other districts to form a SELPA. Option 3 below is for use by districts that join with a COE to form a SELPA.

OPTION 2-1: (Single-district SELPA)

No
In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and employ staff with adequate expertise for this purpose, the district shall serve as a SELPA Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) pursuant to Education Code 56195.1.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a local plan for the education of individuals with disabilities residing in the district. The plan shall be approved by the Board and submitted to the county office of education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 56195.1, 56195.3)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

OPTION 1-3: (Districts that participate in a multi-district SELPA)

No
In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and employ staff with adequate expertise for this purpose, the district shall participate as a member of the SELPA a multi-district Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) pursuant to Education Code 56195.1.

No
The Superintendent or designee shall extend the district's full cooperation to the SELPA. The policies and procedures of the SELPA shall be applied as policies and regulations of this district, with the exception of those that apply to complaints, unless the SELPA plan specifically authorizes the district to operate under its own policies and regulations.

Note: Education Code 56195.8 mandates each entity providing special education that is participating in a multi-district SELPA to adopt policies for the programs and services it operates, including, but not limited to, policies on nonpublic, nonsectarian services, review of the class assignment of a student with disabilities, procedural safeguards, resource specialists, transportation of students with disabilities, information on the number of individuals with disabilities who are being provided special education and related services, and caseloads for speech and language specialists providing services to children with disabilities ages 3-5 years. District policies on these topics should be consistent with policies adopted by the SELPA.

The district shall enter into agreements with other members of the SELPA in accordance with Education Code 56195.1 and 56195.7. Consistent with these agreements, the district shall adopt policies governing the programs and services it operates. (Education Code 56195.8)

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The Superintendent or designee shall work with the other members of the SELPA to develop a local plan for the education of individuals with disabilities. The plan shall be approved by the Board and the other members of the SELPA, and shall be submitted to the county office of education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 56195.1, 56195.3)

NO

~~OPTION 2: (Single district SELPA)~~

~~In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and employ staff with adequate expertise for this purpose, the district shall serve as a SELPA.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall develop a local plan for the education of individuals with disabilities residing in the district. The plan shall be approved by the Board.~~

OPTION 3: (Districts that participate in a multi-district SELPA with the county office of education)

YES

In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, the district shall participate as a member of a Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) with other districts and the county office of education pursuant to Education Code 56195.1.

The district shall enter into agreements with other members of the SELPA in accordance with Education Code 56195.1 and 56195.7. Consistent with these agreements, the district shall adopt policies governing the programs and services it operates. (Education Code 56195.8)

The Superintendent or designee shall work with the other members of the SELPA to develop a local plan for the education of individuals with disabilities. The plan shall be approved by the Board and the other members of the SELPA, and shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 56195.1)

Note: The remainder of this policy applies to all districts.

Pursuant to Education Code 56195.9, beginning July 1, 2020, the local plan must be reviewed by the SELPA at least once every three years. The budget plan, service plan, and annual assurances support plan must still be reviewed annually pursuant to Education Code 56205; see the accompanying administrative regulation.

The local plan shall be reviewed at least once every three years and updated as needed to ensure the information contained in the plan remains relevant and accurate. The local plan shall be updated cooperatively by a committee of representatives of special and regular education teachers and administrators selected by the groups they

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represent and with participation by parent/guardian members of the community advisory committee, or parents/guardians selected by the community advisory committee, to ensure adequate and effective participation and communication. (Education Code 56195.9)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 56195.7, a single-district SELPA is mandated to adopt a written procedure for the ongoing review of programs and a mechanism for correcting any identified problem. For districts participating in a multi-district SELPA with or without a COE pursuant to Option 2 or 3 above, these requirements are contained in the written agreement entered into by members of the SELPA. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district and/or SELPA practice.

Special education programs and services shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The results of such evaluations shall be use to identify and correct any program deficiencies.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 56000-56001 Education for individuals with exceptional needs
- 56020-56035 Definitions
- 56040-56046 General provisions
- 56048-56050 Surrogate parents
- 56055 Foster parents
- 56060-56063 Substitute teachers
- 56170-56177 Children enrolled in private schools
- 56190-56194 Community advisory committees
- 56195-56195.10 Local plans
- 56205-56208 Local plan requirements
- 56213 Special education local plan areas with small or sparse populations
- 56240-56245 Staff development
- 56300-56385 Identification and referral, assessment, instructional planning
- 56440-56447.1 Programs for individuals between the ages of three and five years
- 56500-56508 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights
- 56520-56524 Behavioral interventions
- 56600-56606 Evaluation, audits and information
- 56836-56836.05 Administration of local plan

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 7579.5 Surrogate parent, appointment, qualifications, liability
- 95000-95029 California Early Intervention Services Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

- 361 Limitations on parental control
- 726 Limitations on parental control

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 3000-3089 Regulations governing special education

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

- 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

- 99.10-99.22 Inspection, review and procedures for amending education records
- 104.1-104.39 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- 300.1-300.818 Assistance to states for the education of children with disabilities, including:
- 300.500-300.520 Due process procedures for parents and children
- 303.1-303.654 Early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- California Department of Education, Special Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se>
- U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osep>

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Definitions

Note: The following administrative regulation reflects the 2004 reauthorization of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 USC 1400-1482), implementing federal regulations (34 CFR 300.1-300.818), and conforming state legislation (AB 1663, Ch. 454, Statutes of 2007). Note that in cases where state law provides greater protections to students, state law supersedes federal law.

Free appropriate public education (FAPE) means special education and related services that are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge; meet the standards of the California Department of Education, including the requirements of 34 CFR 300.1-300.818; include appropriate preschool, elementary school, or secondary school education for individuals between the ages of 3 and 21; and are provided in conformity with an individualized education program (IEP) that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 300.320-300.324. (Education Code 56040; 34 CFR 300.17, 300.101, 300.104; Education Code 56040)

FAPE applies to students who are suspended or expelled or placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school. (34 CFR 300.17, 300.101, 300.104)

Note: AB 1663 (Ch. 454, Statutes of 2007) added Education Code 56040.1 to provide the following definition, consistent with federal law.

Least restrictive environment means that, to the maximum extent appropriate, students with disabilities, including individuals in public or private institutions or other care facilities, be educated with individuals who are nondisabled, including the provision of nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities. Special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of students with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only if the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in the regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. (Education Code 56040.1; 34 CFR 300.107, 300.114, 300.117; Education Code 56040.1)

Note: AB 1663 (Ch. 454, Statutes of 2007) amended Education Code 56000 and 56031 to define "special education," as specified in the following two paragraphs.

Special education means specially designed instruction, provided at no cost to the parent/guardian, to meet the unique needs of individuals with disabilities including a full continuum of program options including instruction conducted in the classroom, in the home, in hospitals and institutions, and other settings, and instruction in physical education to meet the educational and service needs in the least restrictive environment. (Education Code 56300, 56031)

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Special education may include each of the following if the services otherwise meet the definition in the above paragraph: (Education Code 56031)

1. Speech language pathology services, or any other designated instruction and service or related service, pursuant to Education Code 56363, if the service is considered special education rather than designated instruction and service or related service under state standards
2. Travel training
3. Career technical education
4. Transition services for students with disabilities in accordance with 34 CFR 300.43 if provided as specially designed instruction, or a related service, if required to assist a student with disabilities to benefit from special education

Specially designed instruction means adapting the content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to address the unique needs of the student that result from the student's disability and to ensure access of the student to the general curriculum, so that the student can meet the educational standards that apply to all students in the district. (34 CFR 300.39)

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 7579.5, when a student is a ward of the court, the district would appoint a surrogate parent only when the court has limited the right of the parent/guardian to make educational decisions for his/her child and the student has no responsible adult, such as a foster parent, to represent him/her. Since Welfare and Institutions Code 361 and 726 require the juvenile court to appoint a responsible adult when the court limits parental rights, rarely will it be necessary for the district to appoint a surrogate because that appointment would be superseded by the court's appointment of a responsible adult or foster parent. See BP/AR 6159.3 Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education.

Surrogate parent means an individual assigned to act as a surrogate for the parent/guardian. The surrogate may represent an individual with disabilities in matters relating to identification, assessment, instructional planning and development, educational placement, reviewing and revising the IEP, and in other matters relating to the provision of FAPE to the individual with disability. (34 CFR 300.519; Education Code 56050)

Elements of the Local Plan

Note: Education Code 56205 and 56206 details the elements that must be included in the local plan developed by the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), including a requirement that the plan contain assurances of general compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 USC 1400-1482), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101-12213). The following section is optional.

Pursuant to Education Code 56122, the California Department of Education (CDE) has developed templates for plan development, which are available on its web site.

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The local plan developed by the **sSpecial eEducation lLocal pPlan aArea** (SELPA) shall include, but not be limited to, **the following**: (Education Code **56122**, 56205, 56206)

1. **Assurances that pPolicies, procedures, and programs; that are consistent with state laws, regulations, and policyies, are in effect as specified in Education Code 56205(a)(1-22) and in conformity with and 20 USC 1412(a), 20 USC 1413(a)(1), and 34 CFR 300.201 governing the following:**
 - a. **Free appropriate public education**
 - b. **Full educational opportunity**
 - c. **Child find and referral**
 - d. **Individualized education programs, including development, implementation, review, and revision**
 - e. **Least restrictive environment**
 - f. **Procedural safeguards**
 - g. **Annual and triennial assessments**
 - h. **Confidentiality**
 - i. **Transition from the Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities programs pursuant to 20 USC 1431 to the preschool program**
 - j. **Children in private schools**
 - k. **Compliance assurances, including general compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC 1400-1482), Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101-12213), related federal regulations, and Education Code 56000-56865**
 - l. **A description of the governance and administration of the local plan in accordance with Education Code 56205(a)(12)**
 - m. **Personnel qualification to ensure that personnel, including special education teachers and personnel and paraprofessionals are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained in accordance with Education Code 56058 and 56070 and 20 USC 1412(a)(14) and 1413(a)(3)**

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- n. Performance goals and indicators**
 - o. Participation in state and districtwide assessments, including assessments described in 20 USC 6301 et seq. and alternate assessments in accordance with 20 USC 1412(a)(16), and reports relating to assessments**
 - p. Supplementation of state, local, and other federal funds, including nonsupplantation of funds**
 - q. Maintenance of financial effort**
 - r. Opportunities for public participation before adoption of policies and procedures**
 - s. Suspension and expulsion rates**
 - t. Access to instructional materials by blind individuals with exceptional needs and others with print disabilities in accordance with 20 USC 1412(a)(23)**
 - u. Overidentification and disproportionate representation by race and ethnicity of children as individuals with exceptional needs, including children with disabilities with a particular impairment described in 20 USC 1401 and 1412(a)(24)**
 - v. Prohibition of mandatory medication use pursuant to Education Code 56040.5 and 20 USC 1412(a)(25)**
2. **An annual budget plan and annual service plan adopted at a public hearing held by the SELPA, including descriptions of the SELPA's allocation plan in accordance with Education Code 56836-56845, all revenues by revenue source received by the SELPA specifically for the purpose of special education, a breakdown of the distribution of funds to each local educational agency (LEA) within the SELPA, projected total special education expenditures by each LEA, projected total expenditures by the SELPA and the LEAs within the SELPA, projected funding to be received specifically for regionalized operations, and a breakdown of projected SELPA operating expenditures**
3. **An annual service plan, describing the services to be provided by each LEA, regardless of whether the LEA participates in the local plan, including the nature of the services and the physical location at which the services will be provided. This description shall demonstrate that all individuals with exceptional needs shall have access to services and instruction appropriate to meet their needs as specified in their individualized education programs.**

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 56122, as amended by SB 75 (Ch. 51, Statutes of 2019), beginning July 1, 2021, the local plan must include an annual assurances support plan to demonstrate how the SELPA and its participating agencies are coordinating to assure effective outcomes for students with disabilities. A template for the annual assurances support plan will be developed by CDE by July 1, 2020.

- 4. Beginning July 1, 2021, an annual assurances support plan to demonstrate how the SELPA and its participating agencies are coordinating for purposes of assuring effective outcomes for students with disabilities, including a description of:

 - a. How the SELPA will support each participating district in achieving the goals, actions, and services identified in its local control and accountability plan**
 - b. How the SELPA will connect any participating district in need of technical assistance to the statewide system of support**
 - c. The services, technical assistance, and support the SELPA will provide to meet the required policies, procedures, and programs specified in Education Code 56205****
- 3-5.** A description of programs for early childhood special education from birth through five years of age
- 4-6.** A description of the method by which members of the public, including parents/guardians of individuals with disabilities who are receiving services under the plan, may address questions or concerns pursuant to Education Code 56205
- 5-7.** A description of a dispute resolution process, **including mediation and arbitration to resolve disputes over the distribution of funding, the responsibility for service provision, and the other governance activities specified within the local plan**
- 6-8.** Verification that the plan has been reviewed by the community advisory committee in accordance with Education Code 56205 **and that the committee had at least 30 days to conduct this review before submission of the local plan to CDE**
- 7-9.** A description of the process being utilized to refer students for special education instruction pursuant to Education Code 56303
- 8-10.** A description of the process being utilized to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools, **and the method for ensuring that all requirements of each student's IEP are being met, and a method for evaluating whether the student is making appropriate educational progress**

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9.11. A description of how specialized equipment and services will be distributed within the local plan area in a manner that minimizes the necessity to serve students in isolated sites and maximizes the opportunities to serve students in the least restrictive environment

The local plan, annual budget plan, **and** annual service plan, **and annual assurances support plan** shall be written in language that is understandable to the general public. **They shall be adopted at a public hearing of the SELPA, for which notice of the hearing shall be posted in each school in the SELPA at least 15 days before the hearing.** (Education Code 56205)

Note: Education Code 56195.8 **mandates** entities providing special education to adopt policies that include, among other things, information on the number of individuals with disabilities who are being provided special education and related services. Other mandated policies are located throughout CSBA's policy manual.

Each entity providing special education shall adopt policies for the programs and services it operates, consistent with agreements adopted pursuant to Education Code 56195.1 and 56195.7. (Education Code 56195.8)

(cf. 3541.2 – Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 3542 – School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 4112.23 – Special Education Staff)

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

(cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6159.1 – Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)

(cf. 6159.2 – Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

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

(cf. 6164.41 – Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private School)

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

Availability of the Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall post on the district's web site the approved local plan, annual budget plan, annual service plan, and annual assurances support plan and any updates or revisions to the plans. A complete copy of the local plan, annual budget plan, annual service plan, annual assurances support plan, and policies and procedures shall be held on file in the district office and shall be accessible to any interested party. (Education Code 56205.5)

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Community Relations

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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 2020-21 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 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 13 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. According to CDE, the district's policy must list all such programs and activities and, at the district's discretion, may add a paragraph below the list stating the UCP programs and activities that are implemented in the district.

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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 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 education; ~~American Indian education centers and early childhood education program assessments~~; bilingual education; ~~California Peer Assistance and 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; 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 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) in district programs and activities, including in 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, **medical condition**, 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 association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610)

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(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.

6. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with applicable 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)

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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)

8. Any complaint, by or on behalf of a student who is a foster youth as defined in Education Code 51225.2, alleging district noncompliance with any 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, 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: Items #9-11 are for use by districts that maintain high schools.

AB 2121 (Ch. 581, Statutes of 2018) amended Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2 to add authorization to use the district's UCP for any complaint alleging the district's noncompliance with specified educational rights of migrant students and of students enrolled in a newcomer program (i.e., a program designed to meet the academic and transitional needs of newly arrived immigrant students that has as a primary objective the development of English language proficiency). Also see AR 6175 - Migrant Education Program.

9. Any complaint, by or on behalf of a student who transfers into the district after the second year of high school and is a homeless child or youth as defined in 42 USC 11434a, a former juvenile court school student currently enrolled in the district, a child of a military family as defined in Education Code 49701, or a migrant student as defined in Education Code 54441, or by or on behalf of an immigrant student participating in a newcomer program as defined in Education Code 51225.2 in the third or fourth year of high school, alleging district noncompliance with any requirement applicable to the student regarding the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 51225.1)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

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

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

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10. Any complaint, by or on behalf of a student who is a homeless child or youth as defined in 42 USC 11434a, a former juvenile court school student, a child of a military family as defined in Education Code 49701, a migrant child as defined in Education Code 54441, or a newly arrived immigrant student who is participating in a newcomer program as defined in Education Code 51225.2, alleging district noncompliance with requirements for the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school, district, or country (Education Code 51225.2)
11. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code 51228.1 and 51228.2 that prohibit the assignment of a student in grades 9-12 to a course without educational content for more than one week in any semester or to a course the student has previously satisfactorily completed, without meeting specified conditions (Education Code 51228.3)

(cf. 6152 - Class Assignment)

Note: ~~Item #12 is for use by districts that maintain elementary schools. Education Code 51222, as amended by SB 75 (Ch. 51, Statutes of 2019), extends the UCP to complaints alleging noncompliance with the physical education instructional minutes requirement for grades 7-12.~~

12. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the physical education instructional minutes requirement ~~for students in elementary school~~ (Education Code 51210, **51222**, 51223)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

- 13. 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 (Education Code 8235.5; Health and Safety Code 1596.7925)**

Note: 5 CCR 4621 **mandates** that district policy ensure that complainants are protected from retaliation as specified in item ~~#13~~ **14** below.

- ~~13.~~**14.** 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.

- ~~14.~~**15.** Any other complaint as specified in ~~a~~ district policy

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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 for resolving a complaint in a manner** that is acceptable to all parties. **An ADR process** 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 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 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 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)

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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.

(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 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.

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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 Uniform Complaint Procedures 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:***EDUCATION CODE**

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

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 Student fees

49060-49079 Student records, especially:

49069.5 Records of foster youth

49490-49590 Child nutrition programs

49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51210 Courses of study grades 1-6

51222 Physical education, secondary schools

51223 Physical education, elementary schools

51225.1-51225.2 Foster youth, homeless children, former juvenile court school students, 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

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

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Legal Reference: (continued)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34 (continued)

104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX

106.9 Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex

110.25 Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Uniform Complaint Procedure 2020-21 Program Instrument

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

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance: Harassment of Students by School Employees, Other Students, or Third Parties, January 2001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

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

WEB SITES

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

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

Family Policy Compliance Office: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco>

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

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

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CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Community Relations

AR 1312.3(a)

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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) and Education Code 8235.5 **mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs (CSPP).**

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."

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The district designates the individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) identified below as 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 responsible for handling complaints regarding unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying). The compliance officer(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)

Assistant Principal
(title or position)

15305 Rockwood Rd
(unit or office)
(address)

Escondido, CA 92027

760.745.4931
(telephone number)

spusd@sanpetersunion.net
(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 has a bias or conflict of interest that would prohibit the fair investigation or resolution of 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 require that employees responsible for compliance and/or for investigating and resolving complaints are to be 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.

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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 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. (5 CCR 4622)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(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.

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A sample of the annual notice is available through CDE's 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 responsible staff member(s), position(s), or unit(s) designated to receive complaints

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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 the complainant of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal antidiscrimination laws, if applicable
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.

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.

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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.

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.

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 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 UCP") may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4630)

Note: Education Code 49013 and 52075 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 or violates any requirement related to the LCAP. 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.

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2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against 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 who allege that they have personally suffered unlawful discrimination or who believe that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination. The complaint shall be initiated no later than six months from the date that the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date that 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 not the complainant, requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform the complainant or victim 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.

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UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)**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 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 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 representative with the opportunity to present the information contained in the complaint to the compliance officer and shall notify the

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complainant and/or 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 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

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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)

YES

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:

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 may, within five business days, file the complaint in writing with the Board.

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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 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, 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

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.

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

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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

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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.

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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 complainant 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

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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

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 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.

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(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 **51222 and 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, **51222**, 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 UCP may file an appeal in writing with CDE within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision. (5 CCR 4632)

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The complainant 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 has been appealed, 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
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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Health and Safety Complaints in California State Preschool Program

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Note: The following section is for use by districts that operate any license-exempt CSPP program. Education Code 8235.5 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program.

See the accompanying exhibits for a sample classroom notice and complaint form.

In each license-exempt CSPP classroom, a notice shall be posted notifying parents/guardians, students, and teachers of the health and safety requirements of Title 5 regulations that apply to CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925 and the location at which to obtain a form to file any complaint alleging noncompliance with those requirements. (Education Code 8235.5)

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Any complaint regarding specified health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall be filed with the preschool program administrator or designee, and may be filed anonymously. The complaint form shall specify the location for filing the complaint and shall contain a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to the complaint. If it is determined that the complaint is beyond the authority of the preschool program administrator, the matter shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, not to exceed 10 working days, for resolution. (Education Code 8235.5)

Investigation of a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall begin within 10 days of receipt of the complaint. (Education Code 8235.5)

The preschool administrator or designee shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form a desire to receive a response to the complaint, the preschool administrator or Superintendent's designee shall report the resolution of the complaint to the complainant within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint. If the preschool administrator makes this report, the information shall be reported at the same time to the Superintendent or designee. If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, the complainant has the right to describe the complaint to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. (Education Code 8235.5)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8235.5, a complainant who is not satisfied with the district's decision related to a complaint of health and safety conditions in a CSPP program may appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The law does not provide a timeline for filing the appeal, but the 2020-21 FPM instrument provides a timeline of 30 days.

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A complainant may file a written appeal of the district's decision to CDE in accordance with 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 8235.5)

Any such appeal shall be filed within 30 days of receiving the decision.

Note: The following paragraph reflects a requirement of the 2020-21 FPM instrument.

On a quarterly basis, the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all CSPP health and safety complaints, including the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints, to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting and to the County Superintendent of Schools.

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Note: Education Code 8235.5 requires that the following notice be posted in each classroom with a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) (Education Code 8235-8239.1). The notice must include the health and safety requirements that apply to such CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, which may be the subject of a complaint under the uniform complaint procedures.

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NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS: PRESCHOOL COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers:

Pursuant to Education Code 8235.5, you are hereby notified that any California State Preschool Program that is exempt from licensure must have:

1. Outdoor shade that is safe and in good repair
2. Drinking water that is accessible and readily available throughout the day
3. Safe and sanitary restroom facilities with one toilet and handwashing fixture for every 15 children
4. Restroom facilities that are available only for preschoolers and kindergartners
5. Visual supervision of children at all times
6. Indoor and outdoor space that is properly contained or fenced and provides sufficient space for the number of children using the space at any given time
7. Playground equipment that is safe, in good repair, and age appropriate

Note: Education Code 8235.5 requires that the notice include the location to obtain a complaint form and provides that posting a notice downloadable from the California Department of Education's web site will satisfy this requirement. The law does not require that complaint forms be placed in any specific location. The following paragraph lists locations where complaint forms may be available and should be modified to reflect district practice, including adding the school and district web site addresses.

If you choose to file a complaint alleging that any of the above conditions is not being met, your complaint will be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures as required by law. A complaint form may be obtained at the school office or district office, or downloaded from the school or district web site. You may also download a

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copy of the California Department of Education complaint form from the following web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc>. However, a complaint need not be filed using either the district's complaint form or the complaint form from the California Department of Education.

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8235.5, uniform complaint procedures should be used for complaints alleging that a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) does not comply with any of the health and safety requirements specified in Health and Safety Code 1596.7925.

PRESCHOOL COMPLAINT FORM: UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Education Code 8235.5 requires that the district's uniform complaint procedures be used for the filing of complaints concerning noncompliance with health and safety standards for license-exempt California State Preschool Programs. 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: _____

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.)

- The preschool does not have outdoor shade that is safe and in good repair.
- Drinking water is not accessible and/or readily available throughout the day.
- The preschool does not provide safe and sanitary restroom facilities with one toilet and handwashing fixture for every 15 children.

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- Restroom facilities are not available only for preschoolers and kindergartners.
- The preschool program does not provide visual supervision of children at all times.
- 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.
- Playground equipment is not safe, in good repair, or age appropriate.

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.

[Redacted area for complaint description]

Note: Education Code 8235.5 requires complaints identified above to be filed with the preschool administrator or designee. Districts should specify the names and/or locations in the spaces below.

Please file this complaint at the following location:

[Redacted]
(preschool administrator or designee)

[Redacted]
(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)

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WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

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:

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.

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(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 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.

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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.

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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.
 - e. 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 requires that the district's complaint form contain the elements stated in the following paragraph. In addition, Education Code 8235.5 and 35186 requires 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)

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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 requires 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 complaint about problems beyond the 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 the principal's or designee's 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 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)

If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form a desire to receive a response to the complaint, the principal/preschool administrator or Superintendent's designee shall report the resolution of the complaint to the complainant within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint. If the principal/preschool administrator makes this report, the information shall be reported at the same time to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 8235.5, 35186; 5 CCR 4680, 4685)

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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 requires that, when Education Code 48985 is applicable, any response requested by the complainant must be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

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

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, the complainant 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)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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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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E(3) 1312.4(a)

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Note: Education Code 8235.5, as added by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), requires that the following notice be posted in each classroom with a license exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) (Education Code 8235-8239.1). The notice must include the health and safety requirements that apply to such CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, which may be the subject of a complaint under the Williams uniform complaint procedures.

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS: PRESCHOOL COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers:

Pursuant to Education Code 8235.5, you are hereby notified that any California State Preschool Program that is exempt from licensure must have:

1. Outdoor shade that is safe and in good repair
2. Drinking water that is accessible and readily available throughout the day
3. Safe and sanitary restroom facilities with one toilet and handwashing fixture for every 15 children
4. Restroom facilities that are available only for preschoolers and kindergartners
5. Visual supervision of children at all times
6. Indoor and outdoor space that is properly contained or fenced and provides sufficient space for the number of children using the space at any given time
7. Playground equipment that is safe, in good repair, and age appropriate

Note: Education Code 8235.5 requires that the notice include the location to obtain a complaint form and provides that posting a notice downloadable from the CDE's web site will satisfy this requirement. The law does not require that complaint forms be placed in any specific location. The following paragraph lists locations where complaint forms may be available and should be modified to reflect district practice, including adding the school and district web site addresses.

If you choose to file a complaint alleging that any of the above conditions is not being met, your complaint will be addressed through the district's Williams uniform complaint procedures as required by law. A complaint form may be obtained at the school office or district office, or downloaded from the school or district web site. You may also download a

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copy of the California Department of Education complaint form from the following web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/ep/uc>. However, a complaint need not be filed using either the district's complaint form or the complaint form from the California Department of Education.

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8235.5, as added by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), Williams uniform complaint procedures should be used for complaints alleging that a license exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) does not comply with any of the health and safety requirements specified in Health and Safety Code 1596.7925.

PRESCHOOL COMPLAINT FORM: WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Education Code 8235.5 requires that the complaint procedures in 5 CCR 4680-4687 be used for the filing of complaints concerning noncompliance with health and safety standards for license exempt California State Preschool Programs. 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: _____
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.)

- The preschool does not have outdoor shade that is safe and in good repair.
- Drinking water is not accessible and/or readily available throughout the day.

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The preschool does not provide safe and sanitary restroom facilities with one toilet and handwashing fixture for every 15 children.

Restroom facilities are not available only for preschoolers and kindergartners.

The preschool program does not provide visual supervision of children at all times.

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.

Playground equipment is not safe, in good repair, or age appropriate.

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.

[Redacted area for complaint description]

Note: Education Code 8235.5, as added by AB 1808, requires complaints identified above to be filed with the preschool administrator or designee. Districts should specify the names and/or locations in the spaces below.

Please file this complaint at the following location:

[Redacted location information]
(preschool administrator or designee)
[Redacted location information]
(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.

[Redacted signature line] (Signature) [Redacted date line] (Date)

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BP 1340(a)

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

Note: The following **optional** policy and accompanying administrative regulation reflect requirements of the California Public Records Act (CPRA) (Government Code 6250-6270) pertaining to public access to public records of the district. "Public records," as defined by Government Code 6252, include any **records 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; see ~~section on~~ "Definitions" in the accompanying administrative regulation. For information regarding retention of records, see BP/AR 3580 - District Records, AR 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files, and BP/AR 5125 - Student Records.

The Governing Board recognizes the right of **citizens members of the public** to have access to public records of the district. The ~~Board intends the district to~~ **shall** provide any person reasonable access to the public records of the schools and district during normal business hours and within the requirements of law. Public access shall not be given to records listed as exempt from public disclosure in the California Public Records Act and other state or federal law.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

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

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

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

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

*(cf. 9321 - Closed Session **Purposes and Agendas**)*

Note: In City of San Jose v. Superior Court, the California Supreme Court held that communications regarding public business ~~transmitted to or~~ **that have been sent, received, or stored** by public officials on a personal account or device are not categorically exempt from disclosure under the 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 official's or employee's personal device regardless of whether they were transmitted through district servers. Such searches need not be extraordinarily **extensive** 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 AR 3580 - District Records and BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications.

In response to a public records request, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to locate the requested records, including, but not limited to, any electronic communication substantively related to the records, such as email, text messages, instant messages, and other electronic communications, regardless of whether they are transmitted through a district-provided device or account or through an employee's or Board member's personal device or account.

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ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS (continued)*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)**(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)*

Note: Government Code 6253 authorizes the district to charge a person requesting a copy of a record a fee covering the direct costs of duplication; however, no fee can be charged to a person who wishes to inspect but not copy a record. In North County Parents Organization for Children with Special Needs v. Department of Education, the court determined that direct costs include only the cost of running the copy machine and possibly the expense of the person operating it. **Examples of costs that do not fit this definition include costs associated with** ~~Direct costs do not include the other costs that may be associated with the request, such as~~ searching, reviewing, or redacting the record; assisting the requester in formulating the request; responding to the request; or employee time to sit with the requester during inspection of the record. Because it is not clearly authorized by law, districts wishing to charge for the cost of the copy machine operator should consult with legal counsel.

In addition, Government Code 6253 authorizes districts to provide faster access or access to more records than the minimum standards provided by law. According to the court in North County Parents Organization, this provision permits a district to waive or reduce its fees, **as a reduction in copy fees permits greater access to records**. For example, a district may consider waiving fees below a certain dollar threshold because the costs of collecting the fee exceed the fee amount.

Pursuant to Government Code 6253, as amended by AB 1819 (Ch. 695, Statutes of 2019), **members of the public who request to inspect a disclosable record of the district have the right to use their own equipment on district premises, without being charged any fees or costs, to photograph, copy, or reproduce the record in a manner that does not require the equipment to make physical contact with the record. For further information about exceptions and limitations on the use of one's own equipment to copy a record of the district, see "Inspection of Records and Requests for Copies" in the accompanying administrative regulation.**

The district may charge for copies of public records or other materials requested by individuals or groups, **unless they are using their own personal equipment to reproduce the record**. The charge shall be based on actual costs of duplication, as determined by the Superintendent or designee and as specified in administrative regulation.

Note: The following paragraph is optional.

Yes In order to help maintain the security of district records, members of the public granted access shall examine records in the presence of a district staff member.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS (continued)*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status**35145 Public meetings**35170 Authority to secure copyrights**35250 Duty to keep certain records and reports**41020 Requirement for annual audit**42103 Publication of proposed budget; hearing**44031 Personnel file contents and inspections**44839 Medical certificates; periodic medical examination**49060-49079 Student records**49091.10 Parental review of curriculum and instruction*GOVERNMENT CODE*3547 Proposals relating to representation**6250-6270 California Public Records Act**6275-6276.48 California Public Records Act; other exemptions from disclosure**8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act**53262 Employment contracts**54957.2 Minute book record of closed sessions**54957.5 Agendas and other writings distributed for discussion or consideration**81008 Political Reform Act, public records; inspection and reproduction**8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act*CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION*Article 1, Section 3 Right of access to governmental information*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*430-438 Individual student records*COURT DECISIONS*City of San Jose v. Superior Court (2017) 2 Cal.5th 608**Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors v. Superior Court (2016) 2 Cal.5th 282**Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System v. Superior Court (2011) 195 Cal. App. 4th 440**International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers v. The Superior Court of Alameda County, (2007) 42 Cal.4th 319**Los Angeles Times v. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, (2001) 88 Cal.App.4th 1381**Kleitman v. Superior Court, (1999) 74 Cal.App. 4th 324**Fairley v. Superior Court, (1998) 66 Cal.App. 4th 1414**North County Parents Organization for Children with Special Needs v. Department of Education, (1994) 23 Cal.App. 4th 144*ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS*71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235 (1988)**64 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 186 (1981)**Management Resources: (see next page)*

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Legal Alert: Tips for Governing Boards in Response to Public Records Act Ruling on Electronic Communications, March 2017

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

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, April 2018

California Department of Justice Guidelines for Access to Public Records, October 2017

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

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AR 1340(a)

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

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, or store** 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 **extraordinarily extensive** 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 membership, agency, office, or employment. (Government Code 6252)

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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 **that may result in death or serious bodily injury at the school site**. 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

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

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(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, **until the pending litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled.** However, 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 Board should consult legal counsel if it believes that any document related to litigation should not be disclosed.

10. 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)

11. 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.

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

13. 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)

14. Instructional materials including, but not limited to, textbooks (Education Code 49091.10)

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ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS (continued)*(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 a social security number and states the Legislature's intent that districts will 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: 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.

In addition, 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.~~

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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

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Upon written request of any employee, the district shall not disclose the employee's home address, home telephone number, personal cell phone number, **personal email address**, or birth date, and the district shall remove **this information the home address, home telephone number, and personal cell phone number** 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 and district policy**

(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)

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, name, address, telephone number, email address, borrowing information, or use of library information resources, except when disclosure is to persons acting

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within the scope of their duties in the administration of the library;; to persons authorized in writing, by the individual to whom the records pertain, **to inspect the records;** 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)
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)

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(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 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

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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 **inspection or** 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 ^{may} 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.

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 6253, as amended by AB 1819 (Ch. 695, Statutes of 2019), members of the public have the right to use their own equipment on district premises to copy a disclosable record, without being charged any fees or costs. The record must be reproduced in a manner as specified below.

Without charging any fees or costs, the Superintendent or designee shall allow members of the public to use their own equipment on district premises to photograph or otherwise copy or reproduce a disclosable record as long as the means of copy or reproduction: (Government Code 6253)

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- 1. Do not require the equipment to make physical contact with the record**
- 2. Will not result in damage to the record**
- 3. Will not result in unauthorized access to the district's computer systems or secured networks by using software, equipment, or any other technology capable of accessing, altering, or compromising the district's electronic records**

Note: Government Code 6253, as amended by AB 1819, authorizes the district to impose reasonable limits on the use of personal equipment by members of the public to copy disclosable records, as specified below.

The Superintendent or designee may impose any reasonable limit on the use of personal equipment to photograph, copy, or reproduce a disclosable record that is necessary to protect the safety of the records, or to prevent the copying of records from being an unreasonable burden to the orderly function of the district and its employees. The Superintendent or designee may also impose any limit that is necessary to maintain the integrity of, or ensure the long-term preservation of, historic or high-value records. (Government Code 6253)

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.

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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, 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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CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Business and Noninstructional Operations

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IMPACT AID

SPJ does not receive Impact Aid

Note: The following administrative regulation is for use by districts that receive federal funding through Title VII Impact Aid (20 USC 7701-7714), which provides assistance to districts with concentrations of children residing on lands owned by the federal government, including Indian lands. Basic support grants are considered general aid to the district and may be used for whatever purpose the district chooses, in accordance with any state and local requirements. Pursuant to 20 USC 7704, districts that claim students living on Indian lands in order to receive Impact Aid funding are mandated to adopt policy and procedures with specified components.

The following paragraph reflects examples of how districts may use Impact Aid funds, as provided on the U.S. Department of Education's web site, and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Any federal Title VII Impact Aid funds received by the district based on the concentration of children residing on lands owned by the federal government shall be used to support district programs and activities in accordance with the budget approved by the Governing Board. Such expenditures may include, but are not limited to, the salaries of teachers and paraprofessionals, capital expenditures, instructional materials, computers and other equipment, supplemental instructional programs, after-school programs, Advanced Placement classes, and special enrichment programs.

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)

Note: 20 USC 7703 and 34 CFR 222.53 mandate that Impact Aid funds received for federally connected children with disabilities be used for expenditures that are reasonably related to the conduct of programs or projects for the free appropriate public education of, or early intervention services for, federally connected children with disabilities in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC 1400-1482).

Any Impact Aid funds received for children with disabilities shall be used to provide a free appropriate public education to those children. (20 USC 7703, 7703a; 34 CFR 222.53)

Note: The remainder of this section is for use by districts that receive Impact Aid based on students living on Indian lands, pursuant to 20 USC 7704.

20 USC 7704 and 34 CFR 222.94 mandate consultation with Indian tribes and parents/guardians of students living on Indian lands in the planning and development of programs and activities supported by Impact Aid. At the discretion of the district and local tribes, the district may revise the remainder of this section to use the term "Native American" rather than "American Indian."

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Whenever Impact Aid funds are received based on students living on Indian lands, the Superintendent or designee shall consult and involve American Indian tribes and parents/guardians of students living on Indian lands in the planning and development of the district's general education program and of the policies and procedures for programs and activities supported by Impact Aid funding. (20 USC 7704; 34 CFR 222.94)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6173.4 - Title VI Indian Education Program)

Note: 20 USC 7704 and 34 CFR 222.94 mandate that the district's policy and procedures include a specific description of how the district will accomplish the actions listed in items #1-6 below. The district should expand the following list to include specific strategies developed in consultation with Indian tribes and parents/guardians of American Indian students.

The Superintendent or designee shall: (20 USC 7704; 34 CFR 222.91, 222.94)

- 1. Disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans, and information related to the district's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow Indian tribes and parents/guardians of American Indian students the opportunity to review and make recommendations**

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

- 2. Afford an opportunity for tribes and parents/guardians of American Indian students to present their views regarding the district's educational program and activities, including an opportunity to make recommendations on the needs of those students and how the district may help those students realize the benefits of the programs and activities**

The Superintendent or designee shall notify tribes and parents/guardians of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribe's preference for method of communication. If necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall modify the method of and time for soliciting views to ensure the maximum participation of tribes and parents/guardians.

- 3. At least annually, assess the extent to which American Indian students participate on an equal basis with other students in the district's education program and activities by:**

- a. Sharing relevant information with tribes and parents/guardians related to the participation of American Indian students in the district's education program and activities**

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- b. Allowing tribes and parents/guardians the opportunity and time to review and comment on whether American Indian students participate on an equal basis with non-Indian students**
- 4. At least annually, respond in writing to any comments and recommendations made by tribes or parents/guardians and disseminate the responses to the tribe and parents/guardians prior to the submission of the district's policies and procedures to the federal Impact Aid program director**
- 5. Modify the district's policies and procedures as necessary based on any assessments or input from tribes or parents/guardians of Indian students**
- 6. Annually provide a copy of the district's policy and procedures to the affected tribe(s)**

The district shall annually review the district's procedures to ensure that they comply with law and are implemented by the district. If the district determines that its procedures do not comply with law, it shall revise the policy and procedures within 90 days of its determination. Within 30 days following any such revision, the district shall send a copy of the policy and procedures to the federal Impact Aid program director and the affected tribe(s). (34 CFR 222.94)

Records

Note: The following section applies to districts receiving Impact Aid funds for any purpose.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of any Impact Aid funds received by the district, including, but not limited to, data and certifications in support of funds received. Such records shall be maintained for three years after completion of the activity for which the funds are expended and, when requested, shall be provided to the appropriate federal authority. (20 USC 1232f, 7703; 34 CFR 222.9-222.10)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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IMPACT AID (continued)

Legal Reference:

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232f Records

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

7701-7714 Impact Aid

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

200.0-200.521 Federal uniform grant guidance

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

222.1-222.196 Impact Aid programs, especially:

222.90-222.129 Impact Aid, special provisions for local educational agencies that claim children residing on Indian lands

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oie>

CSBA Sample Board Policy

All Personnel

BP 4112.9(a)

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS

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The Governing Board believes that providing clear communications to staff is essential to establishing a professional, positive work environment and enhancing their job performance. The Superintendent or designee shall provide district employees all notifications required by law and any other notifications ~~he/she~~ **the Superintendent or designee** believes will promote staff knowledge of the district's policies, programs, activities, and operations.

When required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, district employees shall be asked to sign an acknowledgment indicating receipt of the notification. Such acknowledgments shall be retained in each employee's personnel file.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

231.5 Sexual harassment policy

17612 Notification of pesticide use

22455.5 STRS information to potential members

22461 Postretirement compensation limitation

35031 Nonreelection of superintendent, assistant superintendent, or manager of classified services

35171 Notice of regulations pertaining to certificated employee evaluations

37616 Notice of public hearing on year-round schedule

44031 Personnel file contents, inspection

44663-44664 Evaluation of certificated employees

44842 Reemployment notices, certificated employees

44896 Transfer of administrator or supervisor to teaching position

44916 Written statement of employment status

44929.21 Reelection or nonreelection of probationary employee after second year

44929.23 Reelection notice, districts with less than 250 ADA

44934 Notice of disciplinary action for cause

44934.1 Suspension or dismissal for egregious misconduct

44936 Notice of suspension or dismissal

44938 Notice of unprofessional conduct and opportunity to correct

44940.5-44941 Notification of suspension and intent to dismiss

44948.3 Dismissal of probationary employees

44948.5 Nonreelection procedures, districts under 250 ADA

44949 Cause, notice and right to hearing

44951 Continuation in position unless notified, administrative or supervisory personnel

44954 Nonreelection of temporary employees

44955 Reduction in number of employees

45113 Notification of charges, classified employees

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

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EDUCATION CODE (continued)

- 45117 Notice of layoff, classified employees
- 45169 Employee salary data, classified employees
- 45192 Industrial and accident leave
- 45195 Additional leave
- 46162 Notice of public hearing on block schedule
- 49013 Complaints regarding student fees
- 49079 Notification to teacher; student who has engaged in acts re: grounds suspension or expulsion
- 49414 Epinephrine auto-injectors
- 49414.3 Administration of opioid antagonist

CIVIL CODE

- 1798.29 District records, breach of security

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 1126 Incompatible activities of employees
- 3100-3109 Oath or affirmation of allegiance
- 8355 Certification of drug-free workplace, including notification
- 12950 Sexual harassment
- 21029 Retirement credit for period of military service
- 54957 Complaints against employees; right to open session
- 54963 Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 1797.196 Automated external defibrillators; notification of use and locations
- 104420 Tobacco-free schools
- 120875 Information on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B
- 120880 Notification to employees re AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B

LABOR CODE

- 245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014
- 1034 Lactation accommodation
- 2800.2 Notification of availability of continuation health coverage
- 2810.7 Notice to participate in flexible spending account
- 3550-3553 Notifications re: workers' compensation benefits
- 5401 Workers' compensation; claim form and notice of potential eligibility

PENAL CODE

- 11105 Access to criminal history information
- 11105.2 Subsequent arrest notification
- 11165.7 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act; notification requirement
- 11166.5 Employment; statement of knowledge of duty to report child abuse or neglect

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE

- 2613 Disability insurance; notice of rights and benefits

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

- 11023 Nondiscrimination in employment

11024 Sexual harassment

- 11049 Notice of right to request pregnancy disability leave or transfer
- 11091 California Family Rights Act, designation notice
- 11096 Notice of right to request family care leave

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 4622 Uniform complaint procedures
- 80303 Reports of change in employment status, alleged misconduct

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

3204 *Employees exposed to bloodborne pathogens, access to exposure and medical records*

5191 *Chemical hygiene plan*

~~5193 *California bloodborne pathogens standard*~~

5194 *Hazard communication program*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1234 *Reports regarding school buses and bus drivers*

2480 *Vehicle idling, limitations*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 38

4334 *Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, notice requirement*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 41

8101-8106 *Drug-Free Workplace Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

825.300 *Family and Medical Leave Act; notice requirement*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

84.205-84.210 *Drug-free workplace statement*

104.8 *Nondiscrimination*

106.9 *Dissemination of policy, nondiscrimination on basis of sex*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.84 *Asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response actions*

763.93 *Asbestos management plans*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

~~382.113 *Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notifications*~~

~~382.303 *Post-accident information, procedures, and instructions*~~

~~382.601 *Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notifications*~~

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS

Note: The following exhibit lists notices which the law requires be provided to employees. See the referenced Board policy, administrative regulation, or Board bylaw for further information about related program and notice requirements.

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees			
At the beginning of school year or upon employment	Education Code 231.5; Government Code 12950; 2 CCR 11024	AR 4119.11 4219.11 4319.11	The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints
Annually to all employees, and 72 hours before pesticide application	Education Code 17612	AR 3514.2	Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information
To all employees, prior to implementing year-round schedule	Education Code 37616	BP 6117	Public hearing on year-round program
To all employees, prior to implementing alternative schedule	Education Code 46162	AR -BP 6112	Public hearing on alternative schedule in secondary grades
Annually to all employees	Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622	AR 1312.3 BP 0460 BP 3260	Uniform complaint procedures, appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints about student fees and local control and accountability plan
Annually to all employees	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors
At least once per year	Education Code 49414.3	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer opioid antagonist
To all employees	Government Code 1126	BP 4136 4236 4336	Prohibition of activities that are inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties; discipline; appeal

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When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
Prior to beginning employment	Government Code 3102	AR 4112.3 4212.3 4312.3	Oath or affirmation of allegiance required of disaster service workers
To all employees	Government Code 8355; 41 USC 8102; 34 CFR 84.205, 84.210	BP 4020 BP 4159 4259 4359	District's drug- and alcohol-free workplace; actions to be taken if violated; available employee assistance programs
Upon employment	Government Code 21029	None	Right to purchase PERS service credit for military service performed prior to public employment
Upon placement of automated external defibrillator (AED) in school, and annually thereafter	Health and Safety Code 1797.196	AR 5141	Proper use of AED; location of all AEDs on campus, sudden cardiac arrest, school's emergency response plan
To all employees, if the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds	Health and Safety Code 104420	AR 3513.3	District's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures
Annually to all employees, or more frequently if there is new information	Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880	ARBP 4119.43 4219.43 4319.43	AIDS and hepatitis B, including methods to prevent exposure
To all employees, with each paycheck	Labor Code 246	AR 4161.1 4361.1 AR 4261.1	Amount of sick leave available
Upon hire, in employee handbook, and upon request for parental leave	Labor Code 1034	BP 4033	The district's policy on lactation accommodation
To covered employees and former employees	Labor Code 2800.2	AR 4154 4254 4354	Availability of COBRA/ Cal-COBRA continuation and conversion coverage; statement encouraging careful examination of options before declining coverage
To employees participating in a flexible spending account	Labor Code 2810.7	None	Deadline to withdraw funds from account before the end of the plan year

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When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To every new employee, either at the time employee is hired or by end of first pay period	Labor Code 3551	BP AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Workers' compensation benefits, how to obtain medical care, role of primary physician, form for reporting personal physician/chiropractor
Prior to beginning employment	Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5	AR 5141.4	Status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, reporting obligations, confidentiality rights, copy of law
Upon employment, and when employee goes on leave for specified reasons	Unemployment Insurance Code 2613	AR 4154 4254 4354	Disability insurance rights and benefits
To all employees and job applicants	2 CCR 11023; 34 CFR 104.8, 106.9	BP 0410 BP AR 4030	District's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures
To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee	2 CCR 11091, 11095; 29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act(cfRA); obligation to provide 30 days' notice of need for leave when possible
Annually to all employees	40 CFR 763.84, 763.93	AR 3514	Availability of asbestos management plan; inspections, response actions, post-response actions planned or in progress
II. To Certificated Employees			
To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire	Education Code 22455.5	AR 4121	Criteria for membership in retirement system; right to elect membership at any time
Upon employment of a retired certificated individual	Education Code 22461	AR 4117.14 4317.14	Postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction; monthly report of compensation

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When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. To Certificated Employees (continued)			
To certificated employees	Education Code 35171	AR 4115 BP 4315	District regulations related to performance evaluations
30 days before last day of school year for instructional staff, or by June 30 for noninstructional certificated staff, in any year in which employee is evaluated	Education Code 44663	AR 4115	Copy of employee's evaluation
To a certificated employee with unsatisfactory evaluation, once per year for probationary employee or at least once every other year for permanent employee	Education Code 44664	AR 4115	Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance
By May 30, if district issues reemployment notices to certificated employees	Education Code 44842	AR 4112.1	Request that the employee notify district of intent to remain in service next year
To certificated employees upon employment, and to nonpermanent employees in July of each school year	Education Code 44916	AR 4112.1 AR 4121	Employment status and salary
To probationary employee, by March 15 of employee's second year of employment, in districts that grant permanent status after two years	Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23, 44948.5	BP 4116	Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year
When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, at any time of year or, for charge of unsatisfactory performance, during instructional year	Education Code 44934, 44934.1, 44936	BP 4118 AR 4118	Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice
To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct, at least 45 days prior to suspension/ dismissal notice	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. To Certificated Employees (continued)			
To certificated employee charged with unsatisfactory performance, at least 90 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice or prior to last quarter of school year	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct
To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, within 10 days of entry of judgment in proceedings	Education Code 44940.5	AR 4118	Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice unless employee demands hearing
To probationary employees 30 days prior to dismissal during school year, but not later than March 15 for second-year probationary employees	Education Code 44948.3	AR 4118	Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal
By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15	Education Code 44949, 44955	BP 4117.3	Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board decision re: termination
On or before June 30, to temporary employee who served 75 percent of school year but will be released	Education Code 44954	BP 4121	District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year
To teacher, when a student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts	Education Code 49079	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct or while allegation is pending	5 CCR 80303	AR 4117.7 4317.7	Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing

III. To Classified Employees

To classified employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, in merit system district	Education Code 44940.5	AR 4218	Notice of intent to dismiss in 30 days
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When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. To Classified Employees (continued)			
When classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in nonmerit district	Education Code 45113	AR 4218	Notice of charges, right to hearing, timeline for requesting hearing
To classified employees at least 60 days prior to layoff, or by April 29 for specially funded program that expires at end of school year	Education Code 45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff and reemployment rights
To classified employees upon employment and upon each change in classification	Education Code 45169	AR 4212	Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours, prescribed workweek
To classified permanent employee whose leave is exhausted	Education Code 45192, 45195	AR 4261.1 AR 4261.11	Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers prior to expiration of specified documents	13 CCR 1234	AR 3542	Expiration date of driver's license, driver's certificate and medical certificate; need to renew
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers upon employment and at least once per year thereafter	13 CCR 2480	AR 3542	Limitations on vehicle idling; consequences of not complying
To school bus drivers, prior to district drug testing program and thereafter upon employment	49 CFR 382.113, 382.601	BP-AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Explanation of federal requirements for drug testing program and district's policy
To school bus drivers, prior to operating school bus	49 CFR 382.303	AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Post-accident information, procedures, and instructions

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When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
IV. To Administrative/Supervisory Personnel			
To superintendent, deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract	Education Code 35031	BP 2121 BP 4312.1	Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term
Upon request by administrative or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position	Education Code 44896	AR 4313.2	Statement of the reasons for the release or reassignment
By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year	Education Code 44951	AR 4313.2	Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year
V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances			
In the event of a breach of security of district records, to affected employees	Civil Code 1798.29	BP 3580	Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, and, as applicable, contact information for credit reporting agencies
Prior to placing derogatory information in personnel file	Education Code 44031	AR 4112.6 4212.6 4312.6	Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment
To employees who volunteer to administer epinephrine auto-injector	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Defense and indemnification from civil liability by the district
To employees returning from military leave of absence, within 30 days of return	Government Code 20997	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Right to receive PERS service credit for military service; application form
24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or charges against employee	Government Code 54957	BB 9321	Employee's right to have complaints/charges heard in open session
When taking disciplinary action against employee for disclosure of confidential information	Government Code 54963	BP 4119.23 4219.23 4319.23	Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances (continued)			
Within one working day of work-related injury or victimization of crime	Labor Code 3553, 5401	BP AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, claim form
When adverse employment action is based on DOJ criminal history information or subsequent arrest notification	Penal Code 11105, 11105.2	AR 4112.5 4212.5 4312.5	Copy of DOJ notification
To any employee with exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter	8 CCR 3204	AR 4119.42 4219.42 4319.42	The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records
To any employee assigned to a work area where hazardous chemicals are present, upon initial assignment and upon new exposure situation	8 CCR 5191	AR 3514.1	Location and availability of chemical hygiene plan, exposure limits, signs and symptoms of exposure, location of reference material
To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous substances in the work area, upon initial assignment and when new hazard is introduced into work area	8 CCR 5194	AR 3514.1	Any presence of hazardous substances in the work area, location and availability of hazard communication program, new material safety data sheet, employee rights
To employee eligible for military leave	38 USC 4334	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave
Within five days of employee's request for FMLA leave, receipt of supporting information, or district's knowledge that the requested leave may qualify as FMLA leave	29 CFR 825.300; 2 CCR 11049, 11091	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Designation of leave as FMLA or non-FMLA; if not eligible, reason not eligible; requirement to use paid leave; any requirement for fitness-for-duty certification; any subsequent changes in designation notice

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances (continued)			
Whenever notice of eligibility for FMLA is provided to employee	29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Rights and responsibilities re: use of FMLA; consequences of failure to meet obligations

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Certificated Personnel

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Note: Education Code 35035 gives the Superintendent or designee the authority to assign personnel subject to Governing Board approval. The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice.

Staff assignments must be reported to the California Department of Education through the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data Systems (CALPADS) Professional Assignment Information Form.

In order to serve the best interests of students and the educational program, the Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to assign certificated personnel to positions for which ~~their~~ **they are qualified pursuant to their certification**, preparation, ~~certification~~, professional experience, and aptitude ~~qualify them~~.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Learners)

(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)

Teachers may be assigned to any school within the district in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement or Board policy.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Assignment to Courses/Classes

The Superintendent or designee shall assign teachers ~~to courses~~ based on the grade level and subject matter authorized by their credentials.

When there is no credential authorization requirement for teaching an elective course, the Superintendent or designee shall select the credentialed teacher whose knowledge and skills best prepare ~~him/her~~ **the teacher** to provide instruction in that subject.

Note: The Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (CTC) Administrator's Assignment Manual describes "local teaching assignment options" available to districts when assigning a teacher outside ~~his/her~~ **the credential authorization of the teacher**. See the accompanying administrative regulation for requirements pertaining to assignments to departmentalized classes in grades K-12 (Education Code 44258.3) or elective courses (Education Code 44258.7).

According to the CTC manual, it is inappropriate to use a local teaching assignment option for an individual who holds an emergency permit, provisional internship permit (PIP), or short-term staff permit (STSP). For information about the circumstances under which persons holding these permits may be employed, see

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BP/AR 4112.2 - Certification. If a district uses a local teaching assignment option for a holder of an intern credential, the CTC cautions that the district must ensure that the individual meets the specific requirements of the teaching assignment option as well as the requirements of the intern credential; see BP/AR 4112.21 - Interns for further information about intern programs.

The CTC manual indicates that a district may use the options at its discretion. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect options available in the district.

When specifically authorized by law or regulation, the Superintendent or designee may, with the teacher's consent, assign a teacher, with his/her consent, to a position outside the teacher's his/her credential authorization in accordance with the local teaching assignment options described in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (CTC) Administrator's Assignment Manual. Such assignments made pursuant to Education Code 44256, 44258.2, and 44263 shall be annually approved by Board resolution. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall reference in district records the statute or regulation under which the assignment is authorized.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

If at any time a certificated employee is required by the district to accept an assignment which the employee believes is not legally authorized by the employee's credential, the employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee, in writing, of the misassignment. Within 15 working days, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the employee of the legality of the assignment. If no action is taken by the district, the employee shall provide written notification to the County Superintendent of Schools. No adverse action shall be taken against an employee who files a notice of misassignment. (Education Code 44258.9)

Vacancies and Misassignments

Note: Education Code 44258.9 provides that the County Superintendent of Schools is responsible for monitoring district assignment practices and vacancies, as defined in Education Code 33126, and reporting the results to the CTC. Pursuant to Education Code 44258.9, the County Superintendent must annually monitor and review assignment practices in (1) schools and districts likely to have problems with teacher misassignment and vacancies based on past experience and other available information, and (2) schools ranked in deciles 1-3 on the statewide Academic Performance Index (API). However, the API has been suspended pending transition to a new state accountability system. All other schools undergo review of assignment practices on a four-year cycle. In counties in which there is a single school district, the CTC is responsible for monitoring teacher assignments.

Education Code 33126 requires that vacancies and misassignments be reported on the School Accountability Report Card. Also, Education Code 35186 requires districts to develop procedures by which a parent/guardian can file a complaint related to teacher misassignments or vacancies. See AR/E 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Pursuant to Education Code 44258.9, the County Superintendent is required to notify any certificated administrator responsible for a misassignment and advise him/her to correct it within 30 calendar days. The County Superintendent is also required to notify the Superintendent of any district where five percent or more of the certificated teachers in the secondary schools are misassigned, advising him/her to correct the misassignments within 120 calendar days. If a teacher believes he/she has been misassigned, he/she is authorized, after exhausting any local remedies, to file a written notification with the County Superintendent, who must advise the teacher as to the legality of the assignment within 15 working days.

Education Code 44258.9, as amended by AB 1219 (Ch. 782, Statutes of 2019), requires that the assignments of certificated employees at all schools be monitored annually. Pursuant to Education Code 44258.9, the County Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the monitoring of teacher assignments in districts. However, CTC is designated as the monitoring authority for any district that operates within a city or county in which there is a single district. Such districts should modify the following section accordingly to reflect CTC as the monitoring authority.

Pursuant to Education Code 44258.9, CTC administers a State Assignment Accountability System which annually produces a data file of vacant positions and assignments that do not have a clear match of credential to assignment. As provided below, CTC will notify districts of an opportunity to review the initial data, and districts may submit documentation within 60 days to correct any errors. Within 90 days of CTC's notification (i.e., 30 days after the deadline for the district's review), the County Superintendent must review the data and any additional documentation submitted by the district and make a determination of potential misassignments and vacant positions. Beginning in 2020-21, CTC will report the misassignment and vacancy data on its web site.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on teacher assignments and vacancies, including the number and type of assignments made outside a teacher's credential authorization through a local teaching assignment option. Whenever district misassignments and vacancies are reviewed by the County Superintendent of Schools or CTC, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall report the results to the Board and shall provide recommendations for remedying any identified issues.

Annually, the district shall review potential misassignments and vacant positions throughout the district. Upon receiving notification from CTC of the availability of data regarding potential misassignments and vacant positions in the district, the Superintendent shall review the data within 60 days. When necessary, the Superintendent or designee may respond by submitting additional documentation to the County Superintendent showing that an employee is legally authorized for an assignment and/or that a position identified as vacant was miscoded and a legally authorized employee is assigned to the position. (Education Code 44258.9)

If the district subsequently receives, within 90 days of CTC's initial notification, a notification from the County Superintendent indicating that a certificated employee in the district is assigned to a position for which the employee has no legal authorization, the district shall correct the assignment within 30 calendar days. (Education Code 44258.9)

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44258.9, the district serves as the monitoring authority for any charter school it has authorized. However, pursuant to Education Code 44258.10, the district is not required to advise the charter school administrator to correct the misassignment of any teachers employed by the charter school during the 2019-2020 school year until July 1, 2025.

The district shall serve as the monitoring authority for teacher assignments in any charter school it has authorized, in accordance with Education Code 44258.9-44258.10.

(cf. 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight)

Any complaint alleging teacher misassignment or vacancy shall be filed and addressed through the district's procedures specified in AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

The school accountability report card for each school shall include any assignment of teachers outside their subject areas of competence, misassignments, including misassignments of teachers of English learners, and the number of vacant teacher positions for the most recent three-year period. (Education Code 33126)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

Equitable Distribution of Qualified and Experienced Teachers

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice. 20 USC 6312, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95), maintains the requirement For districts that receive federal Title I funding, 20 USC 6312 requires that the Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan include a description of how the district will identify and address, consistent with the state's ESSA plan, any disparities that result in low-income or minority students being taught at higher rates than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers. The LEA plan will be transitioned out at the end of the 2016-17 school year. According to the California Department of Education's (CDE) Every Student Succeeds Act 2016-17 School Year Transition Plan (April 2016), districts will meet These specific Title I planning requirements are fulfilled through the local control and accountability plan and the consolidated application reporting system beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Frequently Asked Questions (May 2016), the approved State Plan to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators remains in effect through the 2016-17 school year and states may, but are not required to, amend the plan. The CDE's transition plan indicates that districts will not be required to participate in the state's Compliance Monitoring, Interventions and Sanctions (CMIS) program in the 2016-17 school year and that the CDE intends to update the CMIS with new guidelines.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that identify and address the equitable distribution of highly qualified and experienced teachers are equitably distributed among

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district schools, including those with higher than average levels of low-income, minority, and/or academically underperforming students. **He/she The Superintendent or designee** shall annually report to the Board comparisons of teacher qualifications across district schools, including the number of teachers serving under a provisional internship permit, short-term staff permit, intern credential, emergency permit, or credential waiver.

Strategies for ensuring equitable access to experienced teachers may include, but are not limited to, incentives for voluntary transfers, provision of professional development, and/or programs to recruit and retain effective teachers.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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

(cf. 4114 - Transfers)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 33126 *School accountability report card*
- 35035 *Additional powers and duties of superintendent*
- 35186 *Complaint process*
- 37616 *Assignment of teachers to year-round schools*
- 44225.6 *Commission report to the legislature re: teachers*
- 44250-44277 *Credentials and assignments of teachers*
- 44314 *Subject matter programs, approved subjects*
- 44824 *Assignment of teachers to weekend classes*
- 44955 *Reduction in number of employees*

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3543.2 *Scope of representation*
- CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
- 80003-80005 *Credential authorizations*
- 80020-80020.5 *Additional assignment authorizations*
- 80335 *Performance of unauthorized professional services*
- 80339-80339.6 *Unauthorized certificated employee assignment*
- UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
- 6311 *State plan*
- 6312 *Local educational agency plans*
- 6601-6651 *Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

- California State Plan to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators*
- Every Student Succeeds Act 2016-17 School Year Transition Plan, April 2016*

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

- Administrator's Assignment Manual - Updates and Revisions, May 2014*
- The Administrator's Assignment Manual, rev. September 2007*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

- Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Frequently Asked Questions, rev. May 4, 2016*

- Improving Teacher Quality State Grants: ESEA Title II, Part A, rev. October 5, 2006*

WEB SITES

- CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
- California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
- Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>
- U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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Assignment to Departmentalized Classes Outside Credential Authorization

Note: Education Code 44258.3 allows the Governing Board to assign the holder of a credential (including a provisional internship permit or short-term staff permit, but not an emergency permit) to teach any subject in departmentalized classes in any of grades K-12 provided that the Board first verifies that the teacher has adequate knowledge of each subject to be taught. If the district chooses to make such assignments, Education Code 44258.3 **mandates** the Board to establish policies and procedures, with specified components, for verifying the adequacy of these teachers' subject matter knowledge. Subject matter specialists as identified below must be involved in the development and implementation of these procedures. For further information, see the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (CTC) Administrator's Assignment Manual.

Any holder of a credential other than an emergency permit may be assigned, with **his/her** consent, to teach departmentalized classes in grades K-12 regardless of the designations on **his/her** the teaching credential, provided that **the teacher's** **their** subject matter knowledge is verified prior to the assignment. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures for verifying a teacher's subject matter knowledge shall be developed and implemented by the Superintendent or designee with the involvement of appropriate subject matter specialists, including curriculum specialists, resource teachers, classroom teachers certified to teach the subject, staff assigned to regional subject matter projects or curriculum institutes, or college faculty. (Education Code 44258.3)

Note: Items #1-2 below may be revised to reflect procedures and criteria established by the district.

Procedures to be used for this purpose shall specify: (Education Code 44258.3)

1. One or more of the following ways in which subject matter competence shall be assessed:
 - a. Observation by subject matter specialists
 - b. Oral interviews
 - c. Demonstration lessons
 - d. Presentation of curricular portfolios
 - e. Written examinations

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2. Specific criteria and standards for verifying subject matter knowledge by any of the above methods. These criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, evidence of the individual's knowledge of the subject matter to be taught, including demonstrated knowledge of the curriculum framework for the subject and the specific content of the district's course of study for the subject at the grade level to be taught.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

Whenever a teacher is assigned to teach departmentalized classes pursuant to Education Code 44258.3, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the exclusive representative of the district's certificated employees. (Education Code 44258.3)

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

Assignment to Elective Courses Outside Credential Authorization

Note: The following section is **optional**. Education Code 44258.7 authorizes districts to assign a teacher to an elective course outside **his/her the teacher's** credential authorization provided that the teacher has special skills and preparation in that subject area and the assignment is approved by a local committee on assignments.

In order to make such assignments, the district must submit a plan to the County Superintendent of Schools which includes, but is not limited to, statements signed by the Board president or chair and the Superintendent approving the establishment of the committee, procedures for the selection of committee members, term of office for committee members, and criteria for determining teachers' qualifications for these assignments.

Pursuant to Education Code 44258.7, an "elective course" for this purpose is a course other than English, mathematics, science, or social science. The CTC's Administrator's Assignment Manual clarifies that whether a course is considered to be within these subject areas or an elective depends on whether students in the class receive graduation credit for the subject area. For instance, if a drama, speech, or journalism course grants graduation credit for English, then it cannot be taught by a teacher outside of **his/her the teacher's** credential authorization under this option. However, if the course does not grant credit for English, then a teacher may be approved by the committee on assignments to teach the course outside **his/her the** credential authorization.

A full-time teacher with special skills and preparation outside **his/her the** credential authorization may, with **his/her the teacher's** consent and the prior approval of a district committee on assignments, be assigned to teach an elective course in the area of the special skills or preparation, excluding a course in English, mathematics, science, or social studies. (Education Code 44258.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a committee on assignments, consisting of an equal number of teachers selected by teachers and school administrators selected by school administrators, to approve such assignments. (Education Code 44258.7)

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Note: The following two paragraphs are **optional** and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Committee members shall serve a two-year term but may be reappointed using the same procedure as the initial appointment.

When determining whether a teacher is qualified for an assignment pursuant to Education Code 44258.7, the committee may consider the teacher's education, prior experience, observation by subject matter specialists, oral interviews, demonstration lessons, presentation of curricular portfolios, and/or written examinations.

Assignments approved by the committee shall be for a maximum of one school year, but may be extended by action of the committee upon application by the principal and teacher. (Education Code 44258.7)

Assignment to Special Schedules

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that operate one or more schools with year-round schedules in addition to schools with traditional schedules.

No

The Superintendent or designee shall make every reasonable effort to accommodate the preferences of certificated staff when assigning them to schools with year-round or regular schedules. (Education Code 37616)

(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that have established weekend classes; see AR 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes.

No

Full-time probationary or permanent classroom teachers employed by the district prior to implementation of weekend classes shall not, without their written consent, be required to teach for more than 180 full days during a school year or for more than the number of full days during the preceding school year, whichever is greater. No teacher shall be assigned to work on a Saturday or Sunday if **he/she the teacher** objects in writing that such assignment would conflict with **his/her** religious beliefs or practices. (Education Code 44824)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

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All Personnel

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EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

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Note: Pursuant 29 CFR 1910.1030 and 8 CCR 5193(e), districts must identify employees who have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and must establish a written exposure control plan to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to these pathogens. ~~The exposure control plan must be consistent with the district's Injury and Illness Prevention Program and may be incorporated into that program; see BP/AR 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety. Because safety conditions of employment are within the scope of bargaining pursuant to Government Code 3543.2, the~~ The district may want to consult legal counsel regarding whether components of its exposure control plan are subject to collective bargaining.

As part of its commitment to provide a safe and ~~healthful~~ **healthy** work environment, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of ~~developing an exposure control plan~~ protecting employees from possible infection due to contact with bloodborne pathogens, including, but not limited to, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The Superintendent or designee shall establish a written exposure control plan in accordance with state and federal standards for dealing with potentially infectious materials in the workplace ~~to protect employees from possible infection due to contact with bloodborne pathogens, including but not limited to hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).~~

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

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

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

The exposure control plan shall be consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7 and 8 CCR 3203. (8 CCR 5193)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which employees have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. In accordance with the district's exposure control plan, employees having occupational exposure shall **receive training and** be offered the hepatitis B vaccination. **(8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)**

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be implemented only if the district complies with specific conditions; see AR 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens.

~~The Superintendent or designee may exempt designated first aid providers from pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccination under the conditions specified by state regulations. (8 CCR 5193(f))~~

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EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS (continued)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph allows for employees to be included in the training and vaccination program without being classified as having occupational exposure.

Any employee not identified by the Superintendent or designee as having occupational exposure may submit a request to the Superintendent or designee to be included in the training and hepatitis B vaccination program. The Superintendent or designee may deny a request when there is no reasonable anticipation of contact with any infectious material.

In the event that an employee has an exposure incident, the district shall implement follow-up procedures in accordance with the exposure control plan. All such incidents shall be evaluated to determine whether changes need to be made in district practices.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of bargaining

LABOR CODE

142.3 Authority of Cal/OSHA to adopt standards

144.7 Requirement to amend standards

6401.7 Injury and illness prevention program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

3203 Injury and illness prevention program

3204 Access to employee exposure and medical records

5193 California bloodborne pathogens standards

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

1910.1030 OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards

Management Resources:

CDE ADVISORIES

1016.89 Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of Infectious Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected Persons in School Settings

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions About the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

A Best Practices Approach for Reducing Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure, 2001

Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens, 2001

WEB SITES

OSHA: <http://www.osha.gov>

Cal/OSHA-California Department of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/occupational_safety.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration: <http://www.osha.gov>

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EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Note: The following **sample optional administrative** regulation summarizes **Cal/OSHA's** key requirements for preventing and handling exposure to bloodborne pathogens **pursuant to** (8 CCR 5193). The **Cal/OSHA** standards are detailed and lengthy, and districts are encouraged to examine the full content of 8 CCR 5193 to determine any additional requirements applicable to their circumstances. **Because safety conditions of employment are within the scope of bargaining pursuant to Government Code 3543.2, the district may want to consult legal counsel regarding whether components of its exposure control plan are subject to collective bargaining.**

Districts may wish to consider including the following **optional** regulation in their employee handbooks.

Definitions

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193(b); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

Exposure incident means a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, nonintact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that results from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193(b); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

Parenteral contact means piercing mucous membranes or the skin barrier through such events as needlesticks, human bites, cuts, and abrasions. (8 CCR 5193(b); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

A *sharp* is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193(b))

A *sharps injury* is any injury caused by a sharp, including, but not limited to, cuts, abrasions, or needlesticks. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Work practice controls are controls that reduce the likelihood of exposure by defining the manner in which a task is performed. (8 CCR 5193(b); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

Engineering controls are controls, such as sharps disposal containers, needleless systems, and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection, that isolate or remove the bloodborne pathogens hazard from the workplace. (8 CCR 5193(b); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

Engineered sharps injury protection is a physical attribute, **such as a barrier, blunting, encapsulation, withdrawal, or other effective mechanism**, built into a needle device or into a non-needle sharp which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193(b); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

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Personal protective equipment is specialized clothing or equipment worn or used by an employee for protection against a hazard, such as gloves, gowns, laboratory coats, face shields or masks. (8 CCR 5193)

Exposure Control Plan

The district's **written** exposure control plan **for bloodborne pathogens** shall contain at least the following components: (8 CCR 5193(e); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

1. A determination of which employees have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, **which** ~~The district's exposure determination~~ shall be made without regard to ~~the~~ **employees'** use of personal protective equipment and shall include a list of:
 - a. All job classifications in which all employees have occupational exposure
 - b. Job classifications in which some employees have occupational exposure
 - c. All tasks and procedures, or groups of closely related tasks and procedures, in which occupational exposure occurs and which are performed by employees listed in item #1b above

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

2. The schedule and method of implementing **each of the following in accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and this administrative regulation:**
 - a. Methods of compliance required by 8 CCR 5193(d) **and 29 CFR 1910.1030, such as including** universal precautions, general and specific engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment

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

- b. Hepatitis B vaccination
- c. Bloodborne pathogen post-exposure evaluation and follow-up
- d. Communication of hazards to employees **including labels, signs, through** information and training

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- e. **Recordkeeping, including medical records, training records, and a log of sharps injuries**
3. The district's procedure for **evaluating documenting the route(s) of exposure and the** circumstances **surrounding under which** exposure incidents **occurred**
4. An effective procedure for gathering information about each exposure incident involving a sharp, **as required for the log of sharps injuries**
5. An effective procedure for periodically determining the frequency of use of the types and brands of sharps involved in exposure incidents **documented in the sharps injury log**
6. An effective procedure for identifying currently available engineering controls and selecting such controls, as appropriate, for the procedures performed by employees in their work areas or departments
7. An effective procedure for documenting instances when a licensed healthcare professional directly involved in **a patient's an employee's** care determines, **in the reasonable exercise of clinical judgment,** that the use of an engineering control would jeopardize **an individual's the employee's** safety or the success of a medical, dental, or nursing procedure involving the **individual employee**
8. An effective procedure for obtaining the active involvement of employees in reviewing and updating the exposure control plan with respect to the procedures performed by employees in their respective work areas or departments

The exposure control plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and whenever necessary to: (8 CCR 5193(e); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

1. Reflect new or modified tasks and procedures affecting occupational exposure
2. **Reflect changes in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens and, to the extent that sharps are used in the district, reflect progress in document consideration and implementation of appropriate commercially available implementing the use of needleless systems and needle devices and** sharps with engineered sharps injury protection
3. Include new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure
4. Review and evaluate the exposure incidents which occurred since the previous update

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5. Review and respond to information indicating that the exposure control plan is deficient in any area

The district's exposure control plan shall be accessible to employees upon request. (8 CCR 3204(e), 5193(c); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Preventive Measures

Note: The implementation of universal precautions is another preventive measure that should be utilized by the district. See BP/AR 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 – Universal Precautions.

The Superintendent or designee shall use engineering controls and work practice controls, as defined above, to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens, and shall regularly examine and update controls. Engineering controls and work practice controls shall be evaluated on a regular schedule and, as applicable, maintained, replaced, or updated to ensure their effectiveness. (8 CCR 5193(d); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Whenever potential occupational exposure continues to exist after institution of engineering and work practice controls, the district shall provide, at no cost to the employee, appropriate personal protective equipment. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Employees shall observe universal precautions to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, including, but not limited to, handwashing, proper use of personal protective equipment, and proper disposal or washing of contaminated garments or objects. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Any use of needleless systems, needle devices, or non-needle sharps shall adhere to the specific requirements of 8 CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030.

Pre-Exposure Hepatitis B Vaccination

The hepatitis B vaccination and vaccination series shall be made available at no cost to all employees who have occupational exposure. The hepatitis B vaccination shall be made available after an employee with occupational exposure has received the required training and within 10 working days of initial assignment, unless the employee has previously received the complete hepatitis B vaccination series, or antibody testing has revealed that the employee is immune, or vaccination is contraindicated by for medical reasons. (8 CCR 5193(f); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

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Note: Pursuant to 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030, if the employee declines to accept the hepatitis B vaccination offered by the district, the district must ensure that he/she the employee signs the statement reproduced as E 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 in the accompanying Exhibit.

Employees who decline to accept the vaccination shall sign the hepatitis B declination statement. (8 CCR 5193(f); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt designated first aid providers from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine in accordance with 8 CCR 5193(f). from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine designated first aid providers whose primary job assignment is not the rendering of first aid, provided that the district implements the procedures in its exposure control plan for providing hepatitis B vaccine to all unvaccinated first aid providers who have rendered assistance in any situation involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials and provides appropriate follow-up for those who experience an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Information and Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees with occupational exposure participate in a training program containing the elements required by state regulations, during working hours and at no cost to the employee. This program shall be offered at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place, and at least annually thereafter, and whenever a change of tasks or procedures affects the employee's exposure. The training shall be offered during working hours and at no cost to the employee. (8 CCR 5193(g); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The training shall address, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

1. The exposure control standard contained in 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030
2. The epidemiology and symptoms of bloodborne diseases
3. Modes of transmission of bloodborne pathogens
4. The district's exposure control plan and the means by which employees may obtain a copy of the written plan
5. Appropriate methods for recognizing tasks and other activities that may involve exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials

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- 6. The use and limitations of methods to prevent or reduce exposure, including appropriate engineering controls, administrative or work practice controls, and personal protective equipment**
- 7. The types, proper use, location, removal, handling, decontamination, and disposal of personal protective equipment**
- 8. The basis for selecting personal protective equipment**
- 9. The hepatitis B vaccine, including its efficacy, safety, and method of administration; the benefits of being vaccinated; and that the vaccine will be offered free of charge**
- 10. Appropriate actions to take and persons to contact in an emergency or exposure incident involving blood or other potentially infectious materials**
- 11. The post-exposure evaluation and follow-up that the district is required to provide for the employee following an exposure incident**

Additional training shall be provided to affected employees whenever a change of tasks or procedures a change, such as the introduction or modification of tasks or procedures or the introduction of new engineering, administrative, or work practice controls, affects the employee's exposure. The additional training may be limited to addressing the new exposures created. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Designated first aid providers shall receive training that includes the specifics of reporting first-aid incidents which involve blood or body fluids which are potentially infectious. (8 CCR 5193~~(g)~~)

Reporting Incidents

All exposure incidents shall be reported as soon as possible to the Superintendent or designee.

Unvaccinated designated first aid providers must report any first aid incident involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious material, regardless of whether an exposure incident occurred, by the end of the work shift. The full hepatitis B vaccination series shall be made available to such employees no later than 24 hours after the first aid incident. (8 CCR 5193~~(g)~~)

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Note: Requirements of 8 CCR 5193 related to designated first aid providers do not apply to employees who assist in nonemployment related first aid situations as "good Samaritans." Although employees are not covered by the bloodborne pathogen standards if their exposure is unrelated to their job duties, Cal/OSHA encourages employers to offer post-exposure evaluation and follow-up to all employees.

Sharps Injury Log

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a log recording each exposure incident involving a sharp. The exposure incident shall be recorded within 14 working days of the date the incident is reported to the district. (8 CCR 5193(e); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The exposure incident shall be recorded within 14 working days of the date the incident is reported to the district. (8 CCR 5193(e))

The information recorded shall include the following, if known or reasonably available: (8 CCR 5193(e); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

1. Date and time of the exposure incident
2. Type and brand of sharp involved in the exposure incident
3. A description of the exposure incident, including:
 - a. Job classification of the exposed employee
 - b. Department or work area where the exposure incident occurred
 - c. The procedure that the exposed employee was performing at the time of the incident
 - d. How the incident occurred
 - e. The body part involved in the incident
 - f. If the sharp had engineered sharps injury protection, whether the protective mechanism was activated and whether the injury occurred before, during, or after the protective mechanism was activated
 - g. If the sharp had no engineered sharps injury protection, the injured employee's opinion as to whether and how such a mechanism could have prevented the injury



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- h. The employee's opinion about whether any other engineering, administrative, or work practice could have prevented the injury

Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up

Following a report of an exposure incident, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make available to the exposed employee, at no cost, a confidential medical evaluation, post-exposure evaluation, and follow-up. The Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193(4); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

- 1. Document the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred

Note: Pursuant to 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030, the district must identify and document the source individual, unless to do so is not feasible or is prohibited by law. If the source individual provides consent, that individual's blood should be tested as soon as feasible to determine hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV infectivity.

DistrictsThe district should obtain permission from the source individual before disclosing confidential information about that source individual, in accordance with law. **Legal counsel should be consulted as necessary to ensure compliance with confidentiality laws.**

- 2. Identify and document the source individual, unless that identification is ~~in~~-not feasible or ~~is~~ prohibited by law
- 3. **With the consent of the exposed employee, p**Provide for the collection and testing of the employee's blood for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV serological status
- 4. Provide for post-exposure prophylaxis, when medically indicated, as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service
- 5. Provide for counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the health care professional **responsible for the employee's hepatitis B vaccination** with a copy of 8 CCR 5193 and **29 CFR 1910.1030**; a description of the employee's duties as they relate to the exposure incident; documentation of the route(s) of exposure and circumstances under which exposure occurred; results of the source individual's blood testing, if available; and all medical records maintained by the district relevant to the appropriate treatment of the employee, including vaccination status. (8 CCR 5193(4); **29 CFR 1910.1030**)

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The district shall maintain the confidentiality of the affected employee and the exposure source during all phases of the post-exposure evaluation. (8 CCR 5193(f))

~~Note: Districts should obtain permission from the source individual before disclosing confidential information about that source individual, in accordance with law. Legal counsel should be consulted regarding current rules for the contents and format of consent forms.~~

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

Records

Upon an employee's initial employment and at least annually thereafter, the Superintendent or designee shall inform employees with occupational exposure of the existence, location, and availability of related records; the person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; and the employee's right of access to these records. (8 CCR 3204)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

Medical records for The district shall maintain a medical record of each employee with occupational exposure, including the employee's hepatitis B vaccination status, the results of any post-exposure medical examinations and follow-up procedures, a copy of the information provided to the health care professional, and a copy of the health care professional's written opinion. The medical record shall be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by law. (8 CCR 5193(h); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Upon request by an employee, or a designated representative with the employee's written consent, the Superintendent or designee shall provide access to a record in a reasonable time, place, and manner, no later than 15 days after the request is made. (8 CCR 3204(e))

Records shall be maintained as follows: (8 CCR 3204(d), 5193(h); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

1. **The m**Medical records of each employee with occupational exposure shall be maintained for the duration of employment plus 30 years.
2. Training records shall be maintained for three years from the date of training.
3. The sharps injury log shall be maintained five years from the date the exposure incident occurred.

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4. Exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.
5. Each analysis using medical or exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.

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HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

Note: 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030 requires the district to ensure that the following statement is signed by any employee with occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens or other potentially infectious materials who declines to accept the hepatitis B vaccination offered by the district.

In accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030, the district makes the hepatitis B vaccine available to employees who may reasonably be expected to have contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials in the performance of their duties. Any employee who declines this vaccine is required to read and sign the following statement:

I understand that, due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to myself.

Employee Name (Please print)

Signature

Employee Name (Please print)

Date

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Note: The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation establish the expectation that all employees will observe universal precautions to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. In addition, pursuant to 8 CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030, all districts with one or more employees having occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens must enforce universal precautions to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials; see BP/AR 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens.

Because safety conditions of employment are within the scope of bargaining pursuant to Government Code 3543.2, the district may want to consult legal counsel regarding whether components of this policy or the accompanying administrative regulation are subject to collective bargaining.

In order to protect all employees from contact with potentially infectious blood or other body fluids, the Governing Board requires that universal precautions be observed throughout the district. Universal precautions are appropriate for preventing the spread of all infectious diseases and shall be used regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present.

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Note: Health and Safety Code ~~120875~~ 120880 requires districts to provide information regarding AIDS and hepatitis B, as specified below, including that the cost of a hepatitis B vaccination may be covered by the employees' health benefit plan. For employees who are identified as having occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, the cost of a hepatitis B vaccination must be borne by the district pursuant to 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030; see AR 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens.

However, since, pursuant to 8 CCR 5193(b), hepatitis C is included in the definition of "bloodborne pathogens," districts may also wish to provide information to employees about the hepatitis C virus and other bloodborne pathogens that may be controlled through the use of universal precautions. The following paragraph should be modified to reflect any additional information provided to employees.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute to employees information provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B. This information shall include, but not be limited to, any appropriate methods employees may use to prevent exposure to AIDS and hepatitis B, including information concerning the availability of a vaccine to prevent contraction of hepatitis B, and that the cost of this vaccination may be covered by the health

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plan ~~benefits~~ of the employees. Information shall be distributed at least annually, or more frequently if there is new information supplied by ~~the California Department of Education~~ **CDE**. (Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880)

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

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

Information regarding universal precautions may be included in employee handbooks.

Employees shall immediately report any exposure incident or first aid incident in accordance with the district's exposure control plan **for bloodborne pathogens** or other safety procedures.

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

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of bargaining

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

117600-118360 *Handling and disposal of regulated waste*

120875 *Providing information to school districts on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions and Hepatitis B*

120880 *Information to employees of school district*

LABOR CODE

6401.7 Injury and illness prevention program

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3203 Injury and illness prevention program

5193 *California bloodborne pathogens standard*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

1910.1030 *OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards*

Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1016.89 *Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of Infectious Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected Persons in School Settings*

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

Hepatitis B Questions and Answers for the Public

WEB SITES

American Federation of Teachers: <https://www.aft.org>

Cal/OSHA California Department of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/occupational_safety.html

California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration: <http://www.osha.gov>

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Definitions

Note: Districts may wish to include the following optional administrative regulation in their employee handbook.

Universal precautions are an approach to infection control. All human blood and certain human body fluids, including, but not limited to semen, vaginal secretions, and any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, are treated as if known to be infectious for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and other bloodborne pathogens. (8 CCR 5193(b); 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Personal protective equipment includes specialized clothing or equipment worn or used for protection against a hazard. General work clothes such as uniforms, pants, shirts, or blouses not intended to function as protection against a hazard are not considered to be personal protective equipment. (8 CCR 5193(b))

A *sharp* is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Engineered sharps injury protection is a physical attribute built into a needle device or into a non-needle sharp which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Employee Information

Note: Health and Safety Code 120875 requires districts to provide information regarding AIDS and hepatitis B, as specified below. However, since, pursuant to 8 CCR 5193(b), hepatitis C is included in the definition of "bloodborne pathogens," districts may also wish to provide information to employees about the hepatitis C virus. The following paragraph should be modified to reflect any additional information provided to employees.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute to employees information provided by the California Department of Education regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B. This information shall include, but not be limited to, any appropriate methods employees may use to prevent exposure to AIDS and hepatitis B, including information concerning the availability of a vaccine to prevent contraction of

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hepatitis B, and that the cost of this vaccination may be covered by the health plan benefits of the employees. Information shall be distributed at least annually, or more frequently if there is new information supplied by the California Department of Education. (Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880)

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

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

Infection Control Practices

For the prevention of infectious disease, the district shall:

1. ~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the worksite is effectively maintained~~ **the worksite** in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall implement an appropriate written schedule for cleaning and decontamination of the worksite. ~~(8 CCR 5193(d))~~

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

2. ~~When necessary for employees with~~ **Where occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens,** remains after the institution of engineering and work practice controls, ~~the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves, masks, and outer garments,~~ at no cost to the employee. Such equipment may include gloves, gowns, masks, eye protection, and other devices that do not permit blood or other potentially infectious materials to pass through or reach the employee's clothes, skin, eyes, mouth or other mucous membranes under normal conditions of use. ~~The Superintendent or designee shall maintain, repair, make accessible and require employees to use and properly handle protective equipment.~~ (8 CCR 5193(d))
3. ~~The Superintendent or designee shall provide~~ **handwashing facilities** which are readily accessible to employees, ~~or, if not feasible, When provision of handwashing facilities is not feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an appropriate antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes.~~ (8 CCR 5193(d))

For the prevention of infectious disease, employees shall routinely: (8 CCR 5193(d)) Any employee who has contact with blood or other body fluid, regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present, shall:

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1. Perform all procedures involving blood or other potentially infectious materials in such a manner as to minimize splashing, spraying, spattering, and generating droplets of these substances.

2.1. Use personal protective equipment as appropriate.

a. Appropriate clothing, including but not limited to, gowns, aprons, lab coats, clinic jackets or similar outer garments, shall be worn in occupational exposure situations.

If a garment becomes penetrated by blood or other potentially infectious materials, the employee shall remove the garment immediately or as soon as feasible. All personal protective equipment shall be removed prior to leaving the work area. When removed, it shall be placed in an appropriately designated area or container for storage, washing, decontamination or disposal.

b. Gloves shall be worn when it can be reasonably anticipated that the employee may have hand contact with blood, other potentially infectious materials, mucous membranes and nonintact skin, and when handling or touching contaminated items or surfaces.

Disposable gloves shall be replaced as soon as practical when contaminated, or as soon as feasible if they are torn, punctured, or when their ability to function as a barrier is compromised. They shall not be washed or decontaminated for reuse. Utility gloves may be decontaminated for reuse if the integrity of the gloves is not compromised, but must be discarded if they are cracked, peeling, torn, punctured, or exhibit other signs of deterioration or when their ability to function as a barrier is compromised.

c. Masks in combination with eye protection devices or face shields shall be worn whenever splashes, spray, spatter, or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated.

3.2. Wash hands and other skin surfaces thoroughly with soap and running water:

a. Immediately or as soon as feasible following contact of hands or any other skin or mucous membranes with blood or other potentially infectious materials

b. Immediately after removing gloves or other personal protective equipment

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3. When handwashing facilities are not available, ~~the employee shall~~ use antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes. In such instances, hands shall be washed with soap and running water as soon as feasible.
4. Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, or handling contact lenses in work areas with a reasonable likelihood of occupational exposure **to bloodborne pathogens.**
5. Clean and decontaminate all equipment and environmental and work surfaces after contact with blood or other potentially infectious material, no later than the end of the shift or more frequently as required by state regulations.
6. Rather than using the hands directly, use mechanical means such as a brush and dust pan, tongs, or forceps to clean up broken glassware which may be contaminated.
7. Use effective **patient handling** techniques **and other methods** designed to minimize the risk of a sharps injury in all procedures involving the use of sharps **in patient care.**

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

- a. ~~Needleless systems shall be used to administer medication or fluids, withdraw body fluids after initial venous or arterial access is established, and conduct any other procedure involving the potential for an exposure incident for which a needleless system is available as an alternative to the use of needle devices. If needleless systems are not used, needles or non-needle sharps with engineered sharps injury protection shall be used.~~
 - b. ~~Contaminated needles or other sharps shall not be broken, bent, recapped, removed from devices, or stored or processed in a manner that requires employees to reach by hand into the containers where these sharps have been placed.~~
 - e. ~~Disposable sharps shall not be reused.~~
8. Handle, store, treat, and dispose of regulated waste in accordance with Health and Safety Code 117600-118360 and other applicable state and federal regulations.

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UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS (continued)

- a. Immediately or as soon as possible after use, contaminated sharps shall be placed in containers meeting the requirements of 8 CCR 5193(d)(3)(D). ~~Containers shall be easily accessible, maintained upright throughout use where feasible, and replaced as necessary to avoid overfilling.~~
- b. Specimens of blood or other potentially infectious material shall be placed in a container which prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport, or shipping.

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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CSBA Sample Board Policy

All Personnel

BP 4151(a)

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EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

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Note: Districts that include provisions related to employee compensation in their collective bargaining agreements should modify or delete the following **optional** policy accordingly.

In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3400 - Management of Districts Assets/Accounts)

(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)

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

Note: Education Code 45023 and 45162 require the Governing Board to adopt salary schedules for certificated and classified employees, respectively. For districts operating under a merit system, Education Code 45268 specifies that the personnel commission will recommend a salary schedule for classified employees to the Board for approval and that the Board may not amend the schedule without first giving the commission an opportunity to respond to the amendments.

The Board shall adopt separate salary schedules for certificated, classified, and supervisory and administrative personnel. These schedules shall comply with law and collective bargaining agreements and shall be printed and made available for review at the district office. (Education Code 45022, 45023, 45160, 45162, 45268)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

Each certificated employee, except an employee in an administrative or supervisory position, shall be classified on the salary schedule on the basis of uniform allowance for education level and years of experience, unless the Board and employee organization negotiate and mutually agree to a salary schedule based on different criteria. Certificated employees shall not be placed in different classifications on the schedule, nor paid different salaries, solely on the basis of the grade levels at which they teach. (Education Code 45028)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Salary schedules for staff who are not a part of a bargaining unit shall be determined by the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

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

(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

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EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (continued)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45038, certificated employees may be paid once every two weeks, twice a month, or once every four weeks. The Board may also choose to pay certificated employees, or one or more individual employees, in 10, 11, or 12 equal payments over the year. Education Code 45039 provides that, if the Board arranges to pay certificated employees in 12 equal payments for the year, it may pay each monthly installment at the end of each calendar month, whether or not the employees are engaged in teaching during the month. Education Code 45165 addresses salary payments for classified employees who are employed 9-11 months per year.

Education Code 45048 and 45165 provide specific timelines for issuing salary payments depending on the frequency of payments. If payments are not made in a timely manner, the district is required to pay the employee interest on the unpaid amount.

The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the payroll schedule determined by the Board.

The Board shall determine the frequency and schedule of salary payments, including whether payments for employees who work less than 12 months per year will be made over the course of the school year or in equal installments over the calendar year. (Education Code 45038, 45039, 45048, 45165)

Note: According to Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-20-17, during extraordinary circumstances such as a pandemic which interrupts district operations, employees paid with federal grant funds can continue to be paid out of federal grant funds as long as other similarly situated employees paid with nonfederal funds are continuing to get compensated. The following optional paragraph establishes such emergency contingencies so that the Board may continue to provide employee compensation during such times.

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In extraordinary circumstances or emergency situations, the Board may determine to continue to compensate employees during periods of extended closure or disruption of normal district operations when permitted by law and consistent with collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of understanding.

Note: Pursuant to 29 CFR 516.4, districts are required to post a notice of the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (29 USC 201-219) in a conspicuous place at all work sites. The poster that must be used by state and local governments is available on the web site of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice explaining the Fair Labor Standards Act's wage and hour provisions in a conspicuous place at each work site. (29 CFR 516.4)

Overtime Compensation

Note: Pursuant to the FLSA (29 CFR 553.20) and **Labor Code 510 Education Code 45128**, employees who are not specifically exempted by law, **including classified employees in both merit and non-merit system districts**, must receive overtime pay **or compensatory time off** at a rate not less than one and one-half

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EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (continued)

times their regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of eight hours in any one day and in excess of 40 hours per work calendar week. However, if the Board has established a work day of less than eight hours but at least seven hours, and a work week of less than 40 hours but at least 35 hours, all time worked in excess of the established work schedule must be deemed overtime. Furthermore, Labor Code 510 entitles employees to an overtime pay rate after working eight hours in one day, unless an alternative work week schedule allowed by law is approved. Pursuant to Labor Code 510, if an employee works more than 12 hours per work day or more than eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work, the employee must be paid twice the regular salary.

On September 24, 2019, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a final rule (29 CFR 541.600) raising the federal salary threshold for this exemption. However, the threshold is higher in California and thus state law prevails. Pursuant to Labor Code 515, executive, administrative, or professional employees are exempt from the overtime rules if their monthly salary is at least twice the state minimum wage for full-time employment. Furthermore, the salary threshold is not affected by any local minimum wage that is higher than the state minimum wage.

Pursuant to Education Code 45130, districts are not required to pay overtime for any classified positions established by the Board, or by the personnel commission in a merit system district, as supervisory, administrative, or executive. In approving positions for exclusion from the overtime provisions, the Board or personnel commission must certify in writing that the duties, flexibility of hours, salary, benefit structure, and authority of the positions are of such a nature that they should be set apart from those positions which are subject to the overtime provisions. See BP/AR 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel. However, Education Code 45130 requires that, if a classified employee in an exempt position is required to work on a holiday designated in law or by the Board, the employee must be paid the regular pay for that day plus compensation or compensatory time off at a rate not less than the employee's normal rate of pay.

Overtime pay requirements are also not applicable to school administrators or teachers in elementary or secondary schools under specific exemptions in 29 USC 213 and 29 CFR 541.303. Pursuant to 29 CFR 541.303 and 541.600, teachers do not need to meet the salary level requirement to be exempt from overtime rules. 29 CFR 541.204 provides that, to be exempt from overtime rules, administrators must either meet the salary level requirement or be compensated on a salary basis that is at least equal to the entrance salary for teachers in the administrator's school.

District employees shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week, or twice their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day or eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work. However, **teachers, school administrators, and other employees shall be exempt from overtime rules if they are employed as teachers or school administrators or if they qualify as being employed in an positions established by the Board as executive, administrative, or professional shall be exempt from overtime rules** capacity and are paid a monthly salary that is at least twice the state minimum wage for full time employment. (Labor Code 510, 515; Education Code 45128, 45130; 29 USC 213; 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, 553.27, 553.32)

(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)

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EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (continued)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that allow employees to take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation as authorized by 29 USC 207 and 29 CFR 553.20-553.25. Time off in lieu of overtime compensation is allowed only if provided for in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement and must be provided at the rate of at least one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime work.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 553.21, an employee must be allowed to use earned compensatory time within a "reasonable period" after making the request. 29 CFR 553.25 provides that a "reasonable period" is determined on a case-by-case basis by considering customary work practices such as the normal work schedule, anticipated peak workloads based on past experience, emergency requirements for staff and services, and the availability of qualified substitute staff. **Education Code 45129 provides that the compensatory time off must be used within 12 calendar months.**

When authorized in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between the district and employees, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation, provided the employee has not accrued compensatory time in excess of the limits specified in 29 USC 207. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time shall be allowed to use such time within **a reasonable period 12 calendar months** after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (**Education Code 45129**; 29 USC 207; 29 CFR 553.20-553.25)

For each nonexempt employee, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain records on the employee's wages, hours, and other information specified in 29 CFR 516.5-516.6.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

45022-45061.5 Salaries, especially:

45023 Availability of salary schedule

45028 Salary schedule for certificated employees

45127-45133.5 Classified employees; work week; overtime provisions

45160-45169 Salaries for classified employees

45268 Salary schedule for classified service in merit system districts

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3540-3549 Meeting and negotiating, especially:

3543.2 Scope of representation

3543.7 Duty to meet and negotiate in good faith

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

LABOR CODE

226 Employee access to payroll records

232 Disclosure of wages

510 Overtime compensation; length of work day and week; alternative schedules

515 Overtime exemption for administrative, executive, and professional employees

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11040 Wages and hours; definitions of administrative, executive, and professional employees

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

409A Deferred compensation plans

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

201-219 Fair Labor Standards Act, especially:

203 Definitions

207 Overtime

213 Exemptions from minimum wage and overtime requirements

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

1.409A-1 Definitions and covered plans

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

516.4 Notice of minimum wage and overtime provisions

516.5-516.6 Records

541.0-541.710 Exemptions for executive, administrative, and professional employees

553.1-553.51 Fair Labor Standards Act; applicability to public agencies

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Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov>

School Services of California, Inc.: <http://www.sscal.com>

U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division: <https://www.dol.gov/whd>

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Students

BP 5141.5(a)

MENTAL HEALTH

Note: Education Code 215 requires all governing boards to adopt a policy on student suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention (i.e., intervention conducted after a suicide) with specified components; see BP/AR 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention. The following optional policy is intended to address broader mental health issues facing students and may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board recognizes that students' emotional well-being and mental health contribute to their ability to perform to their full academic and personal potential. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies and services to build students' resiliency skills, help students cope with life challenges, and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult and collaborate with school-employed mental health professionals, the county mental health department, psychologists and other health professionals, social workers, and/or community organizations to strengthen local mental health services and develop and implement an integrated plan to support student mental health.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

To the extent possible, the district shall focus on preventive strategies which increase students' connectedness to school, create a support network of peers and trusted adults, and provide techniques for conflict resolution. The district shall investigate and resolve any complaint of bullying, intimidation, harassment, or discrimination in accordance with law and district policy.

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

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Note: The state's content standards for health education include voluntary standards pertaining to mental, emotional, and social health at selected elementary and secondary grades and suicide prevention instruction at grade 7 or 8 and in high school.

The district shall provide instruction to students that promotes their healthy mental, emotional, and social development. Health education courses shall be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework and shall include, but not be limited to, instruction related to identifying signs of depression and self-destructive behaviors, developing coping skills, and identifying resources that may provide assistance.

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MENTAL HEALTH (continued)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide school staff with information and training to recognize the early signs of an emerging mental health condition, identify risk factors and warning signs of suicidal intent, respond to students who have been impacted by traumatic stress, and link students with effective services and supports. Such information may also be provided to parents/guardians and families.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a protocol for identifying and assessing students who may be suffering from an anxiety disorder, depression, eating disorder, or other severe or disabling mental illness. The Superintendent or designee may establish districtwide or school-site crisis intervention team(s) to respond to mental health concerns in the school setting.

A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may provide mental health counseling to students in accordance with the specialization(s) authorized on the individual's credential. As needed, students and their parents/guardians may be provided referrals to mental health services in the community and/or to mental health services at or near district schools.

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Note: Pursuant to 28 CFR 35.108, a student should be evaluated in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 USC 794) if the student has a disability, including a mental impairment, that substantially limits a major life activity, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment. See BP/AR 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504. Districts also have an affirmative, ongoing duty to actively and systematically seek out, identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services (Education Code 56171, 56300-56385; 20 USC 1412; 34 CFR 300.111). See BP/AR 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education.

If a student has an emotional or mental illness that limits a major life activity, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment, or may need special education and related services, the student shall be referred for an evaluation for purposes of determining whether any educational or related services are required in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as applicable. (Education Code 56301-56302; 29 USC 794; 28 CFR 35.108)

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MENTAL HEALTH (continued)

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

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

Note: In addition to using district funds for mental health programs or services, districts may apply for grant funds administered by the county mental health agency or other sources.

The Mental Health Services Act, established by Proposition 63 in 2004, provides funding, personnel, and other resources to support county mental health programs, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention programs. Funding may be allocated for outreach to families and others to recognize the early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental illnesses, access and linkage to medically necessary care for children with severe mental illness, reduction in stigma and discrimination against people with mental illness, and strategies to reduce negative outcomes that may result from untreated mental illness.

Welfare and Institutions Code 5886, as added by SB 75 (Ch. 51, Statutes of 2019), establishes the Mental Health Student Services Act, a competitive grant program to award funds to county mental health or behavioral health departments for the purpose of creating mental health partnerships with school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore potential funding sources for district programs and services that support student's mental health. In accordance with local plans and priorities, the district may apply to the county for grants for prevention and early intervention activities that are designed to prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling and to improve timely access for underserved populations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

215-216 Student suicide prevention

234.6 Posting suicide prevention policy on web site

32280-32289.5 Comprehensive safety plan

49060-49079 Student records

49600 Responsibilities of school counselors

49602 Confidentiality of student information

49604 Suicide prevention training for school counselors

56171 Duty to identify and assess children in private schools who need special education services

56300-56385 Identification, referral, and assessment for special education

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

5698 Emotionally disturbed youth; legislative intent

5840-5840.8 Prevention and early intervention programs

5850-5886 Children's Mental Health Services Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

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MENTAL HEALTH (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

34 CFR 300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS NETWORK PUBLICATIONS

Child Trauma Toolkit for Educators, 2008

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: <https://afsp.org>

American Psychological Association: <http://www.apa.org>

American School Counselor Association: <https://www.schoolcounselor.org>

California Department of Education, Mental Health: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/mh>

California Department of Health Care Services, Mental Health Services:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mental Health: <http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth>

National Association of School Psychologists: <https://www.nasponline.org>

National Child Traumatic Stress Network: <https://www.nctsn.org>

National Council for Behavioral Health, Mental Health First Aid:

<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>

National Institute for Mental Health: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

Suicide Prevention Resource Center: <https://www.sprc.org/about-suicide>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration: <http://www.samhsa.gov>

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Students

BP 5145.3(a)

NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT

Note: The following **mandated** policy reflects various provisions of state and federal law which prohibit discrimination against students in educational programs and activities based on certain actual or perceived characteristics of an individual, including Education Code 220, **as amended by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017)**, which prohibits discrimination based on **disability**, race, nationality, immigration status, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, **sex**, sexual orientation, religion, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes in Penal Code 422.55; Government Code 11135, which prohibits discrimination based on all the foregoing characteristics and on **sex, color, ancestry, age, medical condition, marital status, disability**, and an individual's genetic information; Title VI (42 USC 2000d-2000e-17), which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin; Title IX (20 USC 1681-1688), which prohibits discrimination based on sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, and parental status; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination based on age; and Title II (20 USC 12101-12213) and Section 504 (29 USC 794), which prohibit discrimination based on disability. Education Code 260 gives the Governing Board primary responsibility for ensuring that district programs and activities are free from discrimination based on age or any of **these the** characteristics **listed in Education Code 220**. See also BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

Moreover, this sample Board policy and the accompanying administrative regulation reflect the statutory right of a transgender student to participate in sex-segregated educational programs and use facilities consistent with **his/her one's** gender identity as specified in Education Code 221.5, and best practices based on existing state and federal law. Districts with questions about the rights of transgender and gender-nonconforming students should consult legal counsel as appropriate. For more information on the rights of transgender students, see CSBA's Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex Discrimination.

Education Code 234.1 **mandates** that districts adopt policy prohibiting discrimination **at school or in any which applies to all acts related to** school activity **related to or** school attendance **occurring within a school** or under the authority of the district, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, based on the foregoing characteristics. The California Department of Education (CDE), through its Federal Program Monitoring process, reviews districts' uniform complaint procedures (UCP) and other anti-discrimination policies and practices to ensure compliance with these requirements. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for the administrative enforcement of federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the department, and requires the adoption of nondiscrimination policies and complaint procedures.

OCR has clarified in several publications that conduct that occurs off campus may have an adverse effect on a student at school (i.e., create a "hostile environment" for the student). When that happens, the district has an obligation to investigate and to take steps to protect the student.

This policy shall apply to all acts **constituting unlawful discrimination or harassment** related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, and to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school.

NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT (continued)

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access **to** and opportunities in the district's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, **medical condition**, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

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

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

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

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

Note: Education Code 234.1 prohibits unlawful discrimination in all acts related to school activity or school attendance. OCR has clarified in several publications that conduct that occurs off campus may have an adverse effect on a student at school (i.e., create a "hostile environment" for the student). When that happens, the district has an obligation to investigate and to take steps to protect the student.

~~This policy shall apply to all acts related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, and to acts which occur off campus or outside of school related or school sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school.~~

Unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may result from physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on any of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also ~~includes the creation of a hostile environment through~~ **occurs when** prohibited conduct ~~that~~ is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects a student's educational opportunities.

Note: In addition to the types of prohibited student conduct described above, ~~prohibited conduct~~ **unlawful discrimination** includes different treatment of students with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services. See BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT (continued)

Unlawful discrimination also includes disparate treatment of students based on one of the categories above with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services.

The Board also prohibits any form of retaliation against any individual who reports or participates in the reporting of unlawful discrimination, files or participates in the filing of a complaint, or investigates or participates in the investigation of a complaint or report alleging unlawful discrimination. Retaliation complaints shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as a discrimination complaint.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 234.1 and 34 CFR ~~106.8-106.9~~, a district is required to ~~adopt and publicize its nondiscrimination policies to the school community.~~ **In addition, Education Code 234.6, as added by AB 34 (Ch. 282, Statutes of 2019), requires the district, starting in the 2020-21 school year, to make readily accessible on its web site its nondiscrimination, sexual harassment, suicide prevention, and other specified policies and information related to specified state and federal laws and resources. For further information regarding specific posting requirements, see "Measures to Prevent Discrimination" in the accompanying administrative regulation. The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice.**

~~In addition, in its October 2010 Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, OCR identifies training of the school community as one of the key measures for minimizing discriminatory and harassing behavior in school. See the accompanying administrative regulation for specific measures to prevent discrimination and facilitate students' access to the educational program.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees. **In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the district's policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying and other required information on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students, in accordance with law and the accompanying administrative regulation.**

Note: In its October 2010 Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, OCR identifies training of the school community as one of the key measures for minimizing discriminatory and harassing behavior in school. See the accompanying administrative regulation for specific measures to prevent discrimination and facilitate students' access to the educational program. The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice.

He/she The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and/or information on the scope and use of the policy and complaint procedures and take other measures designed to increase the school community's understanding of the requirements of law related to discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the implementation of the district's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to remove any identified barrier to student access to or participation in the district's educational program. **He/she The Superintendent or designee** shall report ~~his/her~~ the findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT (continued)

- (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*
- (cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)*
- (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*
- (cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*
- (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*
- (cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

Regardless of whether a complainant complies with the writing, timeline, and/or other formal filing requirements, all complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be investigated and prompt action taken to stop the discrimination, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students.

Note: Policies related to discrimination must be consistent with the First Amendment right to free speech. Education Code 48950 prohibits a district from subjecting a high school student to disciplinary sanctions solely on the basis of speech or other communication that would be constitutionally protected if engaged in outside of campus. However, Education Code 48950 also specifies that the law does not prohibit discipline for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless constitutionally protected. Whether such speech might be entitled to constitutional protection would be determined on a case-by-case basis, with consideration for the specific words used and the circumstances involved. The district should consult legal counsel as necessary.

Students who engage in unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion when the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900.4. Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or 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)*
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)*
- (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*
- (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*
- (cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)*

Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive prohibited behavior in district schools.

- (cf. 3580 - District Records)*

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

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- 200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*
- 48900.3 *Suspension or expulsion for act of hate violence*
- 48900.4 *Suspension or expulsion for threats or harassment*
- 48904 *Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct*
- 48907 *Student exercise of free expression*
- 48950 *Freedom of speech*
- 48985 *Translation of notices*
- 49020-49023 *Athletic programs*
- 49060-49079 *Student records***
- 51500 *Prohibited instruction or activity*
- 51501 *Prohibited means of instruction*
- 60044 *Prohibited instructional materials*

CIVIL CODE

- 1714.1 *Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor*

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- 11135 *Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state*

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- 432 *Student record*
- 4600-4670 *Uniform complaint procedures*
- 4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 1681-1688 *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*
- 12101-12213 *Title II equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities***

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

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- 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*

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104.8 *Notice*

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CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5145.3(a)

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Note: The following **mandated** administrative regulation provides measures that may be implemented by a district to comply with state and federal laws and regulations prohibiting unlawful discrimination at school or in school-sponsored or school-related activities, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, of any student based on **his/her the student's** actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, **medical condition**, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other legally protected category or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Federal and state law also prohibit retaliation against those who engage in activity to protect civil rights.

5 CCR 4621 **mandates** the district to identify in its policies and procedures the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs, including the receiving and investigating of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying. In addition, 34 CFR 106.8 and other federal regulations **mandate** districts that receive federal financial assistance to adopt procedures for the "prompt and equitable" resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints, including the designation of one or more responsible employees to ensure district compliance with federal laws and regulations governing the district's educational programs.

During the Federal Program Monitoring process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will check to ensure that the district's procedures list the specific title(s) of the employee(s) responsible for investigating complaints. The U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is the agency responsible for the administrative enforcement of federal antidiscrimination laws and regulations in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the department. In reviewing a district's discrimination policies and procedures, OCR will examine whether the district has identified the employee(s) responsible for coordinating compliance with federal civil rights laws, including the investigation of complaints.

The following paragraphs identify the employee(s) designated to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with state and federal civil rights laws (e.g. Title IX and Section 504 coordinators), including the investigation and resolution of discrimination complaints under AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Note also that a district may designate more than one employee to coordinate compliance and/or receive and investigate complaints, although each employee designated as a coordinator/compliance officer must be properly trained.

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district's efforts to comply with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The individual(s) shall also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination targeting a student, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status,

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pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other legally protected status or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at: (Education Code 234.1; 5 CCR 4621)

Assistant Principal
 (title or position)
 15305 Rockwood Road, Escondido, CA 92027
 (address)
 760.745.4931
 (telephone number)
 spu.sd@sanpasquajunion.net
 (email)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Measures to Prevent Discrimination

To prevent unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying, of students at district schools or in school activities and to ensure equal access of all students to the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

Note: As part of its responsibility to monitor district compliance with legal requirements concerning discrimination pursuant to Education Code 234.1, CDE is required to ensure that the district posts its nondiscrimination policies in all schools, offices, staff lounges, and student government meeting rooms.

In addition, federal regulations enforced by OCR require the district to notify students, parents/guardians, and employees of its policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex (34 CFR 106.8, 106.9), disability (34 CFR 104.7 104.8 and 28 CFR 35.107), and age (34 CFR 110.25) and of related complaint procedures.

~~Item #1 below may be revised to specify the means by which the district publicizes its nondiscrimination policies and complaint procedures.~~

1. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, including the coordinator/compliance officer's contact information, to students, parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, and the general public by posting them on the district's web site and other in prominent locations and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available communications.

Note: Education Code 234.6, as added by AB 34 (Ch. 282, Statutes of 2019), requires a district, starting with the 2020-21 school year, to post its nondiscrimination policies on its web site as specified below. In addition to the policies listed below, if the district has a policy in regard to the prevention

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and response to hate violence, it is also required to be posted, and the following item should be modified accordingly. See BP 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior.

- 2. Post the district's policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination, harassment, student sexual harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying, including a section on social media bullying that includes all of the references described in Education Code 234.6 as possible forums for social media, in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students (Education Code 234.6)**

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

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Note: Education Code 234.6, as added by AB 34, requires a district, starting in the 2020-21 school year, to post the definitions specified below.

- 3. Post the definition of sex discrimination and harassment as described in Education Code 230, including the rights set forth in Education Code 221.8, in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students (Education Code 234.6)**

Note: Education Code ~~221.6~~ 221.61 requires districts and public schools to post on their web sites information related to Title IX (20 USC 1681-1688). Education Code 234.6, as added by AB 34, requires districts, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, to post the Title IX information required pursuant to 221.61 in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. Additionally, districts are required to provide a link to the Title IX information included on CDE's website pursuant to Education Code 221.6, in the same manner. A comprehensive list of rights based on the federal regulations implementing Title IX can be found in Education Code 221.8. A district that does not maintain a web site may comply by posting the information below on the web site of its county office of education. A school without a web site may comply by posting the information on the web site of the district or county office of education.

- 2-4. Post in a prominent and conspicuous location on the district and school web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students information regarding Title IX prohibitions against discrimination based on a student's sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, and parental status, including the following: (Education Code 221.6, 221.61, 234.6)**
 - a. The name and contact information of the district's Title IX coordinator, including the phone number and email address

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- b. The rights of students and the public and the responsibilities of the district under Title IX, including a list of rights as specified in Education Code 221.8 and web links to information about those rights and responsibilities located on the web sites of the Office for Equal Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
- c. A description of how to file a complaint of noncompliance **with under** Title IX in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, which shall include:
 - (1) An explanation of the statute of limitations within which a complaint must be filed after an alleged incident of discrimination has occurred and how a complaint may be filed beyond the statute of limitations
 - (2) An explanation of how the complaint will be investigated and how the complainant may further pursue the complaint, including web links to this information on the OCR's web site
 - (3) A web link to the OCR complaints form and the contact information for the office, including the phone number and email address for the office
- d. **A link to the Title IX information included on the California Department of Education's (CDE) web site**

Note: Education Code 234.6, as added by AB 34, requires a district, starting in the 2020-21 school year, to post a link to statewide resources as specified below.

- 5. Post a link to statewide CDE-compiled resources, including community-based organizations, that provide support to youth who have been subjected to school-based discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and to their families. Such resources shall be posted in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.5, 234.6)**

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

- 3.6. Provide to students a handbook that contains age-appropriate information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior. (Education Code 234.1)**

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Note: In its October 2010 Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, OCR identifies training of the school community as one of the key measures for minimizing discriminatory and harassing behavior in school. Item #4 below may be modified to reflect district practice.

- 4.7.** Annually notify all students and parents/guardians of the district's nondiscrimination policy, including its responsibility to provide a safe, nondiscriminatory school environment for all students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming students. The notice shall inform students and parents/guardians that they may request to meet with the compliance officer to determine how best to accommodate or resolve concerns that may arise from the district's implementation of its nondiscrimination policies. The notice shall also inform all students and parents/guardians that, to the extent possible, the district will address any individual student's interests and concerns in private.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: Both federal and state laws contain requirements for translation of certain information and documents. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires school districts to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency. OCR has interpreted this to require that, whenever information is provided to parents/guardians, districts must notify limited-English-proficient (LEP) parents/guardians in a language other than English in order to be adequate. OCR enforces this requirement consistent with the Department of Justice's 2002 2003 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 **or be served by** 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 **and costs**. State law is more specific than federal law: Education Code 48985 requires translation of certain information and documents if 15 percent or more of students enrolled in the school speak a single primary language other than English.

- 5.8.** ~~The Superintendent or designee shall e~~Ensure that students and parents/guardians, including those with limited English proficiency, are notified of how to access the relevant information provided in the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, notices, and forms in a language they can understand.

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

- 6.9.** Provide to students, employees, volunteers, and parents/guardians age-appropriate training and/or information regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy; what

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constitutes prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying; how and to whom a report of an incident should be made; and how to guard against segregating or stereotyping students when providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to them. Such training and information shall include details of guidelines the district may use to provide a discrimination-free environment for all district students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming students.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

7.10. At the beginning of each school year, inform school employees that any employee who witnesses any act of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, against a student is required to intervene if it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

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

Note: Item **#8-11** below may be revised to reflect district practice. In some situations, the district may need to provide assistance to a student to protect **him/her the student** from harassment or bullying. Each situation will need to be analyzed to determine the most appropriate course of action to meet the needs of the student, based on the circumstances involved.

8.11. At the beginning of each school year, inform each principal or designee of the district's responsibility to provide appropriate assistance or resources to protect students from threatened or potentially discriminatory behavior and ensure their privacy rights.

Enforcement of District Policy

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. As needed, these actions may include any of the following:

1. Removing vulgar or offending graffiti

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

2. Providing training to students, staff, and parents/guardians about how to recognize unlawful discrimination, how to report it or file a complaint, and how to respond

3. Disseminating and/or summarizing the district's policy and regulation regarding unlawful discrimination

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4. Consistent with laws regarding the confidentiality of student and personnel records, communicating to students, parents/guardians, and the community the school's response plan to unlawful discrimination or harassment

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

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

5. Taking appropriate disciplinary action against students, employees, and anyone determined to have engaged in wrongdoing in violation of district policy, including any student who is found to have filed a complaint of discrimination that **he/she the student** knew was not true

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

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

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

Process for Initiating and Responding to Complaints

Note: Education Code 234.1 requires that districts adopt a process for receiving and investigating complaints of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying. Such a process, which is required to be consistent with the uniform complaint procedures specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670, must include (1) a requirement that school personnel who witness an act take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so, (2) a timeline for investigating and resolving complaints, (3) an appeal process, and (4) translation of forms when required by Education Code 48985. In addition, federal regulations require districts to adopt procedures providing for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex (34 CFR 106.8), disability (34 CFR 104.7 and 28 CFR 35.107), and age (34 CFR 110.25). OCR guidance on federal civil rights requirements notes that districts may have a responsibility to respond to notice of discrimination whether or not a formal complaint is filed. In addition, districts may have an obligation to respond to notice of sexual harassment of students which occurs off school grounds or outside school-sponsored or school-related programs or activities, since the sexual harassment may still create a hostile environment at school. This principle would also apply to harassment on other bases, such as race, gender, or disability.

~~Any student~~ **Students** who feels that ~~he/she has~~ **they have** been subjected to unlawful discrimination described above or in district policy ~~is are~~ strongly encouraged to immediately contact the compliance officer, principal, or any other staff member. In addition, ~~any-students~~ who observes any such incident ~~is are~~ strongly encouraged to report the incident to the compliance officer or principal, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who observes an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, or to whom such an incident is reported shall report the incident to the compliance officer or principal within a school day, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

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Any school employee who witnesses an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

Note: Though a formal complaint must be in writing pursuant to 5 CCR 4600, the district's obligation to provide a safe school environment for its students overrides the need to comply with formalities. Thus, once the district receives notice of an incident, whether verbally or in writing, it is good practice to begin the investigation of the report and to take steps to stop any prohibited conduct and address any effect on students. The following paragraph reflects such practice and is consistent with OCR recommendation.

When a verbal report of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, is made to or received by the principal or compliance officer, **he/she the principal or compliance officer** shall make a note of the report and encourage the student or parent/guardian to file the complaint in writing, pursuant to the provisions in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Once notified verbally or in writing, the principal or compliance officer shall begin the investigation and shall implement immediate measures necessary to stop the discrimination and ensure that all students have access to the educational program and a safe school environment. Any interim measures adopted to address unlawful discrimination shall, to the extent possible, not disadvantage the complainant or a student who is the victim of the alleged unlawful discrimination.

Any report or complaint alleging unlawful discrimination by the principal, compliance officer, or any other person to whom a report would ordinarily be made or complaint filed shall instead be made to or filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students

Note: **The following section may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.5, a district is required to permit a student to use facilities and participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities consistent with the student's gender identity, regardless of the gender listed on his/her educational records. Because Education Code 221.5 affords transgender students these rights, districts in California are not impacted by the February 22, 2017 action of the USDOE and U.S. Department of Justice to rescind earlier federal guidance which had indicated that, under Title IX, students must be allowed to use sex-segregated facilities in accordance with their gender identity. In implementing state law, districts may review recommended practices in the USDOE's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students. For more information on the rights of transgender students, see CSBA's Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination. The term "gender identity" is not specifically defined in the Education Code. The following definition is consistent with case law and generally accepted terms within academia, as well as the Resolution Agreement between the Arcadia Unified School**

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District, the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, and the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, which defines "gender identity" as "one's internal sense of gender, which may be different from one's assigned sex, and which is consistently and uniformly asserted, or for which there is other evidence that the gender identity is sincerely held as part of the student's core identity."

Gender identity of a student means the student's gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior as determined from the student's internal sense of his/her gender, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the student's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

Gender expression means a student's gender-related appearance and behavior, whether stereotypically associated with the student's assigned sex at birth. (Education Code 210.7)

Gender transition refers to the process in which a student changes from living and identifying as the sex assigned to the student at birth to living and identifying as the sex that corresponds to the student's gender identity.

Gender-nonconforming student means a student whose gender expression differs from stereotypical expectations.

Transgender student means a student whose gender identity is different from the gender he/she was assigned at birth.

Regardless of whether they are sexual in nature, The district prohibits acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility that are based on sex, gender identity, or gender expression, or that have the purpose or effect of producing a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment, regardless of whether the acts are sexual in nature are prohibited. Examples of the types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute gender-based harassment include, but are not limited to:

1. Refusing to address a student by a name and the pronouns consistent with his/her the student's gender identity
2. Disciplining or disparaging a student or excluding him/her the student from participating in activities, for behavior or appearance that is consistent with his/her the student's gender identity or that does not conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity, as applicable
3. Blocking a student's entry to the restroom that corresponds to his/her the student's gender identity

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4. Taunting a student because **he/she the student** participates in an athletic activity more typically favored by a student of the other sex
5. Revealing a student's transgender status to individuals who do not have a legitimate need for the information, without the student's consent
6. **Use of Using** gender-specific slurs
7. Physically **assaulting of** a student motivated by hostility toward **him/her the student** because of **his/her the student's** gender, gender identity, or gender expression

The district's uniform complaint procedures (AR 1312.3) shall be used to report and resolve complaints alleging discrimination against transgender and gender-nonconforming students.

Examples of bases for complaints include, but are not limited to, the above list, as well as improper rejection by the district of a student's asserted gender identity, denial of access to facilities that correspond with a student's gender identity, improper disclosure of a student's transgender status, discriminatory enforcement of a dress code, and other instances of gender-based harassment.

To ensure that transgender and gender-nonconforming students are afforded the same rights, benefits, and protections provided to all students by law and Board policy, the district shall address each situation on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the following guidelines:

Note: Timelines included in items #1-2 below may be modified to reflect district practice.

1. **Right to privacy:** A student's transgender or gender-nonconforming status is **his/her the student's** private information and the district shall only disclose the information to others with the student's prior written consent, except when the disclosure is otherwise required by law or when the district has compelling evidence that disclosure is necessary to preserve the student's physical or mental well-being. In any case, the district shall only allow disclosure of a student's personally identifiable information to employees with a legitimate educational interest as determined by the district pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31. Any district employee to whom a student's transgender or gender-nonconforming status is disclosed shall keep the student's information confidential. When disclosure of a student's gender identity is made to a district employee by a student, the employee shall seek the student's permission to notify the compliance officer. If the student refuses to give permission, the employee shall keep the student's information confidential, unless **he/she the employee** is required to disclose or report the student's information pursuant to this administrative regulation, and shall inform the student that honoring the student's request may limit

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the district's ability to meet the student's needs related to **his/her the student's** status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming student. If the student permits the employee to notify the compliance officer, the employee shall do so within three school days.

As appropriate given the student's need for support, the compliance officer may discuss with the student any need to disclose the student's transgender or gender-nonconformity status or gender identity or gender expression to **his/her the student's** parents/guardians and/or others, including other students, teacher(s), or other adults on campus. The district shall offer support services, such as counseling, to students who wish to inform their parents/guardians of their status and desire assistance in doing so.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

2. **Determining a Student's Gender Identity:** The compliance officer shall accept the student's assertion of **his/her** gender identity and begin to treat the student consistent with **that his/her** gender identity unless district personnel present a credible and supportable basis for believing that the student's assertion is for an improper purpose.
3. **Addressing a Student's Transition Needs:** The compliance officer shall arrange a meeting with the student and, if appropriate, **his/her the student's** parents/guardians to identify and develop strategies for ensuring that the student's access to educational programs and activities is maintained. The meeting shall discuss the transgender or gender-nonconforming student's rights and how those rights may affect and be affected by the rights of other students and shall address specific subjects related to the student's access to facilities and to academic or educational support programs, services, or activities, including, but not limited to, sports and other competitive endeavors. In addition, the compliance officer shall identify specific school site employee(s) to whom the student may report any problem related to **his/her the student's** status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming individual, so that prompt action can be taken to address it. Alternatively, if appropriate and desired by the student, the school may form a support team for the student that will meet periodically to assess whether the arrangements for the student are meeting **his/her the student's** educational needs and providing equal access to programs and activities, educate appropriate staff about the student's transition, and serve as a resource to the student to better protect the student from gender-based discrimination.

Note: The following section may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.5, a district is required to permit a student to use facilities and participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities consistent with the student's gender identity, regardless of the gender listed on **the student's his/her** educational records. Because Education Code 221.5 affords transgender students these rights,

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districts in California are not impacted by the February 22, 2017 action of the USDOE and U.S. Department of Justice to rescind earlier federal guidance which had indicated that, under Title IX, students must be allowed to use sex-segregated facilities in accordance with their gender identity. In implementing state law, districts may review recommended practices in the USDOE's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students. For more information on the rights of transgender students, see CSBA's Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination.

4. **Accessibility to Sex-Segregated Facilities, Programs, and Activities:** When the district maintains sex-segregated facilities, such as restrooms and locker rooms, or offers sex-segregated programs and activities, such as physical education classes, intermural sports, and interscholastic athletic programs, students shall be permitted to access facilities and participate in programs and activities consistent with their gender identity. To address any student's privacy concerns in using sex-segregated facilities, the district shall offer available options such as a gender-neutral or single-use restroom or changing area, a bathroom stall with a door, an area in the locker room separated by a curtain or screen, access to a staff member's office, or use of the locker room before or after the other students. However, the district shall not require a student to utilize these options because he/she the student is transgender or gender-nonconforming. In addition, a student shall be permitted to participate in accordance with his/her the student's gender identity in other circumstances where students are separated by gender, such as for class discussions, yearbook pictures, and field trips. A student's right to participate in a sex-segregated activity in accordance with his/her the student's gender identity shall not render invalid or inapplicable any other eligibility rule established for participation in the activity.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Note: 5 CCR 432 requires the legal name, sex, date of birth, etc., of a student to be maintained as part of the student's "mandatory permanent student records" but does not prohibit keeping of other records, such as a student's preferred name, as part of the student's "permitted student records." Education Code 49062.5 and 49070, as added and amended by AB 711 (Ch. 179, Statutes of 2019), respectively, require districts to update a former student's records to change the student's name and/or gender as specified below. See AR 5125 - Student Records.

5. **Student Records:** A student's legal name or gender as entered on the mandatory student record required pursuant to 5 CCR 432 shall only be changed with proper documentation. However, at the written request of a student or, if appropriate, his/her parents/guardians, the district shall use the student's preferred name and pronouns consistent with his/her gender identity on all other district related documents. Such preferred name may be added to the student's record and official documents as

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~~permitted by law.~~ **When a student presents government-issued documentation of a name and/or gender change or submits a request for a name and/or gender change through the process specified in Education Code 49070, the district shall update the student's records. (Education Code 49062.5, 49070)**

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

6. **Names and Pronouns:** If a student so chooses, district personnel shall be required to address the student by a name and the pronoun(s) consistent with **his/her the student's** gender identity, without the necessity of a court order or a change to **his/her the student's** official district record. However, inadvertent slips or honest mistakes by district personnel in the use of the student's name and/or consistent pronouns will, in general, not constitute a violation of this administrative regulation or the accompanying district policy.

7. **Uniforms/Dress Code:** A student has the right to dress in a manner consistent with **his/her the student's** gender identity, subject to any dress code adopted on a school site.

(cf. 5132 - Dress Code and Grooming)

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Note: **Education Code 11503 and 20 USC 6318, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), mandates** each district receiving federal Title I, Part A, funds to have a written parent/guardian and family engagement policy developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents/guardians and family members of participating students. Education Code 11504 **mandates** districts to adopt a policy on parent/guardian involvement applicable to each school that does not receive Title I funds. The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation contain language satisfying both mandates and should be revised to reflect district practice.

In addition, Education Code 51101 mandates policy for all districts addressing the manner in which parents/guardians, school staff, and students may share responsibility for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of students; see BP/AR 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities for language fulfilling this mandate.

For best practices in implementing parent/guardian and family engagement programs, see the California Department of Education's **Family Engagement Framework: A Tool for California School Districts**.

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall **consult work** with parents/guardians and family members **in the development of to jointly develop and agree upon policy and strategies to meaningfully opportunities for them to be involved parents/guardians and family members** in district and school activities at all grade levels; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

The district's local control and accountability plan (**LCAP**) shall include goals and strategies for parent/guardian involvement **and family engagement**, including district efforts to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and to promote parent/guardian participation in programs for English learners, foster youth, students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and students with disabilities. (Education Code 42238.02, 52060)

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(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians, family members, and school staff on the adequacy of involvement opportunities and on barriers that may inhibit participation.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Title I Schools

Note: The following section is for use by districts that receive Title I funds. 20 USC 6318 **mandates** that such districts develop, jointly with parents/guardians and family members of participating students, policy which establishes expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family involvement and describes how the district will address specified components. See the accompanying administrative regulation for the required components and optional strategies for addressing each component.

State law (Education Code 11503) also **mandates** procedures to ensure that parents/guardians are consulted and participate in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the Title I parent/guardian and family engagement program.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members in establishing district expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family engagement in schools supported by Title I funding, developing strategies that describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318, as contained in the accompanying administrative regulation, and implementing and evaluating such programs, activities, and procedures. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct outreach to all parents/guardians and family members. (Education Code 11503; 20 USC 6318)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that receive more than \$500,000 in Title I, Part A funding. Pursuant to 20 USC 6318, the Governing Board must reserve at least one percent of the district's Title I funding to carry out parent/guardian and family engagement activities, provided that one percent of the allocation received by the district totals more than \$5,000. **As amended by P.L. 114-95, 20 USC 6318 requires that at least 90 percent of the reserved funds must be distributed to eligible schools, with priority given to "high-need schools" as defined in 20 USC 6631.**

When the district's Title I, Part A allocation exceeds the amount specified in 20 USC 6318, the Board shall reserve at least one percent of the funding to implement parent/guardian and family engagement activities **and shall distribute at least 90 percent of those reserved funds to eligible schools, with priority given to high-need schools as defined in 20 USC 6631.** The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members of

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participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent/guardian and family engagement activities **and shall ensure that priority is given to schools in high poverty areas in accordance with law.** (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Note: **As amended by P.L. 114-95,** 20 USC 6318 identifies allowable uses of the Title I funds reserved for parent/guardian and family engagement, as provided below. These uses are consistent with the activities that must be addressed in the district's parent/guardian and family engagement policy, as described in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Expenditures of such funds shall be consistent with the activities specified in this policy and shall include at least one of the following: (20 USC 6318)

1. Support for schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for district and school staff regarding parent/guardian and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents/guardians and family members
2. Support for programs that reach parents/guardians and family members at home, in the community, and at school
3. Dissemination of information on best practices focused on parent/guardian and family engagement, especially best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents/guardians and family members
4. Collaboration, **or the provision of subgrants to schools to enable collaboration,** with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent/**guardian** and family engagement
5. Any other activities and strategies that the district determines are appropriate and consistent with this policy

Note: **The following paragraph is for use by districts that receive funds under federal Title IV, Part E (20 USC 7241-7246).**

If the district also receives funds under federal Title IV, Part E, to coordinate and enhance family engagement programs, the Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians and organizations of the existence of Title IV. (20 USC 6318)

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Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 6318, the district's parent/guardian and family engagement policy must be incorporated into the district's Title I LEA plan. In California, all the requirements of the LEA plan are addressed in an addendum to the ~~local control and accountability plan (LCAP)~~. See BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

The district's Board policy and administrative regulation containing parent/guardian and family engagement strategies shall be incorporated into the district's ~~local control and accountability plan~~ LCAP in accordance with 20 USC 6312. (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds develops a school-level parent/guardian and family engagement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

District and school-level parent/guardian and family engagement policies and administrative regulations shall be distributed to parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs and shall be available to the local community. Parents/guardians shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Non-Title I Schools

Note: The following section is for use by districts that do not receive any Title I funds or that have one or more individual schools that do not receive Title I funds. Education Code 11504 **mandates** the Board to adopt a policy on parent/guardian involvement, applicable to each school that does not receive Title I funds, that is consistent with the purposes and goals in Education Code 11502. See the accompanying administrative regulation for information about these goals and sample strategies for addressing each goal.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

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48985 Notices in languages other than English
51101 Parent rights and responsibilities
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
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56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education
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230.8 Time off to visit child's school

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18275 Child care and development programs, parent involvement and education

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6311 State plan

6312 Local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

6318 Parent and family engagement

6631 Teacher and school leader incentive program, purposes and definitions

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<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf>

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California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: <http://www.ncpie.org>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org>

Parent Information and Resource Centers: <http://www.pirc-info.net>

Parents as Teachers National Center: <http://www.parentsasteachers.org>

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Note: The following administrative regulation contains parent/guardian and family engagement strategies that meet legal requirements applicable to districts and schools receiving federal Title I funds and those that do not receive Title I funds. The district should use and adapt the section(s) applicable to its circumstances. If desired, the district may develop one set of strategies applicable to all schools, provided that all the provisions required by law for both types of schools are included.

District Strategies for Title I Schools

Note: The following section is for use by districts that receive Title I, Part A, funds. 20 USC 6318, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), mandates that such districts develop a policy, jointly with and agreed upon by parents/guardians and family members of participating students, that describes the means by which the district will address the components specified in items #1-6 below. Under each required component below are optional strategies for addressing the component, which should be modified to reflect the specific strategies jointly developed by the district and the parents/guardians and family members of participating students. In the state's Federal Program Monitoring process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will check to ensure that the district has identified such strategies.

To ensure that parents/guardians and family members of students participating in Title I programs are provided with opportunities to be involved in their children's education, the district shall:

Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 6318, districts must involve parents/guardians and family members in the development of the Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan described in 20 USC 6312; also see BP 6171 - Title I Programs. In California, all the requirements of the LEA plan are addressed in an addendum to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). See BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan for further information about the development of the LCAP, including requirements for consultation with parents/guardians and other stakeholders and for the establishment of a parent advisory committee and English learner parent advisory committee.

1. Involve parents/guardians and family members in the joint development of a district plan that meets the requirements of 20 USC 6312 and in the development of school support and improvement plans pursuant to 20 USC 6311 (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. In accordance with Education Code 52063, establish a district-level parent advisory committee and, as applicable, an English learner parent advisory committee to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) in accordance with the review schedule established by the Governing Board

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- b. Invite input on the plan from other district committees and school site councils

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

- c. Communicate with parents/guardians through the district newsletter, web site, or other methods regarding the plan and the opportunity to provide input
 - d. Provide copies of working drafts of the plan to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
 - e. Ensure that there is an opportunity at a public Board meeting for public comment on the plan prior to the Board's approval of the plan or revisions to the plan
 - f. Ensure that school-level policies on parent/guardian and family engagement address the role of school site councils and other parents/guardians as appropriate in the development and review of school plans
2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent/guardian and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents/guardians and family members in education (20 USC 6318)

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

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Assign district personnel to serve as a liaison to the schools regarding Title I parent/guardian and family engagement issues
- b. Identify funding and other resources, including community resources and services, that may be used to strengthen district and school parent/guardian and family engagement programs
- c. Provide training for the principal or designee of each participating school regarding Title I requirements for parent/guardian and family engagement, leadership strategies, and communication skills to assist him/her in facilitating the planning and implementation of related activities

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- d. With the assistance of parents/guardians, provide information and training to teachers and other staff regarding effective parent/guardian involvement practices and legal requirements**
- e. Provide information to schools about the indicators and assessment tools that will be used to monitor progress**

Note: 20 USC 6318 mandates that the district's policy or regulation include items #2a-f below. The district may expand these items to describe methods the district will use to carry out each activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall: (20 USC 6318)

- a. Assist parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the challenging state academic content standards and academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children**

~~(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)~~

- b. Provide parents/guardians with materials and training, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement**
- e. With the assistance of parents/guardians, educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools**

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

- d. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent/guardian involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents/guardians in fully participating in their children's education**

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- e. Ensure that information related to school and parent/guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- f. Provide other such reasonable support for parent/guardian involvement activities as parents/guardians may request

Note: Although not mandated to be included in the district's policy or regulation, item #2g reflects a legal requirement in 20 USC 6318(g) to inform parents/guardians about the existence of parent information and resource centers in the state that work with Title I schools, districts, and parents/guardians. See the management resources in the accompanying Board policy for resources that can help districts locate the centers closest to them.

- g. Inform parents/guardians and parent organizations of the existence and purpose of parent information and resource centers in the state that provide training, information, and support to parents/guardians of participating students

Note: Items #2a-t below are **optional** and should be revised to reflect district practice. Items #2a-h are authorized, but not required, by 20 USC 6318.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Involve parents/guardians in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training
- b. Provide necessary literacy training, using Title I funds if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training
- c. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent/guardian involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions
- d. Train parents/guardians to enhance the involvement of other parents/guardians
- e. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or, when parents/guardians are unable to attend such conferences, conduct in-home conferences between parents/guardians and teachers or other educators who work directly with participating students, in order to maximize parent/guardian involvement and participation

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- f. Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent/guardian involvement
- g. Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent/guardian involvement in Title I programs
- h. Develop appropriate roles for community based organizations and businesses in parent/guardian involvement activities
- i. Make referrals to community agencies and organizations that offer literacy training, parent/guardian education programs, and/or other services that help to improve the conditions of parents/guardians and families

(cf. 1-100—Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

- j. Provide a master calendar of district activities and district meetings
- k. Provide information about opportunities for parent/guardian and family engagement through the district newsletter, web site, or other written or electronic means
- l. Engage parent teacher organizations to actively seek out and involve parents/guardians through regular communication updates and information sessions

(cf. 1230—School-Connected Organizations)

- m. To the extent practicable, provide translation services at school sites and at meetings involving parents/guardians and family members as needed
- n. Provide training and information to members of district and school site councils and advisory committees to help them fulfill their functions
- o. Provide ongoing district level workshops to assist school site staff, parents/guardians, and family members in planning and implementing improvement strategies, and seek their input in developing the workshops
- p. Provide training for the principal or designee of each participating school regarding Title I requirements for parent/guardian and family engagement, leadership strategies, and communication skills to assist him/her in facilitating the planning and implementation of related activities

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q. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of staff development activities related to parent/guardian and family engagement

r. Include expectations for parent/guardian outreach and involvement in staff job descriptions and evaluations

~~(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)~~
~~(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)~~
~~(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)~~

s. Assign district personnel to serve as a liaison to the schools regarding Title I parent/guardian and family engagement issues

t. Provide information to schools about the indicators and assessment tools that will be used to monitor progress

3. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate Title I parent/guardian and family engagement strategies with parent/guardian and family engagement strategies of other relevant federal, state, and local programs and ensure consistency with federal, state, and local laws (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee may:

a. Identify overlapping or similar program requirements

~~(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)~~
~~(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)~~
~~(cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)~~
~~(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)~~
~~(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)~~
~~(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)~~
~~(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)~~
~~(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)~~
~~(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)~~

b. Involve district and school site representatives from other programs to assist in identifying specific population needs

c. Schedule joint meetings with representatives from related programs and share data and information across programs

d. Develop a cohesive, coordinated plan focused on student needs and shared goals

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4. Conduct, with meaningful involvement of parents/guardians and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent/guardian and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served by Title I, including identification of: (20 USC 6318)
 - a. Barriers to **greater** participation in parent/guardian and family engagement activities, with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
 - b. The needs of parents/guardians and family members, so they can better assist with their children's learning and engage with school personnel and teachers
 - c. Strategies to support successful school and family interactions

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Note: Although it is not mandated to be included in the district's policy or regulation, the following paragraph reflects a legal requirement of Education Code 11503 pertaining to evaluation of the district's parent/guardian involvement efforts.

~~The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this review and assessment through regular school communications mechanisms and shall provide a copy of the assessment to parents/guardians upon their request. (Education Code 11503)~~

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Use a variety of methods, such as focus groups, surveys, and workshops, to evaluate the satisfaction of parents/guardians and staff with the quality and frequency of district communications
- b. Gather and monitor data regarding the number of parents/guardians and family members participating in district activities and the types of activities in which they are engaged
- c. Recommend to the Board measures to evaluate the impact of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts on student achievement

Note: Although it is not mandated to be included in the district's policy or regulation, the following paragraph reflects a legal requirement of Education Code 11503 pertaining to evaluation of the district's parent/guardian involvement efforts.

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The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this review and assessment through regular school communications mechanisms and shall provide a copy of the assessment to parents/guardians upon their request. (Education Code 11503)

5. Use the findings of the evaluation conducted pursuant to item #4 above to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent/guardian and family involvement and, if necessary, to revise the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Analyze data from the evaluation to identify parent/guardian and family engagement activities that have been successful and those activities that have had lower participation or less meaningful involvement by parents/guardians
 - b. Analyze parent/guardian and family participation to determine the level of participation by traditionally underrepresented groups
 - c. With the involvement of parents/guardians, recommend and draft proposed policy revisions to submit to the Board for consideration
6. Involve parents/guardians in the activities of schools served by Title I, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents/guardians or family members served by the district to adequately represent the needs of the population served by the district for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include information about school activities in district communications to parents/guardians and family members
- b. To the extent practicable, assist schools with translation services or other accommodations needed to encourage participation of parents/guardians and family members
- c. Establish processes to encourage parent/guardian input regarding their expectations and concerns for their children

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Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 6318, the district's parent/guardian and family engagement policy must be incorporated into the district's Title I LEA plan. In California, all the requirements of the LEA plan are addressed in an addendum to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). See BP 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan.

The district's Board policy and administrative regulation containing parent/guardian and family engagement strategies shall be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan in accordance with 20 USC 6312 and shall be distributed to parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 5145.6 – Parental Notifications)

In addition, the district shall promote the effective involvement of parents/guardians and support a partnership among the school, parents/guardians, and the community to improve student achievement by implementing the actions specified in item #7 of the section "School-Level Policies for Title I Schools" below. (20 USC 6318)

School-Level Policies for Title I Schools

Note: The following section is for use by districts that receive federal Title I, Part A funds. 20 USC 6318, as amended by P.L. 114-95, mandates **requires** that each individual school receiving Title I funds have a written parent/guardian and family engagement policy, developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents/guardians and family members of participating students, that describes the means for carrying out the requirements of 20 USC 6318(c) through (f), reflected in items #1-8 below. The following section lists the required components but does not include specific strategies **which since those** should be added by each school. Schools may also use a template available on the web site of the California Department of Education, Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy, to develop the school-level policy.

At each school receiving Title I funds, a written policy on parent/guardian and family engagement shall be developed jointly with the parents/guardians and family members of participating students. **Such The school** policy shall describe the means by which the school will: (20 USC 6318)

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend, in order to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents/guardians to be involved
2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, for which related transportation, child care, and/or home visits may be provided as such services relate to parent/guardian involvement

Note: As provided in item #3 below, 20 USC 6318 requires parent/guardian involvement in the development of the comprehensive plan required by 20 USC 6314 for schoolwide programs. Under state law (Education Code 64001), this plan must be incorporated into the school plan for student achievement

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covering all categorical programs in the state's consolidated application; see AR 6171 - Title I Programs and BP/AR 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils for further information about the development of this plan.

3. Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy and, if applicable, the joint development of the plan for schoolwide programs pursuant to 20 USC 6314

The school may use an existing process for involving parents/guardians in the joint planning and design of the school's programs provided that the process includes adequate representation of parents/guardians of participating students.

4. Provide the parents/guardians of participating students all of the following:
 - a. Timely information about Title I programs
 - b. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the **challenging** state academic standards

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

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

- c. If requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education, **and, as soon as practicably possible, to receive responses to the suggestions of parents/guardians. The district shall respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.**
5. If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating students, submit any parent/guardian comments when the school makes the plan available to the district

Note: 20 USC 6318 requires Title I schools to develop a school-parent compact as provided in item #6 below. U.S. Department of Education non-regulatory guidance, Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, provides a sample template that schools may use in the development of the school-parent compact.

6. Jointly develop with the parents/guardians of participating students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents/guardians will build a partnership to help students achieve state standards

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This compact shall address:

- a. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating students to achieve the state's challenging academic achievement standards
- b. Ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, volunteering in the classroom, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and the positive use of extracurricular time

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

- c. The importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum:
 - (1) Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the student's achievement
 - (2) Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress
 - (3) Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom, and observation of classroom activities
 - (4) Regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand

7. **Build the capacity of the school and parents/guardians for strong parent involvement by implementing the required activities described in item #2 in the section "District Strategies for Title I Schools" above. Promote the effective involvement of parents/guardians and support a partnership among the school, parents/guardians, and the community to improve student achievement through the following actions:**

- a. Assist parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the challenging state academic content standards and academic achievement standards, state and

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local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

- b. Provide parents/guardians with materials and training, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement
- c. With the assistance of parents/guardians, educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

- d. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent/guardian involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents/guardians in fully participating in their children's education
- e. Ensure that information related to school and parent/guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- f. Provide other such reasonable support for parent/guardian involvement activities as parents/guardians may request

Note: Items #7a-q below are **optional** and should be revised to reflect district practice. Items #7a-h are authorized, but not required, by 20 USC 6318.

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In addition, the ~~Superintendent or designee~~ school plan may include strategies to:

- a. Involve parents/guardians in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training
- b. Provide necessary literacy training, using Title I funds if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training
- c. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent/guardian involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions
- d. Train parents/guardians to enhance the involvement of other parents/guardians
- e. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or, when parents/guardians are unable to attend such conferences, conduct in-home conferences between parents/guardians and teachers or other educators who work directly with participating students, in order to maximize parent/guardian involvement and participation
- f. Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent/guardian involvement
- g. Establish a ~~districtwide~~ parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent/guardian involvement in Title I programs
- h. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent/guardian involvement activities
- i. Make referrals to community agencies and organizations that offer literacy training, parent/guardian education programs, and/or other services that help to improve the conditions of parents/guardians and families

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

- j. Provide a master calendar of district/school activities and ~~district~~ meetings
- k. Provide information about opportunities for parent/guardian and family engagement through the district newsletter, web site, or other written or electronic means

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- l. Engage parent-teacher organizations to actively seek out and involve parents/guardians through regular communication updates and information sessions

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

- m. To the extent practicable, provide translation services at school sites and at meetings involving parents/guardians and family members as needed
- n. Provide training and information to members of district and school site councils and advisory committees to help them fulfill their functions
- o. Provide ongoing district-level workshops to assist school site staff, parents/guardians, and family members in planning and implementing improvement strategies, and seek their input in developing the workshops
- p. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of staff development activities related to parent/guardian and family engagement
- q. Include expectations for parent/guardian outreach and involvement in staff job descriptions and evaluations

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

- 8. To the extent practicable, provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents/guardians and family members (including parents/guardians and family members with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians and family members with disabilities, and parents/guardians and family members of migrant children), including providing information and school reports required under 20 USC 6311(h) in a format and language such parents/guardians can understand

If the school has a parent involvement policy that applies to all parents/guardians, it may amend that policy to meet the above requirements. (20 USC 6318)

Each school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy shall be made available to the local community. Parents/guardians shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6318)

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. Education Code 64001 requires that the school plan for student achievement covering the categorical programs in the state's consolidated application, including Title I schoolwide programs, be annually reviewed by the school site council and submitted to the Board for approval; see BP/AR 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils.

Each school receiving Title I funds shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of its parent/guardian and family engagement policy. Such evaluation may be conducted during the process of reviewing the **school's single school** plan for student achievement in accordance with Education Code 64001.

The school's policy shall be periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents/guardians and the school. (20 USC 6318)

District Strategies for Non-Title I Schools

Note: The following section is for use by districts that do not receive any Title I funds or that have one or more individual schools that do not receive Title I funds. Education Code 11504 **mandates** the Board to adopt a policy on parent/guardian involvement, applicable to each school that does not receive Title I funds, that is consistent with the purposes and goals in Education Code 11502 as reflected in items #1-5 below. Subitems under items #1-5 are **optional** strategies for carrying out the legal requirement and should be revised to reflect district practice. **The district may develop one administrative regulation applicable to both Title I and non-Title I schools, provided it meets the requirements below and in the sections above.**

For each school that does not receive federal Title I funds, the Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum:

1. Engage parents/guardians **and family members** positively in their children's education by **providing assistance and training on topics such as state academic standards and assessments to helping them develop increase their knowledge and skills to use at home that to support their children's academic efforts at school and their children's development as responsible members of society** (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide or make referrals to literacy training and/or parent education programs designed to improve the skills of parents/guardians and enhance their ability to support their children's education
- b. Provide information, in parent handbooks and through other appropriate means, regarding academic expectations and resources to assist with the subject matter

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- c. Provide parents/guardians with information about students' class assignments and homework assignments
2. Inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning, by providing them with techniques and strategies that they may use to improve their children's academic success and to assist their children in learning at home (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide parents/guardians with information regarding ways to create an effective study environment for their children at home and to encourage good study habits
- b. Encourage parents/guardians to monitor their children's school attendance, homework completion, and television viewing
- c. Encourage parents/guardians to volunteer in their child's classroom and to participate in school advisory committees
3. Build consistent and effective **two-way** communication between the home and school so that parents/guardians **and family members** may know when and how to assist their children in support of classroom learning activities (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Ensure that teachers provide frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress and hold parent-teacher conferences at least once per year with parents/guardians of elementary school students
- b. Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to observe classroom activities and to volunteer in their child's classroom
- c. Provide information about parent/guardian and family engagement opportunities through district, school, and/or class newsletters, the district's web site, and other written or electronic communications
- d. To the extent practicable, provide notices and information to parents/guardians in a format and language they can understand
- e. Develop mechanisms to encourage parent/guardian input on district and school issues

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- f. Identify barriers to parent/guardian and family participation in school activities, including parents/guardians and family members who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
 - g. Encourage greater parent/guardian participation by adjusting meeting schedules to accommodate parent/guardian needs and, to the extent practicable, by providing translation or interpreter services, transportation, and/or child care
4. Train teachers, and administrators, **specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff** to communicate effectively with parents/guardians **as equal partners** (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide staff development to assist staff in strengthening two-way communications with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians who have limited English proficiency or limited literacy
 - b. Invite input from parents/guardians regarding the content of staff development activities pertaining to home-school communications
5. Integrate **and coordinate** parent/guardian and family engagement **programs into school plans for academic accountability activities within the LCAP with other activities**

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include parent/guardian and family engagement strategies in school reform or school improvement initiatives
- b. Involve parents/guardians and family members in school planning processes

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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of having students observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural or historical significance, and acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals in society. On days designated by the Board, staff shall provide students with appropriate commemorative exercises so that they may acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, responsible citizenship in a democratic society.

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)
(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

Note: Education Code 37220 lists holidays on which district schools must be closed. See the accompanying administrative regulation. Pursuant to Education Code 37220, the Governing Board may designate any other day as a holiday.

District schools shall be closed on the holidays specified in Education Code 37220 and on any other day designated as a holiday by the Board. The Board may, by adoption of a resolution, revise the date upon which schools close in observance of any holiday except Veterans Day, which shall be celebrated on its actual date. (Education Code 37220)

In addition, the Board may, through the adoption of a resolution, authorize the display of symbolic flags or banners in support of specific awareness months.

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

~~37220-37222.1820~~ *Holidays and commemorative events*

44015.1 *Week of the School Administrator*

45203 *Paid holidays, **classified employees***

45460 *Classified **School Employee Week***

~~52720-52730~~ *Daily performance of patriotic exercises in public schools **Patriotic exercises and instruction***

~~52730~~ ***Patriotic exercises, daily instruction***

GOVERNMENT CODE

430-439 *Display of flags*

3540-3549.3 *Meeting and negotiating*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 4

6 *Time and occasion for display of flag*

7 *Position and manner of display of flag*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36

106 *Note* *Constitution Day and Citizenship Day*

~~106 Note~~ ***Educational program on the U.S. Constitution***

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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

Holidays

Note: The following list may be expanded to reflect district practice. Education Code 37220 **specifies holidays on which public schools must be closed, and** allows the Governing Board to designate any other day as a holiday. **See the accompanying Board policy.** In addition, Education Code 37220 provides that the Board, by adoption of a resolution, may revise the date upon which district schools close in observance of any of these holidays except Veterans Day, which must be celebrated on its actual date.

Education Code 37220.5 and 37220.7 authorize the closing of school on March 31 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day and/or on the fourth Friday in September for Native American Day, provided that the Board agrees to do so in a memorandum of understanding reached with employee bargaining units pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. **If the district has such an agreement, the holiday(s) should be added to the following list.**

Education Code 37220 **also** provides that a district may, if it so chooses, allow community groups to use school facilities on those dates when the school is closed for a holiday. See BP/AR 1330 - Use of School Facilities.

District schools shall be closed on the following holidays: (Education Code 37220)

New Year's Day	January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Third Monday in January or the Monday or Friday of the week in which January 15 occurs
Lincoln Day	The Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12 occurs
Washington Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	The Thursday in November designated by the President
Christmas Day	December 25

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CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES (continued)*(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)*

In addition, schools shall be closed on any day designated by the Governor or President for a holiday, any special or limited holiday on which the Governor provides that the schools shall close, and any other day designated as a holiday by the Governing Board and/or negotiated with employee organizations. (Education Code 37220)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. Education Code 37220.5 and 37220.7 authorize the closing of school on March 31 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day and/or on the fourth Friday in September for Native American Day, provided that the Board agrees to do so in a memorandum of understanding reached with employee bargaining units pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. The following paragraph should be modified to reflect any agreements reached by the Board and the bargaining units and should be deleted entirely if no such agreements have been reached.

In addition, the district has reached agreement with the district employee organizations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3 to close schools in observance of the following holidays:

Cesar Chavez Day ————— March 31

Native American Day ————— Fourth Friday in September

Holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. Holidays which fall on a Saturday shall be observed the preceding Friday. If any of the above holidays occurs under federal law on a date different from that indicated above, the Governing Board may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above. (Education Code 37220)

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)***Commemorative Exercises**

Note: As listed in the section below, Education Code 37220, 37221, and 45460 require the observance of various special days with suitable commemorative exercises. In addition, both federal and state law (36 USC 106, Note and Education Code 37221) require districts to hold commemorative exercises for U.S. Constitution Day and Citizenship Day each year on or near September 17; see BP 6142.3 - Civic Education. **The following section lists special days that schools are required by state and/or federal law to observe with suitable commemorative exercises.**

In addition to commemorative exercises that are required by law, Education Code 37222-37222.4820 and 51009, as well as various legislative resolutions, have designated other days of special significance on which schools are encouraged, but not required, to conduct appropriate commemorative exercises, including, but not limited to: (1) School Board Recognition Month in January; (2) Ed Roberts Day on January 23; (3) Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution on January 30; (4) Ronald Reagan Day on February 6; (5) Lunar New Year on the date corresponding with the second new moon

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following the winter solstice, or the third new moon following the winter solstice if an intercalary month intervenes; ~~(5)~~ (6) Week of the School Administrator on the first full week of March; ~~(6)~~ (7) California Agriculture Day on the first day of spring each year; ~~(7)~~ (8) Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day on March 30; (9) **Cesar Chavez on March 31**; ~~(8)~~ (10) California Poppy Day on April 6; (11) **Dolores Huerta Day on April 10**; ~~(9)~~ (12) John Muir Day on April 21; ~~(10)~~ (13) Labor History Month in May; ~~(11)~~ (14) the Day of the Teacher on the second Wednesday in May; ~~(12)~~ (15) Harvey Milk Day on May 22; (16) **Native American Day on the fourth Friday in September**; ~~(13)~~ (17) Larry Itliong Day on October 25; and ~~(14)~~ (18) Bill of Rights Day on December 15. Pursuant to Education Code 37220.5 and 37220.7, districts also may, but are not required to, conduct commemorative exercises for Cesar Chavez Day and Native American Day in addition to or instead of closing school on those days; see section above on "Holidays." The California Department of Education's web site includes a calendar of events listing other days for which special recognition is encouraged. The list below may be modified to include any optional days of special significance so designated by the Board.

District schools shall hold exercises in accordance with law to commemorate the following special days: (Education Code 37220, 37221, 45460)

U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day	On or near September 17
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	The Friday before the day schools are closed for this holiday
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	The school day before the day schools are closed for this holiday
Susan B. Anthony Day	February 15
George Washington's Birthday	The Friday preceding the third Monday in February
Black American Day	March 5
Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day	March 7
Classified Employee Week	Third week in May

Commemorative exercises shall be integrated into the regular educational program to the extent feasible.

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

Patriotic Exercises

Note: Education Code 52720 requires all schools to conduct patriotic exercises daily. Pursuant to Education Code 52720 and 52730, this requirement may be satisfied by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and/or through the instruction described below.

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Each school shall conduct patriotic exercises daily. These patriotic exercises shall consist of the reciting of which may include the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and/or may also include instruction that promotes understanding of the concepts of "pledge," "allegiance," "republic," and "indivisible" and understanding of the importance of the pledge as an expression of patriotism, love of country, and pride in the United States. (Education Code 52720, 52730)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts maintaining elementary schools.

At elementary schools, such exercises shall be conducted at the beginning of each school day. (Education Code 52720)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts maintaining secondary schools. For secondary schools, Education Code 52720 requires that the patriotic exercises be conducted in accordance with mandated regulations adopted by the Board. mandates that the Board adopt regulations pertaining to the conduct of patriotic exercises in secondary schools. Districts maintaining secondary schools should modify tThe following paragraph should be revised to reflect district practice.

At secondary schools, such exercises shall be conducted during the homeroom period.

Note: In Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a school policy permitting teacher-led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance pursuant to Education Code 52720 where students were permitted by policy to decline participation for personal reasons. Federal courts have In West Virginia State Board of Education et al. v. Barnette et al., the court held that individuals may not be compelled to salute the flag or to stand during the salute. (West Virginia State Board of Education et al v. Barnette et al.)

Individuals A student may choose not to participate in the flag salute or Pledge of Allegiance for personal reasons.

Display of Flag

The flag of the United States and the flag of California shall be displayed during business hours at the entrance or on the grounds of every district school and on or near the district office. At all times, the national flag shall be placed in the position of first honor. (Government Code 431, 436; 4 USC 6)

When displayed on a building or on a flagstaff in the open, the national flag shall be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed during inclement weather unless an all-weather flag is used. (4 USC 6)

The national flag shall fly at half-staff on the following occasions: (4 USC 7)

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1. For 30 days from the death of the President or a former President
2. For 10 days from the death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3. From the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a secretary of an executive or military department, former Vice President, or the Governor of a state
4. On the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress
5. On Memorial Day, until noon only
6. On Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15), unless it falls on Armed Forces Day
7. Upon a proclamation from the Governor in the event of the death of a present or former official of the state government or a member of the Armed Forces from the state who has died while serving on active duty
8. On other occasions by order of the President and in accordance with presidential instructions or orders

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TITLE VI INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Note: The following administrative regulation is for use by districts that receive federal Title VI Indian education funding (20 USC 7401-7492), which supports local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, and consortia in meeting the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian students and ensuring that all students meet challenging state academic standards. Pursuant to 20 USC 7424, districts receiving such funding are mandated to adopt policy and procedures to ensure that the program will be operated and evaluated in consultation with, and with the involvement of, parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and community representatives, as provided below.

The terms "American Indian," "Native American," and "Indian" are used in various state and federal laws but do not always refer to the same groupings of people or are not defined. For purposes of Title VI, 20 USC 7491 defines "Indians" to include Alaska natives. The following regulation may be revised to reflect terminology preferred by the district and local tribes.

With the assistance of federal Title VI funding for the education of children from federally recognized tribes, the district shall offer programs and activities to meet the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian students, as defined in 20 USC 7491. Program objectives and outcomes shall be based on state academic standards. (20 USC 7424)

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

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Note: The following paragraphs address the involvement of parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and community representatives in program implementation and evaluation, as mandated by 20 USC 7424, and may be expanded to reflect district practice.

In developing, implementing, and evaluating Title VI programs and activities, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with and involve parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and other community representatives. (20 USC 7424)

The district shall establish a committee that is composed of, and selected by, parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students, representatives of tribes on tribal lands located within 50 miles of any district school that serves any children of the tribes, teachers, and, if appropriate, American Indian students enrolled in secondary schools in the district. The majority of the committee shall be parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students. The committee shall participate in program development and provide written approval for the program. (20 USC 7424)

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TITLE VI INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS (continued)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 7425, federal funding for American Indian education programs may be used for any of the services and activities listed in items #1-13 below. The following list may be revised to reflect district practice.

The district's Title VI program for American Indian education may include any of the following services and activities: (20 USC 7425)

1. Activities that support Native American language programs and Native American language restoration programs, which may be taught by traditional leaders
2. Culturally related activities that support the district's program
3. Early childhood and family programs that emphasize school readiness
4. Enrichment programs that focus on problem solving and cognitive skills development and directly support the attainment of state academic standards
5. Integrated educational services in combination with other programs that meet the needs of American Indian students and their families, including programs that promote parent/guardian involvement in school activities and increase student achievement
6. Career preparation activities that enable American Indian students to participate in career technical education programs, including programs for mentoring and apprenticeship
7. Activities to educate individuals so as to prevent violence, suicide, and substance abuse
8. The acquisition of equipment that is essential to achieve program goals
9. Activities that promote the incorporation of culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies into the district's educational program
10. Family literacy services
11. Activities that recognize and support the unique cultural and educational needs of American Indian students, and incorporate appropriately qualified tribal elders and seniors

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12. Dropout prevention strategies for American Indian students

13. Strategies to meet the educational needs of American Indian students in correctional facilities, including such strategies that support American Indian students who are transitioning from such facilities to schools served by the district

Any federal funds received to support American Indian education programs shall be used to supplement, not supplant, state or local funds allocated for such purposes. (20 USC 7424)

*(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)
(cf. 3231 - Impact Aid)*

Program funds may be used to support a Title I schoolwide program pursuant to 20 USC 6314 if approved by the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, provided that the schoolwide program is consistent with the purpose of American Indian education programs and the district's application identifies how the use of such funds in a schoolwide program will produce benefits to American Indian students that would not be achieved if not used in a schoolwide program. (20 USC 7424)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

As needed, professional development shall be provided to teachers and other school staff to assist them in working with American Indian students and carrying out Title VI programs. (20 USC 7424)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of the information establishing the status of each student as an American Indian student eligible for assistance through the federal American Indian education program. (20 USC 7427)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically assess the progress of American Indian students, including American Indian students who do not participate in programs funded through Title VI, in meeting program goals and objectives. Assessment results shall be provided to the Board, the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, tribes whose children are served by the district, and the community. (20 USC 7424)

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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33380-33384 *California Indian Education Centers*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6314 *Title I schoolwide programs*

7401-7492 *Indian education*

7701-7714 *Impact Aid*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

200.0-200.521 *Federal uniform grant guidance*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

222.90-222.129 *Impact Aid, special provisions for local educational agencies that claim children residing on Indian lands*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ose/impactaid>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ose/oie>

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CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Admission

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Students

Note: The following optional administrative regulation is for use by districts offering grades K-1.

Age of Admittance to Kindergarten and First Grade

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll any eligible child who will have his/her fifth or sixth birthday on or before September 1 of that year into kindergarten or first grade, as applicable. (Education Code 48000, 48010)

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday from September 2 through December 2 of the school year shall be offered a transitional kindergarten (TK) program in accordance with law and Board policy. (Education Code 48000)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Education Code 48000 authorizes the district, at its discretion, to allow enrollment into kindergarten during the school year on a case-by-case basis, under the conditions described below. According to the "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs" issued by the California Department of Education (CDE), enrollment into TK during the school year is also permitted on a case-by-case basis and under the same conditions. CDE information on "Kindergarten in California," available on its web site, cautions that any district utilizing this option must ensure that the child has turned age five or else may jeopardize its apportionments as auditors may impose fiscal sanctions. The CDE also cautions that the district may risk being challenged by parents/guardians if it bases early admission on test results, maturity of the child, or preschool records. The district might consider establishing a process for parents/guardians to challenge denial of early entry.

On a case-by-case basis, a child who will turn five years old in a given school year may be enrolled in kindergarten or TK at any time during that school year with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, provided that: (Education Code 48000)

1. The Governing Board determines that admittance is in the best interest of the child.
2. The parent/guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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

yes- The Superintendent or designee shall make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether a child should be granted early entry to kindergarten. In doing so, the Superintendent or designee shall consider various factors including the availability of classroom space and any negotiated maximum class size.

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Documentation of Age/Grade

Prior to the admission of a child to kindergarten or first grade, the parent/guardian shall present proof of the child's age. (Education Code 48002)

Note: Education Code 48002 specifies that the method of proof of age may include any appropriate means prescribed by the Governing Board. The following items reflect examples in Education Code 48002 and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Note: Although Education Code 48002 includes a passport as a possible means for determining a child's age, the California Attorney General's model policy developed pursuant to Education Code 234.7, as added by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017), states that districts should not require documentation that may indicate a student's national origin or immigration status, such as a passport, to the exclusion of other permissible documentation. See 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.

Evidence of the child's age may include: (Education Code 48002)

1. A certified copy of a birth certificate or a statement by the local registrar or county recorder certifying the date of birth
2. A duly attested baptism certificate
3. A passport
4. When none of the above documents is obtainable, an affidavit of the parent/guardian
5. Other means prescribed by the Board

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CSBA Sample Board Policy

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

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COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN

Note: The following policy is intended for use during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and supersedes conflicting provisions in other district policies and administrative regulations, thereby eliminating the need to temporarily revise multiple policies. When the Governing Board determines, consistent with state and local orders from health officials, that the need for this policy no longer exists, the following policy should be removed from the district's policy manual.

Due to the unexpected nature of the pandemic, the evolving circumstances, and rapidly changing information about the virus, the topics covered in this policy may not be directly addressed in current law. Therefore, the policy presents options and best practices for districts as they reopen school campuses following extended closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Districts are encouraged to consult with local health officials, staff, students, parents/guardians, neighboring school districts, and the county office of education in comprehensive planning for safe operations following campus reopening.

This policy involves a number of working conditions that are often addressed in collective bargaining agreements and, as such, may be subject to negotiations with employee organizations.

Resources that provide additional information, such as applicable state and local guidelines from health officials, school schedules, handwashing instructions, and specific personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements, may be attached as exhibits to augment this policy and should be periodically reviewed and updated as necessary.

The following policy establishes actions that will be taken by the district to provide a safe learning and working environment during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and shall supersede any conflicting language in existing district policies or administrative regulations until the Governing Board determines that the need for this policy no longer exists. The Board acknowledges that, due to the evolving nature of the pandemic, federal, state, and local orders impacting district operations are subject to change without notice. In the event that any federal, state, or local order may conflict with this policy, the order shall govern.

(cf. 2210 - Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)

The Board may also adopt resolutions or take other actions as needed to respond to such orders or provide further direction during the pandemic.

Note: Stay-at-home orders, restrictions on social gatherings, and PPE requirements and their impact on the opening and closing of school campuses will vary based on local conditions. CSBA strongly recommends that districts consult state and local health officials for guidance on decisions regarding the opening and closing of school campuses.

The Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe campus that protects their physical and psychological health and well-being. School campuses shall only be open

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when deemed safe for in-person instruction. The Board's decision to reopen school campuses for classes, before or after school programs, child care centers, and/or preschool programs shall be made in consultation with state and local health officials, the county office of education, and neighboring school districts. The district shall evaluate its capacity to implement safety precautions and to conduct full or partial school operations, and shall consider student, parent/guardian, and community input.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Prior to the return to on-campus teaching and learning, the Superintendent or designee shall provide to students, parents/guardians, and staff current information about COVID-19, including its symptoms, how it is transmitted, how to prevent transmission, the current recommendations from the state and local departments of public health, and any other information and/or resources to prepare for a safe return to on-campus teaching and learning. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide information on the processes and protocols the district will follow to minimize the health risks associated with COVID-19, including, but not limited to, physically separating individuals (social distancing), limits on large gatherings, the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks and gloves, and the sanitization of facilities.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Student Support

The Board recognizes that the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, including fear for one's safety, the economic crisis, the loss of school-based relationships, and disruptions in student learning, impact all students but may have a disproportionate effect on the youngest students, students with disabilities, those students most vulnerable to basic needs insecurity or child abuse and neglect, and other at-risk students.

(cf. 0415- Equity)

As school campuses reopen, staff shall provide a caring and nurturing educational environment for students. The district may provide instruction on social-emotional well-being to all students, including information on how to deal with stress and anxiety in healthy ways and the importance of emotional well-being for academic success.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

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Staff shall pay careful attention to students' increased mental health concerns. Counseling, other support services, and/or referrals to other agencies shall be available to assist students in dealing with the social and emotional effects of COVID-19, such as stress, anxiety, depression, grief, social isolation, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

(cf. 5141.5 - Mental Health)
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

As needed, the district may provide referrals of students and families to basic needs assistance or social services, and may assess students for eligibility for the free and reduced-price meal program or assistance under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff understand their obligations as mandated reporters to report suspected child abuse or neglect, regardless of whether the student is on campus or participating in distance learning.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

The Superintendent or designee may provide information to staff and parents/guardians regarding how to provide mental health support to students. The Superintendent or designee may also provide counseling to staff who are experiencing emotional difficulties as a result of COVID-19.

Instruction/Schedules

Note: Until COVID-19 is no longer a concern, schools may offer instruction through one of three prevailing approaches: (1) return to full on-campus instruction with social distancing/PPE requirements and modified schedules, (2) continue exclusively with distance learning, or (3) use a hybrid approach that incorporates both on-campus instruction and distance learning. To accomplish any approach that uses on-campus instruction while maintaining social distancing may require the implementation of staggered schedules, such as having half the students on campus one week followed by the other half the following week, having grades 1-3 on campus on Monday and Wednesday and grades 4-6 on Tuesday and Thursday, or teaching elementary students on campus while secondary students use distance learning.

The following section reflects a hybrid approach, which may be the most practical for the majority of districts, and should be revised to reflect district practice.

The district shall offer a combination of on-campus instruction and distance learning to meet the needs of all students.

(cf. 6157 - Distance Learning)
(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

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The Superintendent or designee shall work with school principals, teachers, other staff, students, and parents/guardians to recommend to the Board a schedule of on-campus instruction for each school. If all students cannot attend on-campus instruction for the entire school day due to space limitations as a result of social distancing requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall consider arrangements for rotating groups of students, such as on a daily or weekly basis, and/or shall provide on-campus instruction to students with the greatest need for in-person supervision.

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

Priority for on-campus instruction shall be given to the lowest performing students, students with disabilities, elementary level students, students at risk of child abuse and neglect, homeless students, foster youth, and English learners. To the extent practicable, the district shall also consider the needs of essential workers, as designated in the Governor's executive orders, for child care during normal school hours.

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

On-campus instruction may be prioritized for subjects that are difficult to deliver through distance learning, such as laboratory science, art, or career technical education.

For distance learning, lessons may be delivered through live video sessions, pre-recorded lectures, or other technology-based distance learning platforms and/or the district may supplement on-campus instruction with home assignments. As much as possible, distance learning shall be provided through small-group synchronous learning.

Appropriate training shall be provided to teachers and other instructional staff involved in distance learning including training on how to use any technology or platform approved for distance learning by the school and opportunities for the sharing of best practices among instructional staff. Available training resources may also be provided to students and parents/guardians when necessary.

Evaluation of Academic Progress Following Campus Closure

Note: Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-30-20, administration of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress was waived in spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Districts will need to use other measures to evaluate students' academic progress during that period of campus closure.

Upon return to on-campus instruction following an extended campus closure, the Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the impact of the campus closure on students' academic progress. Such evaluation may:

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1. Address student-specific needs arising from the transition back into on-campus instruction
2. Consider whether or not a student has experienced a regression of skills and/or lack of progress
3. If regression and/or a lack of progress is present, identify opportunities for recovery, including supplemental educational services and/or new or different support services

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

For students with disabilities, the evaluation of academic progress shall also be used to determine whether an additional or revised individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan is needed for the student to be academically successful when returning to on-campus instruction. The Superintendent or designee may prioritize urgent student need in scheduling initial and triennial assessments and annual IEP meetings. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure district compliance with all procedural timelines for IEPs and Section 504 plans as required, unless amended by executive order.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)

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

Grading

Note: The district may select or revise any of the items below to reflect district practice. The California Department of Education's (CDE) FAQs on Grading and Graduation Requirements, available on its web site, includes an appendix on Distance Learning Grading Guidance for Teachers which contains a non-exhaustive list of options for assigning final grades for spring 2020 for courses interrupted by COVID-19 and the resulting school closures. Those options are only applicable to final semester grades and may not necessarily apply to shorter periods of campus closure. Grading policies for the 2020-21 school year may be dependent on the date that campuses reopen and/or whether campuses need to be reclosed for an extended period at any time during the year.

Also see CSBA's Sample School Board Resolution on Grading During Emergency School Closures.

For each grading period, student progress shall be reported in accordance with BP/AR 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement. However, in the event that school campuses are closed for an extended period of time during any grading period, the Board may, upon recommendation by the Superintendent or designee, adopt one or more alternative grading policies which may vary by grade level or type of course. Options for such grading include, but are not limited to:

1. Assignment of final grades based on the student's grades when the campus shutdown

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occurred, with opportunities to increase the final grade based on progress through distance learning or other assignments and assessments

2. Assignment of pass/no pass grades for all courses
3. Grading based on students' understanding of applicable course content through assessments, projects, portfolios, or other appropriate means

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

Health Screening of Students

Note: The following **optional** paragraph reflects recommendations in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Interim Guidance for Schools and Day Camps to conduct temperature checks and/or visual checks of students before they enter the school. CDC recommends that persons who have a fever of 100.4 degrees or above or exhibit other signs of illness not be admitted to the facility.

Temperature checks may also be conducted before students board a school bus. If not practical, districts should implement social distancing on school buses as provided in the section "Social Distancing" below and may require students to wear PPE on the bus as provided in the section "Personal Protective Equipment and Hygiene Practices" below.

To the extent feasible, students shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before boarding a school bus and/or upon arrival at school each day. The Superintendent or designee shall work with local health officials to determine the appropriate means of screening, which may include temperature checks with a no-touch thermometer.

If the screening indicates a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms, or if the student exhibits symptoms at any time during the school day, the student shall be placed in a supervised isolation area until the student's parent/guardian is contacted and the student can be transported home or to a health care facility. School staff may provide the parent/guardian with referrals to school or community health centers for further testing.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.1 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

Student Absence and Attendance

The Board recognizes that COVID-19 will continue to impact the attendance of students following the reopening of school campuses. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians of expectations regarding school attendance. Such notification shall direct any student who contracts the virus or lives with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home in accordance with state and local health directives so as to curtail the spread of the disease.

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Students who are infected with COVID-19 shall be excluded from on-campus instruction until a medical provider states in writing that the student is no longer contagious. (Education Code 49451; Health and Safety Code 120230; 5 CCR 202)

Students who are identified as being in a high-risk population for serious complications from COVID-19 because of a medical condition may request assessment and accommodations under Section 504 and/or an alternative instructional method that allows the student to continue receiving instruction off campus.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48205, student absences due to illness or quarantine are considered excused absences. 5 CCR 306 authorizes the school to require a satisfactory explanation from a student's parent/guardian whenever the student is absent. Pursuant to 5 CCR 421, the Board may adopt policy or a resolution establishing reasonable methods for verifying student absences, and absences due to illness or quarantine may be verified by a school or public health nurse, attendance supervisor, physician, principal, teacher, or other qualified district employee assigned to make such verification. See AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses for verification methods authorized by the district.

When a student is absent, the student's parent/guardian shall notify the school of the reason for the absence. A physician's verification of a student's illness or quarantine may be submitted, but is not required.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

If a student would otherwise be required to attend on-campus instruction but is kept home by the parents/guardians due to concerns for the welfare of their child, the principal or designee shall work with the student and parent/guardian to find alternative means of instruction, which may include distance or blended learning, independent study, printed class assignments, or other reasonable means.

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

Note: Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-26-20, districts are not penalized for failure to offer regular school days when campuses are closed due to COVID-19. Although districts are not required to record daily attendance for apportionment purposes when campuses are closed, CDE's FAQs for 2019 Novel Coronavirus encourage districts to track participation and engagement in distance learning at such times. As campuses reopen, districts should follow state guidance, when issued, pertaining to attendance accounting.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain enrollment and student attendance data, including the participation of students in distance learning, and shall report data in accordance with state requirements.

The district employee designated as the attendance supervisor pursuant to Education Code 48240 shall track patterns of student absence throughout the district and regularly report such information to the Superintendent. When a student who is participating in distance learning

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repeatedly fails to check in with the teacher when required, the teacher and/or attendance supervisor shall attempt to contact the student or parent/guardian to resolve the issues leading to the absence.

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision)

Social Distancing

Note: Public health officials from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), CDC, and World Health Organization recommend social distancing to help stop or slow the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing requires creating physical space between individuals and minimizing the size and number of gatherings as much as possible. It is generally recommended that space between individuals be at least six feet whenever possible.

In order to maintain a campus environment that allows for social distancing, the district shall assess the capacity of school facilities, including classrooms, cafeterias, multi-purpose rooms, gyms, and outdoor areas, and determine the means by which the facilities can best be utilized considering space and time alternatives. To the extent reasonably possible, the district may:

1. Within classrooms, space desks at least six feet apart and position them in a way that limits students facing each other
2. Stagger students in areas of high traffic, such as when students are using lockers, lining up for class, or passing between classes
3. Mark six-foot boundaries within classrooms, common areas, outdoor spaces, and places where students are likely to gather so that students and staff are more readily aware of and can more easily abide by social distancing requirements
4. Utilize restroom stalls and sinks in a manner that allows for social distancing, such as limiting the number of students and/or staff who may use the restroom at a time, blocking off every other stall or sink from use, and/or marking six-foot boundaries
5. Minimize the mixing of students from different classrooms in common spaces, such as in cafeterias and libraries
6. Conduct recess and physical education classes in a manner that allows for social distancing and minimizes the use of physical education equipment

Note: Item #7 is for use by districts that provide transportation for students. CDC's Interim Guidance for Schools and Day Camps presents examples of bus seating arrangements that may be established to meet the

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six-foot social distancing objectives, such as (1) seating one student to a bench on both sides of the bus, skipping every other row, and (2) seating one student to a bench, alternating rows on each side to create a zigzag pattern. Seats that must be left vacant should be marked or blocked.

7. Assess the capacity of school buses and develop a plan for bus routes and bus seating consistent with social distancing objectives

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

8. Encourage students to walk, bicycle, or travel by private vehicle to reduce the number of students traveling on school buses. Schools may provide designated areas with proper distancing for bicycles to be stored during the school day, and may mark spaces for private vehicle drop-off and pick-up zones.

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)

Note: CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gathering, issued March 16, 2020, states that gatherings that bring together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as school sporting events, should be postponed or canceled until further guidance is released by CDPH. The Governor's Resilience Roadmap issued in spring 2020 establishes four stages for gradually reopening businesses and activities, with large gatherings generally withheld until stage 4.

Large gatherings, such as assemblies, rallies, field trips, extracurricular activities, and athletic events, shall be suspended until the Board determines, consistent with guidance from state and local health officials, that it is safe to resume such activities. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception if an activity can be arranged to take place in phases or per class, or modified in a manner that would keep participants from violating social distancing recommendations. When deciding whether an activity may resume, the Superintendent or designee may consider the size of the group that participates, the extent to which the students and other attendees have physical contact, whether the activity can be modified to avoid physical contact, if shared equipment is required for the activity, and if social distancing can be maintained.

(cf. 6153 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

Personal Protective Equipment and Hygiene Practices

Note: CDC's Considerations for Schools reinforces the value of using cloth face coverings to protect oneself and others, but recognizes that wearing face coverings in all-day settings such as school may be challenging for students, particularly younger students. CDC advises that face coverings be worn as feasible, but especially when social distancing is difficult.

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It is also recommended that all staff should use cloth face coverings and that food service workers and other staff who are in routine contact with the public should wear gloves. However, requiring staff to use such equipment may be subject to collective bargaining. Districts are encouraged to review their collective bargaining agreements and applicable memoranda of understanding and consult with legal counsel before requiring staff to use facial coverings.

The Board encourages students, staff, and visitors to wear PPE while on school campuses or school buses, especially in high-traffic areas and/or when social distancing is not possible. If the use of PPE in schools is required by state or local health officials, the district shall provide PPE to students and staff who do not bring their own personal PPE. Students and staff shall be provided instruction in the proper use, removal, disposal, and cleaning of PPE.

Note: The following paragraph reflects a recommendation in CDC's Considerations for Schools and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Face coverings shall not be required for children younger than two years, or for anyone who has trouble breathing or is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the covering without assistance. Reasonable accommodations shall be made for anyone who is unable to wear a face covering for medical reasons.

The Board also encourages students and staff to practice good hygiene, such as appropriate covering of coughs and sneezes and regular hand washing of at least 20 seconds, including before eating and after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing. The district shall provide adequate time and opportunity for students to wash hands, and shall make hand sanitizer available in areas where handwashing is less accessible. Signage regarding healthy hygiene practices and how to stop the spread of COVID-19 may be posted in and around school facilities.

Sanitization of Facilities and Equipment

School facilities, school buses, and shared equipment such as desks, tables, sports/playground equipment, computers, door handles, light switches, and other frequently used equipment and supplies shall be cleaned and disinfected daily with appropriate cleaning agents. Disinfectants and cleaning agents shall be stored properly and in a manner not accessible to students.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that ventilation systems are operating properly and that air flow and ventilation within district facilities is increased, to the extent possible, by opening windows and doors and using fans and air conditioning. Garbage shall be removed daily and disposed of safely.

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COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN (continued)**Food Services**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to clean drinking water other than through a drinking fountain, and food which is procured, stored, and served in a manner that reduces the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission and follows state and national guidelines for nutrition.

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

For meals that are consumed on school grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students will be able to maintain proper social distancing while eating. In order to do so, the Superintendent or designee may consider the consumption of meals in classrooms, gyms, the outdoors, and/or other district grounds.

Meal service shall also be available to students participating in distance learning, which may include and/or entirely consist of a "grab and go" service or delivery.

Due to the changing financial circumstances of many families as a result of COVID-19, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly provide information to students and parents/guardians regarding the free and reduced-price meal program, eligibility, and how to apply for the program.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

Staff

Note: The following section may be subject to negotiations with employee organizations.

Prior to reopening campuses, the Superintendent or designee shall review staff assignments and, upon request, may reassign employees to reduce exposure to the virus, especially for high-risk staff. When feasible for the position, employees may ~~be granted~~ a remote work assignment. *apply for*

(cf. 4113 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

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

(cf. 4113.5/4213.5/4313.5 - Working Remotely)

Note: The Governor's Executive Order N-26-20 requires that districts continue to pay employees even if campuses close temporarily due to COVID-19. Furthermore, according to Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-20-17, during extraordinary circumstances such as a pandemic which interrupts district operations, employees paid with federal grant funds can continue to be paid out of federal grant funds as long as other similarly situated employees paid with nonfederal funds are continuing to get compensated. See BP 4151/4251/4351 - Employee Compensation.

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In the event that employees are unable to perform their duties due to partial or full closure of campuses, the Board shall compensate employees as permitted by law.

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

Any employee who contracts the virus, shows symptoms of possible infection, or is caring for someone who has been diagnosed with the virus shall self-quarantine for the period of time recommended by health authorities in order to prevent the spread of the disease to students or other staff.

Note: Education Code 44978 and 45191 and Labor Code 245-249 establish minimum sick leave entitlements for district employees; see AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave and AR 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave. If an employee continues to be absent for up to five months after exhausting all available sick leave, the employee may be entitled to differential pay in accordance with Education Code 44977, 44983, and 45196. In addition, an employee may use leave granted by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) (29 USC 2601-2654) or California Family Rights Act (Government Code 12945.1-12945.2) for the employee's own serious health condition or to care for a child, spouse, or parent/guardian with a serious health condition; see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

An employee may use personal illness and injury leave and/or family care and medical leave, as applicable, if the employee is unable to work or telework because the employee is ill or needs to take care of a spouse, parent/guardian, or child with COVID-19 or other serious health condition. (Education Code 44978, 45191; Government Code 12945.1-12945.2; Labor Code 245-249; 29 USC 2601-2654)

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

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

(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

Note: The remainder of this section reflects provisions for expanded leave granted by the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127).

29 USC 2601 provides up to 80 hours of paid sick leave for eligible employees for the reasons specified in items #1-6 below. Eligible employees are entitled to their regular rate of pay for leave taken pursuant to items #1-3 (up to \$511 per day and \$5,110 in total) or two-thirds their regular rate of pay for leave taken pursuant to items #4-6 (up to \$200 per day or \$2,000 in total). The district must not require an employee to use other paid leave before the employee uses the paid sick leave granted under this Act.

Until December 31, 2020, an eligible employee may take paid sick leave for up to 80 hours, or the number of hours that a part-time employee works on average over a two-week period, if the employee is unable to work or telework because the employee is: (29 USC 2601)

1. Subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19

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2. Advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19
- 3 Experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis
4. Caring for an individual who is subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order or has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine
5. Caring for the employee's child whose school or child care provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19
6. Experiencing any other substantially similar conditions specified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Employees shall be paid their regular rate of pay for leave taken pursuant to items #1-3 above, or two-thirds their regular rate of pay for leave taken pursuant to items #4-6 above, within the limits specified in law. (29 USC 2601)

Note: Leave granted to an employee who needs to care for a child whose school or child care provider is closed due to COVID-19 (item #5 above) may be extended pursuant to 29 USC 2620. Employees must be restored to their position following such leave, unless the district has fewer than 25 employees and specified conditions are met.

For the purpose specified in item #5 above, eligible employees who have been employed by the district for at least 30 calendar days shall be granted extended leave for up to 12 work weeks upon request. The first 10 days of such leave shall be unpaid unless the employee uses accrued vacation leave, personal leave, sick leave, or paid sick leave granted pursuant to 29 USC 2601. After the first 10 days, the district shall pay not less than two-thirds of the employee's regular pay for the number of hours per week the employee normally works, with a maximum of \$200 per day and \$10,000 for the total period. Eligibility for extended leave for this purpose is subject to the employee's eligibility for leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act. (29 USC 2601, 2620)

Note: The following notice is available on the web site of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The district shall post, in conspicuous places where employee notices are customarily posted, a notice prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the requirements of 29 USC 2601 and 2620. (29 USC 2601)

Follow-Up with Infected Persons/Contact Tracing

The Superintendent or designee shall work with county health officials to track confirmed

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cases of students and staff with COVID-19, including, but not limited to, following up with students, their parents/guardians, and staff who exhibit symptoms while at school and those who report an absence or miss work due to illness. The Superintendent or designee shall report confirmed cases to local health authorities.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph reflects a recommendation in CDC's Interim Guidance for Schools and Day Camps pertaining to contact-tracing.

If a student, family member of a student, or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19, the district shall assist local health officials in conducting contact-tracing to identify potentially exposed individuals and ask them to self-quarantine, which may include not participating in on-campus instruction. While maintaining the privacy of the infected person, the district shall inform other students and staff with whom the infected person may have had contact in school.

Nondiscrimination

The Board prohibits discrimination based on actual or perceived medical condition or disability status. (Government Code 11135)

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

Individual students and staff shall not be identified as being COVID-positive, nor shall students be shamed, treated differently, or denied access to a free and appropriate public education because of their COVID-19 status or medical condition. Staff shall not disclose confidential or privileged information, including the medical history or health information of students and staff. (Education Code 49450)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall investigate any reports of harassment, intimidation, and bullying targeted at any student based on COVID status, exposure, or high-risk status.

(cf. 1113.9 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Community Relations

The Superintendent or designee shall use a variety of methods to regularly communicate with students, parents/guardians, and the community regarding district operations, school schedules, and steps the district is taking to promote the health and safety of students. In

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addition, the members of the Board have a responsibility as community leaders to communicate matters of public interest in a manner that is consistent with Board policies and bylaws regarding public statements.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)

The district shall continue to collaborate with local health officials and agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that district operations reflect current recommendations and best practices for keeping students, staff, and visitors safe during the COVID-19 state of emergency. The Superintendent or designee shall keep informed about resources and services available in the community to assist students and families in need.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

While the Board recognizes the rights of parents/guardians to participate in the education of their children and the critical importance of parental involvement in the educational process, all visitors and volunteers are encouraged to respect guidelines regarding social distancing and large gatherings. School visitors and volunteers shall be limited in number and expected to observe all district protocols for COVID-19. The Superintendent or designee may place signage around the school advising that visitors and volunteers may be required to use PPE while on school sites and interacting with school personnel, and may keep a supply of such equipment available for their use.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

Use of school facilities by persons or organizations for community purposes involving large gatherings shall be suspended until the Board determines, consistent with guidance from state and local health officials, that it is safe to resume such activities. The Superintendent or designee may only grant an exception if the number of participants in the activity will be limited and the person or organization follows the processes and protocols established by the district to minimize the health risks associated with COVID-19.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

Potential Reclosure of Campus

Note: The following section reflects CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which describes appropriate mitigation strategies based on the level of community transmission of COVID-19 and

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the presence of COVID-19 cases within a school. Such mitigation strategies may include closing campuses when the district determines, in consultation with state and local health officials, that keeping campuses open presents a risk to students, staff, and the community.

The district shall monitor student and staff absences and data provided by local health officials to determine if there is a risk of resurgence of COVID-19 and a need to reclose school campuses for the protection of students, staff, and the community. The Superintendent or designee shall develop plans and procedures for alternative methods of operations to the extent possible in the event that reclosure becomes necessary.

If any person diagnosed with COVID-19 is known to have been in a district building(s), the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify local health officials to determine a course of action. The building should be closed until cleaning and disinfecting of the building can be completed and the district can consult with local health officials to determine, based on up-to-date information about the specific cases in the community, whether an extended closure is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.

If local health officials report that there has been no community transmission of COVID-19, or minimal to moderate transmission in the community, school campuses may not necessarily be closed, but the district shall continue to take all preventative measures described in this policy.

If local health officials report substantial community transmission of COVID-19, campus closures of more than two weeks may be necessary, and the Superintendent or designee shall cancel group activities and events during that period. Campuses shall not reopen until recommended by local health officials.

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EDUCATION CODE

- 44978 Sick leave for certificated employees
- 45191 Leave of absence for illness and injury, classified employees
- 48205 Excused absences
- 48213 Prior parent notification of exclusion; exemption
- 48240 Supervisors of attendance
- 49451 Exemption from physical exam; exclusion from attendance

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
- 12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 120230 Exclusion from attendance

LABOR CODE

- 245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

- 11087-11098 California Family Rights Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 202 Exclusion from attendance
- 306 Explanation of absence
- 420-421 Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

- 2601-2654 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, especially:
 - 2601 Paid sick leave
 - 2620 Public health emergency leave

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 1760 Note National School Lunch program waivers addressing COVID-19

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

- 825.100-825.702 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

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Sample School Board Resolution on Grading During Emergency School Closures

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Employee Rights: Paid Sick Leave and Expanded Family and Medical Leave Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

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California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>

Office of the Governor: <https://www.gov.ca.gov>

Office of Management and Budget: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb>

U.S. Department of Labor: <https://www.dol.gov>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int>

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Board Policy

Transitional Kindergarten

BP 6170.1

Instruction

Note: The following policy is for use by districts that maintain kindergarten and may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 48000 provides that children are eligible for kindergarten enrollment if they have their fifth birthday on or before September 1 in that school year; see AR 5111 - Admission. Pursuant to Education Code 48000, any child whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2 must be offered a transitional kindergarten (TK) program.

Note: Education Code 48000 defines TK as the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Many of the requirements applicable to kindergarten (e.g., class size, minimum school day, facilities) are also applicable to TK. The district will receive funding based on average daily attendance (ADA) for students in a TK program that meets the requirements specified in Education Code 48000.

Note: For guidance on implementing TK programs, see the Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Guide: A Resource for California Public School District Administrators and Teachers, published by the California Department of Education (CDE).

The Governing Board desires to offer a high-quality transitional kindergarten (TK) program for eligible children who do not yet meet the minimum age criterion for kindergarten. The TK program shall assist students in developing the academic, social, and emotional skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The district's TK program shall be the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. (Education Code 48000)

The Board encourages ongoing collaboration among district preschool staff, other preschool providers, elementary teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the district's TK program.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Eligibility

The district's TK program shall admit children whose fifth birthday is from September 2 through December 2. (Education Code 48000)

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Note: The CDE's "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs" clarify that children are required to have documentation of required immunizations or a valid exemption prior to admission to TK. For information about required immunizations and exemptions, see BP/AR 5141.31 - Immunizations.

Parents/guardians of eligible children shall be notified of the availability of the TK program and age, residency, immunization, and any other enrollment requirements. Enrollment in the TK program shall be voluntary.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)
(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

Note: The following paragraph is optional. If the district chooses to allow kindergarten-eligible children to enroll in the TK program, CDE recommends that the district establish criteria to determine selection requirements. The parent/guardian of a kindergarten-eligible child who is enrolled in TK must, at the end of the year, sign a Kindergarten Continuance Form verifying that he/she agrees to have the child enroll in kindergarten the following year; see section "Continuation in Kindergarten" below.

Yes — Upon request of a child's parents/guardians, the district may, on a case-by-case basis after the Superintendent or designee determines that it is in the child's best interest, admit into the district's TK program a child whose fifth birthday is on or before September 1 and who is therefore eligible for kindergarten.

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 48000, the district may, at its discretion, determine whether to allow admittance of children whose fifth birthday is after December 2. Such students may be admitted at any time during the school year, including at the beginning of the year. Education Code 48000 provides that districts will not receive ADA apportionment for a child whose birthday is after December 2 until the child reaches his/her fifth birthday.

Yes — At any time during the school year, the district may admit into the TK program a child whose fifth birthday is after December 2 of that same school year, provided that the Superintendent or designee recommends that enrollment in a TK program is in the child's best interest and the child's parents/guardians approve. Prior to such enrollment, the child's parents/guardians shall be provided information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of early admittance. (Education Code 48000)

Curriculum and Instruction

The district's TK program shall be based on a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and

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developmentally appropriate. (Education Code 48000)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

Note: Education Code 48000 states the Legislature's intent that the TK curriculum be aligned to the California Preschool Learning Foundations developed by CDE. These standards address essential skills in the subject areas listed below. The standards and companion preschool curriculum frameworks are available on CDE's web site.

The program shall be aligned with the preschool learning foundations and preschool curriculum frameworks developed by the California Department of Education (CDE). It shall be designed to facilitate students' development in essential skills related to language and literacy, mathematics, physical development, health, visual and performing arts, science, history-social science, English language development, and social-emotional development.

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

Yes
Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 37202 permits districts to maintain TK and kindergarten classes for different lengths of time during the school day, either at the same or a different school site. Districts offering TK classes for different lengths of time are still required to meet the minimum and maximum length of school day provided in law. Pursuant to Education Code 46111, 46115, and 46117, at the kindergarten and TK level the minimum school day is three hours (180 minutes), including recess but excluding noon intermission, and the maximum school day is four hours (240 minutes), excluding recess, unless the district has adopted an extended-day kindergarten pursuant to Education Code 8973. However, pursuant to Education Code 46119, if the district has fewer than 40 kindergarten students, the Governing Board may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain two kindergarten classes of 150 minutes each, including recesses, taught on the same day by the same teacher. Also see AR 6112 - School Day.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48003, districts are required to provide an annual report to CDE regarding the type of kindergarten program offered by the district, including part day, full day, or both. The School Information Form 2017, located on the CDE web site, requires a report on the type of TK program offered.

The Board shall establish the length(s) of the school day in the district's TK program. TK programs may be maintained for different lengths of time either at the same or different school sites, as long as the school day is at least three hours but no more than four hours. The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to CDE as to whether the district's TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both. (Education Code 37202, 46111, 46115, 46117, 48003)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. According to CDE's "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs," it is the intent of the law to provide separate and unique experiences for TK and kindergarten students. However, districts have flexibility to determine how best to meet the curricular needs of each child and whether TK and kindergarten students may be enrolled in the same classrooms.

TK students may be placed in the same classrooms as kindergarten students when necessary, provided that the instructional program is differentiated to meet student needs.

Note: AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018) amended Education Code 8235 and 48000 to allow districts to place 4-year-old children enrolled in a California State Preschool Program into a TK program and to commingle children from both programs in the same classroom as long as all of the requirements of each program are met and the district adheres to specified requirements, including that the classroom does not contain children enrolled in TK for a second year or children enrolled in a regular kindergarten. Also see BP/AR 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education.

ND TK students may be placed in a classroom commingled with 4-year-old students from a California State Preschool Program as long as the classroom does not include students enrolled in TK for a second year or students enrolled in a regular kindergarten. (Education Code 8235, 48000)

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Staffing

Note: To be qualified to teach a TK class, the teacher must possess an appropriate multiple subjects or early childhood education credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing instruction in TK. Education Code 48000 establishes additional requirements for credentialed teachers who are first assigned to a TK class after July 1, 2015, as provided below.

Note: TK assignments are subject to assignment monitoring and reporting by the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Education Code 44258.9.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers assigned to teach in TK classes possess a teaching credential or permit from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) that authorizes such instruction.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

A credentialed teacher who is first assigned to a TK class after July 1, 2015, shall, by August 1, 2020, have at least 24 units in early childhood education and/or child development, comparable experience in a preschool setting, and/or a child development teacher permit issued by CTC. (Education Code 48000)

The Superintendent or designee may provide professional development as needed to ensure that

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TK teachers are knowledgeable about the standards and effective instructional methods for teaching young children.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Continuation to Kindergarten

Note: The following section is consistent with guidance in CDE's "Transitional Kindergarten FAQs."

Students who complete the TK program shall be eligible to continue in kindergarten the following school year. Parents/guardians of such students shall not be required to submit a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form for kindergarten attendance.

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that allow kindergarten-eligible children to enroll in TK; see "Eligibility" section above. When such students are subsequently enrolled in kindergarten, the district is required to obtain a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form in order to receive kindergarten ADA for those children since they would otherwise be age-eligible for first grade. CDE recommends that approval for a student to continue in kindergarten not be sought until near the end of the year of TK, since permission obtained unreasonably far in advance could be found invalid.

However, whenever children who would otherwise be age-eligible for kindergarten are enrolled in TK, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain a Kindergarten Continuance Form signed by the parent/guardian near the end of the TK year consenting to the child's enrollment in kindergarten the following year.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46300, the district may not include for ADA purposes the attendance of any student for more than two years in a combination of TK and kindergarten.

A student shall not attend more than two years in a combination of TK and kindergarten.
(Education Code 46300)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

Assessment

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice. One assessment resource for TK students is CDE's Desired Results Developmental Profile, which is designed to assess the developmental progression of all children from early infancy to kindergarten entry.

The Superintendent or designee may develop or identify appropriate formal and/or informal assessments of TK students' development and progress. He/she shall monitor and regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation and the progress of students in meeting related academic standards.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

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8973 Extended-day kindergarten
37202 School calendar; equivalency of instructional minutes
44258.9 Assignment monitoring by county superintendent of schools
46111 Kindergarten, hours of attendance
46114-46119 Minimum school day, kindergarten
46300 Computation of ADA, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten
48000 Age of admission, kindergarten and transitional kindergarten
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Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

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