

2017-2018 COMPREHENSIVE SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

Ocean Alternative Education Center

School Mission -

Ocean Alternative Education Center is a community for homeschool families to promote connection, growth, and life-long learning.

Principal Name - Mary Sauter

Safe Schools Committee Members:

Deborah Bell - Teacher

Joy Wood - Teacher

Justin Burrows - Teacher

Mary Sauter - Principal

Sue Finnegan - Administrative Secretary

**Live Oak School District
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN October 2017-March 2018**

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Data Source	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018		
California Healthy Kids Survey	x	N/A			
IC-Suspensions	x	x			
IC-Expulsions	x	x			
IC-Attendance data	x	x			

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018		
# of Expulsions	0	0			
# of at home Suspensions	0	0			
Total # of Days Suspended	0	0			
Total # of Students suspended	0	0			
% of student population suspended	0%	0%			
% of suspensions categorized as having caused or attempted physical injury (fighting), possession of a weapon, bullying, and/or harassment.	0%	0%			
% of students in attendance	100%	100%			

Suspension Records Analysis:

Ocean Alternative is a blended homeschool program. We offer weekly classes that students may attend twice a week. In 2016-17 school year, we did not have any incidence requiring student suspension as a consequence of behavioral issues.

Behavioral Referrals Analysis:

We have a system of strategies in place when inappropriate behavior is displayed by a student. Some examples are: inform parent, meeting with principal and/or SST team, an action plan created for students, and behavior contracts/agreements. Strategies are determined by the severity and consistency of the problem.

School Safety Incidents:

No incidents in 2016-17 occurred.

2016-17 California Healthy Kids Survey Analysis:

Ocean Alternative students did not take the Healthy Kids Survey because OA is an independent study program and students do not attend classes on site everyday.

Attendance:

2015-16	2016-17	Difference
100%	100%	0%

Plan for Attendance Improvement

As an independent study program, students receive full attendance as determined by the completion of their home studies. Parents and teachers meet consistently to assess completion of work, academic progress and performance.

Areas of Pride and Strength (include school programs and practices that promote a positive learning Environment).

- * Longevity among teachers and families in this program promotes a strong sense of community.
- * Twice a week classes are offered to multi age groups with low student/teacher ratios creating a safe and positive learning environment.
- * Positive behavior program lessons are taught K-5th grade using multiple resources (Second Step, role playing, growth mindset activities). Middle school students are involved in Leadership Club activities & lessons.
- * Monthly community events, field trips, and parent support group meetings builds community with families.
- * Students are able to follow their interests and focus on classes that they find engaging.

Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS)

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture and needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success.

One of the foremost advances in School-Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports is the emphasis on school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments. Within each school a continuum of positive behavior support for all students is implemented in areas including the classroom and non-classroom settings

The overall outcome of PBIS is to ensure ALL students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioral practices and interventions possible. To do so, Ocean Alternative staff meets weekly to discuss student concerns and builds strategies to promote safe school environment and learning. Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Kind - is our motto when we address student behavior. The staff uses this common language along with the lessons students learn from the positive behavior program.

Areas we wish to Change:

I. Continue to implement Positive Behavior Systems-

Ocean Alternative plans to continue positive behavior curriculum with students K through 8th grade. We will also implement an acknowledgement system to promote positive behavior and stewardship among classmates. Positive Discipline methods such as non-violent conflict resolution will continue to be reinforced by school administration to support and guide students in the problem solving process. This philosophy is based on the idea that all people need to feel significance and belonging in order to do their best which provides a foundation for a climate of mutual respect. This system will create an environment where there is a shared language for problem solving and conflict resolution.

II. Continue to increase parent education to support their homeschooling efforts -

Ocean Alternative will offer parent education workshops to teach parents how to work effectively with students

Goal

School is a learning environment where students are taught and encouraged to respect the rights and aspirations of their fellow school community members. Students are expected to engage in academic and social activities; when this is challenging staff support students so that they are able to engage in their school experience in positive and productive ways.

Objective #1

Students will fully understand the school rules and expectations, and practice the habits of mind and skills needed to make positive choices in the classroom and playground. A formal system that is linked to school-wide expectations and used across settings and within classrooms is in place and used by at least 80% of a sample of staff and received by at least 50% of a sample of students

Related Activities	Person Responsible	Resource/Setting	Timeline	Evaluation
Positive Behavior Curriculum taught at each grade level	Deb Bell, Mary Sauter	Weekly classes	On-going	Teacher Observation
School Staff reinforce positive behavior exhibited by students	Mary Sauter	Weekly classes	On-going	Teacher Observation
Training for staff in how to work with students struggling with social-emotional needs	Mary Sauter Ben Guiffre	Staff Training	8/22/17	Training attendance
Student Leadership Development	Mary Sauter	Leadership Club Meeting & Activities	On-going	Teacher Observation
Parent Education courses offered : Growth Mindset Bullying & Suicide Prevention	Jennifer Ann	Parent Training	10/12/17 11/16/17 1/18/18	Parent Attendance
Growth Mindset Movie and Discussion Night	Mary Sauter	Parent Night	9/12/17	Staff Attendance
Homeschool Conference – Teaching strategies, Positive Discipline and Growth Mindset	Mary Sauter	On-Site Workshops	8/31/17 9/7/17 9/21/17	Attendance

during their home studies. The workshops will cover information regarding assessing student progress, scheduling, working through struggling concepts, and motivating with engaging projects.

Component 2-Place				
Goal				
Ocean Alternative maintains a clean and safe environment where our priority is to protect children from harm.				
Related Activities	Person Responsible	Resource/Setting	Timeline	Evaluation
Maintain small learning groups	Mary Sauter	Weekly class days	On-going	Teacher Observation
Students participate in teambuilding activities to promote community	Mary Sauter	Weekly class days	On-going	Teacher Observation
Staff create Individual plans for students as needed	Mary Sauter	Weekly staff meeting	On-going	Family Conferences
Staff supervises students arriving before and leaving after classes.	Mary Sauter	Ocean Alternative site	On-going	Teacher Observation

Communication of Plan

Ocean Alternative Education Center

<p>Method for Communicating Plan and Notifying Public Ed Code 32288</p>	<p>Date of Public Hearing: March 13, 2018 Site of Public Hearing: Live Oak District Office</p> <p>The School Site Council or school safety planning committee shall notify in writing the following persons and entities of the public hearing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the school employee organization • A representative of each parent organization at the school site, including the Home School Club • A representative of the teacher organizations at the school site • All persons who have indicated they want to be notified 	
Review of Progress for Last Year	Name: Mary Sauter	Date: March 13, 2018
Law Enforcement Review	Name: Deputy Wiley Griffen-Bagno	Date: October 27, 2016
School Site Council Approval	Name: Sharon Korpi	Date: March 13, 2018
School Board Approval	Name: Jeremy Rey	Date: Nov. 1, 2016

Site Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Attending: Annabelle Drake, Melody Panttaja, Deb Bell, Sharon Korpi, Mary Sauter ,
Rebecca Paten

School Site Council Business

1. Call to Order: 6.50
2. Additions and Changes to the Agenda: None
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Annabelle moves to approve, Melody seconds, minutes approved.
4. Next site council meeting: May 15 at 6.30

General School activities and business

1. Spring Camping Trip - May 31-June 3 in Big Sur. Swimming hole may not be in same location. Possibility of activities: Invite families by email to bring an activity along and have a board at the site. Ask experienced families to be mindful of welcoming new families. Have a marker for Ocean families' sites. Have buddy families for new families. Reminder that bikes and scooters are great fun at this campground, but rangers are strict on helmet law. Mary will coordinate site sharing.
2. Theatre Program Review. Feedback on extra rehearsal time - generally popular. Terri considering modifying technical theatre option - challenging to incorporate all of the tech skills for the number of students, have enough staff to support newer kids and also difficult to store equipment. Great to see development of skills from year to year. Feedback on buying tickets - hard for families to attend on a weekday. Two plays in one day is also tiring for kids. West fees and staffing mean that it would be difficult to change. Consider the possibility of extra shows like AFE do - would need fundraising and early organization.
3. Fall Camping Trip - Camp Loma - September 21-23. At next meeting we will discuss how to encourage families to attend and also how to approach fees.
4. Comprehensive School Plan Approval. Plan was unanimously approved.
5. Sharon expressed positive feedback on the recent puppet show on disability issues for the Tuesday group.
6. Testing - Mary will be hosting 'block parties' to give kids extra confidence and practice mainly with math. Last year we had our highest proportion of students testing.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7.45.

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EVALUATION OF PLAN

Ocean Alternative Education Center

Objective 1

Students will fully understand the school rules and practice the habits of mind and skills needed to make positive choices during the class days and in their home studies.

Objective 2

Ocean Alternative will provide a school environment that safely encompasses physical well-being and emotional health for all students and staff.

OAEC School Rules GROUP ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

OAEC is committed to a respectful and non-threatening environment. As a part of our cooperative learning process and group support system, the students and staff review together each year the guidelines of appropriate behavior. These are implemented for students participating in any OAEC function throughout the school year.

In addition, conflict resolution and team building activities are included weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Out of fairness to all, if a student cannot or will not adhere to the guidelines, a parent/staff/student meeting will be called. Repeated non-adherence can result in a student being dismissed from scheduled activities, workshops, classes, field trips.

OUR GUIDELINES

Treat Others with Respect, Play Safe and Cooperatively, Appreciate Yourself

Appreciate Others for Who They Are, Listen and Be Listened To, Share and Take Turns

Santa Cruz County Safe Schools Consortia Emergency Management Plan for Small Schools

Directions for the Site Administrator/Principal

This Emergency Management Plan must be completed at the beginning of each school year and is described in the Preparedness section of the Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) manual. Please enter all information; get consultation as needed. Discuss with your staff the Incident Command System Coordinator roles described in the General Procedures section of the ERCM manual. Assign a designee to act as leader of the plan in your absence. Also assign key staff to Coordinator roles, making clear that, in their absence, you may call on another staff member to perform these duties. Review all information in this emergency plan with staff members. Emphasize the importance of student supervision in the event of an emergency. Inform staff where copies of this plan are kept (Site Administrator copy, office, Crisis Response Box, Emergency Backpack, "Go-Kit, etc.). Send this plan with copies of your site map/evacuation routes to your District Office and the Safe Schools Planning Unit of the County Office of Education to be forwarded to the 911 Net Com center.

Command Post 1:		Live Oak District Office
Phone, FAX and email:		Ph:475-6333x 200; FAX:475-2638; Email: nkrueger@losd.ca
Media Staging Area:		Transportation Building
Parent/Student Reunification Site:		Live Oak Senior Center
Command Post 2:		Live Oak Elementary School Office
Phone, Fax and email:		Ph:475-2000 x 200; FAX: 475-0458;Email: Idilles@losd.ca
Media Staging Area:		Live Oak Elementary School Multi-Use Room
Parent/Student Reunification Site:		Simpkins Swim Center
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-way Radios
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-way Radios, Multi frequency
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intercom Systems

NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buzzers or Tones
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megaphones
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Email – internet access

Step 1: Enter your School Information

Step 2: Identify a School Command Post, Media Staging Areas, Parent/Reunification location and Communication Resources

The in-school Command Post will serve as a base for operations in the event of an emergency. Select a location for the Command Post that has access to telephones, FAX, intercom, and other building controls. Designate a first and second choice. Provide direct telephone numbers to be used in an emergency (not the main number). Designate a Media Staging Area and

School:	Green Acres, District Office, Ocean Alt., STRUCK, GA Preschool
Principal:	Nancy Krueger, Mary Sauter, Melanie Sluggett
Revision Date:	9/28/2017

Parent/reunification Area away from the emergency event.

Step 3: Assign School Emergency Response Team Roles— "The E-Team"

As directed by the Site Administrator/Principal (Site Incident Commander), the School Emergency Response-Team will respond to any emergency that affects the school building, students, staff, and/or visitors. In a large scale event, the District Office will respond to the site to complete the full Incident Command structure with the additions of the Planning and Finance Teams.

The Site Administrator will designate staff members to fill essential roles: Identify a designee to act as the Site Incident Commander in your absence Identify and assign staff that will act as skilled Coordinators in the designated areas Inform staff they will need to report to the main office when called for (e.g., by intercom) Inform staff that they will need to perform the functions of this role in an emergency

E-TEAM ROLE	NAME	POSITION
MANAGEMENT TEAM		
SITE INCIDENT COMMANDER Alternate (Alternate 2)	Nancy Krueger Mary Sauter Melanie Sluggett	Principal Principal Director Child Dev.
PIO OFFICER Alternate (Alternate 2)	Heidi Odom Lynette Hamby Angelica Diaz	Director of HRI Business Svcs. Manager Admin. Secretary
SAFETY OFFICER Alternate (Alternate 2)	Kim Espinosa Mike Shaw Sue Finnegan	Safety Coord. Custodian Admin. Asst.
OPERATIONS/LOGISTICS CHIEF Alternate (Alternate 2)	Nancy Krueger Sydney Rosenberg Nola Mc Gehee	Curric. Coord. Admin. Asst. Admin. Secretary
PLANNING/ADMIN/FINANCE Alternate (Alternate 2)	Lynette Hamby Di Morey Lara Becker	Dir. Bus. Serv. Fin. Asst. Payroll Spec.

E-TEAM ROLE	NAME	POSITION
First Aid Assistant	Justin Burrows	Teacher
First Aid Assistant	Nola Mc Gehee	Admin. Sec.
First Aid Assistant	Kim Espinosa	Safety Coord.

Step 4: Print Student Roster and Place in Binder

School secretaries must print a list of all enrolled students and their emergency contact information. This information may be printed from the student information system. This roster will be used to account for all students in the event of an emergency. Parents/guardians may sign out their child directly on this student roster.

Step 5: Review Inside Safe Assembly Locations

Review the location of Safe Assembly Areas inside your school with your staff. These will be used to shelter from severe weather or to move children away from rooms on the perimeter of the school.

NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secretary has printed emergency contact information for all students?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Printed roster placed in binder in the main office in an obvious location?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe Assembly Areas inside school identified and reviewed with staff?
Inside Assembly Area 1:		Not for public viewing
Inside Assembly Area 2:		

Step 6: Designate On-Site Outside Safe Assembly Locations

Schools typically have assembly areas on the school grounds that are used during required fire drills. At times, you must move students farther away from the building. Identify on-site locations that could be used to move students farther away from the building. Schools with a large student body may have more assembly locations. You may direct teachers to move students to these locations by megaphone.

Outside Assembly Area 1:	Not for public viewing
Outside Assembly Area 2:	Not for public viewing
Outside Assembly Area 3:	Not for public viewing
Outside Assembly Area 4:	

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Step 7: Identify Two Off-Site Emergency Evacuation Locations

These relocation facilities should be near your school and able to house your students and staff until they are released to parents. Consider sites in opposite directions. Examples are a nearby school, church, or public library. Specify a first choice and second choice (in case the first is unavailable). The district will supply support services (e.g., food, transportation, District Crisis Recovery Team, etc.) for these locations as the need dictates. Contact these sites directly to coordinate arrangements.

1 st Evacuation Facility:	Not for public viewing
2 nd Evacuation Facility:	Not for public viewing

NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Copy of the ERCM manual
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Copy of this Emergency Management Plan
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megaphone
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fresh batteries
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Supplies and Materials as identified by Administrative “go-kit” list
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Job Description Clipboards and Task Forms

Step 8: Check and Replenish Contents of Crisis Response Box and/or Emergency “Go Kits”

Check the contents of the school Crisis Response Box, Emergency “Go Kits” against the ERCM manual guidelines in the General Procedures section. Replenish any items that have been used. Always provide new batteries for flashlights and megaphones. Store the Emergency Response Backpack/”go kit” in a conspicuous location. Take this backpack/”go-kit” with you if you evacuate the building. Especially make sure these items are inside the backpack:

Step 9: Check Emergency Resources at Your School

Check to see if the following resources are available on your school campus

NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency chart in every classroom and office?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Evacuation diagram posted in every classroom and office?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red and Green cards in every classroom and office?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Classroom “go-kits” replenished and accessible near exit?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did you replenish the school first aid kit?

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Step 10: Identify Emergency Evacuation Staging Areas for Individuals with Disabilities

All schools must have an *evacuation plan for individuals with disabilities who need evacuation assistance* (See Section 2— Preparedness of the ERCM manual).

- Site Administrators, in conjunction with the Fire Department must designate emergency Evacuation Staging Areas.

- Signs must be posted to mark these locations.
- Evacuation Staging Areas must be posted on the Fire Panel for emergency responders

Step 11: Identify Disabled Individuals Needing Evacuation Assistance and Post Evacuation Plan

Identify any student or staff member who may need evacuation assistance (e.g., individuals who are in wheel chairs or unable to use stairs). Develop a specific plan for their evacuation. It is recommended that each student's classroom teacher be designated to assist the student in getting to the Evacuation Staging Area. The designated teacher may need to transfer their class to another teacher to remain with the disabled student until they are evacuated. The Site Administrator must:

- Identify students or staff needing evacuation assistance
- Develop an evacuation plan for each student or staff member
- Post a list of these individuals and their evacuation plan on the Fire Panel
- Put list of disabled individuals in the secretary's copy of the student emergency contact information roster
- Inform the classroom teacher of each student or staff member of the evacuation plan
- Inform students and parents of the evacuation plan

Step 12: Develop a Student-Parent Reunion Procedure at Your School With the Student-Parent Reunion Coordinator, develop a procedure with to sign out students to parents in the event of a serious emergency. You will need to identify a location(s) and establish a process for reuniting students and parents.)

NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List of disabled students/staff and their evacuation plans posted on Fire Panel?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List of disabled students/staff and evacuation plans in Secretary's emergency contact information binder?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Each classroom teacher for each student informed of evacuation plan?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff, students, and parents informed of Evacuation Staging Areas and evacuation plan?
NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Location(s) identified and procedure to reunite students and parents developed?

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Location	Room #	Room #	Room #	Room #
Not for public viewing				
NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Are signs posted to mark each Evacuation Staging Area location?		
Special Needs Coordinator Alternate (Alternate 2)	Jennifer Ciervo Doreen Salvatore DeMars Cari Carriere	Special Ed Director Admin. Assistant		
		Intervention Teacher		

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Emergency Communication Plan

Ocean Alternative uses Blackboard and Illuminate communication system to alert parents during emergencies. A parent phone tree has also been established and updated annually.

Overview of Santa Cruz County Threat Assessment Plan and Protocol

The purpose of this plan is to provide practical guidelines for school-based teams within Santa Cruz County to conduct threat assessments of students who threaten to commit an act of violence. The goals of threat assessment are twofold:

- To maintain a safe environment by preventing an act of violence from taking place.
- To resolve student conflicts or problems that underlie threatening behavior.

These conditions require an organized, school-wide approach that involves ALL school staff. This protocol is for use when dealing with threats made by students. When threats are made by adults, law enforcement will be called immediately.

I. What Is a Threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to harm someone. Threats can be spoken, written, or expressed in gestures. Threats may be direct (I'm going to beat you up) or indirect (I'm going to get him). When in doubt about whether a student's behavior is a threat, evaluate it as a threat.

A threat assessment is conducted when a person (or persons) threatens to commit a violent act or engages in behavior that appears to threaten an act of violence.

II. Threats are categorized and described as follows:

A. Transient threats

Transient threats are statements that do not express a lasting intent to harm someone. Transient threats are intended as either figures of speech or reflect feelings that dissipate in a short period. All transient threats end in an apology or explanation that makes it clear the threat is over.

B. Substantive threats

Substantive threats are statements that express a continuing intent to harm someone. They indicate a desire and raise concerns that someone is in danger of being harmed beyond the immediate incident. A threat not retracted or resolved should be considered substantive. A serious substantive threat usually involves a fight or a threat to hit someone or harm someone

without the use of a weapon. A substantive threat that involves using a weapon such as a firearm or a knife will be classified as very serious because of the potential for severe injury.

III. Evaluation of Threats and the Threat Assessment Team

Each school has formed its own threat assessment team utilizing staff that is available to them. Typically the team will be comprised of a school administrator, a law enforcement liaison, a mental health professional, certificated and classified staff. The team will evaluate the threat, decide if the threat is transient, substantive, serious substantive, or very serious substantive.

Emergency Drills

Emergency drills are conducted (at minimum) monthly, with days and times of week varied to include all staff, both during the regular school day and after school staff. As we have many itinerant staff and pull out programs, our drills are multi-stepped to include egress, reunification with homeroom, and finally with parents.

TYPE	Number of Drills
Fire	9
Earthquake	4
Lockdown (At a staff meeting each year review lock down and emergency procedures) (Sheriff lockdown every other year)	2

Mandated Reporters

Annual staff training regarding referrals to Child Protective Services will be conducted through on-line training and all staff will complete by October 2017

Risk of Harm Protocol

Annual staff training regarding implementation of Risk of Harm Protocol was conducted on March 15 , 2018.

ID Badges

Visitors are asked to sign in and wear ID badge.

Keys

Duplicate set of keys or duplicate master keys that can open every space on campus are available on campus. They are stored in the main office. All staff, both certificated and classified, were issued a “Universal” key which enables them to lock any classroom from the inside, should an emergency occur.

Safe School Requirements

Safe School Requirements are listed in every classroom.

Safe Ingress and Egress

Students arrive/leave via Paul Minnie Avenue and Bostwick Lane. There are two parking lots next to Ocean Alternative. Parents of K - 2nd grade are asked to park and walk their student to the site. Parents of 3rd through 8th graders are given a choice to drop off or pick up student from Green Acres parking lot at sidewalk

closest to the school or to park in either parking lot and walk child onto or off of site. Staff supervises before and after school to ensure that students are safe.

Live Oak ESD

Board Policy

Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting

BP 5141.4

Students

Child Abuse Prevention

The Governing Board recognizes the district's responsibility to educate students about the dangers of child abuse so that they will acquire the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and to react appropriately and promptly.

The district's instructional program shall include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum. This curriculum shall explain students' right to live free of abuse, inform them of available support resources, and teach them how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The Superintendent or designee shall seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs. To the extent feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall use these community resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

Child Abuse Reporting

The Board recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that the district has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated

reporters.

In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 Comprehensive school safety plans

33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints

44690-44691 Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect

44807 Duty concerning conduct of students

48906 Notification when student released to peace officer

48987 Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents

49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

51220.5 Parenting skills education

PENAL CODE

152.3 Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act

273a Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health

288 Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting

11164-11174.4 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

15630-15637 Dependent adult abuse reporting

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4650 Filing complaints with CDE, special education students

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0514.93 Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office, Crime and Violence Prevention Center: <http://safestate.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lr/ss>

California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division:

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect

Information: <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>

Policy LIVE OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: September 3, 2013 Santa Cruz, California

Live Oak ESD

Administrative Regulation

Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting

AR 5141.4
Students

Definitions

Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

1. A physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person
2. Sexual abuse of a child, including sexual assault or sexual exploitation, as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

Child abuse or neglect does not include:

1. A mutual affray between minors (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his/her employment (Penal Code 11165.6)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, vice principal, principal, or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a school employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, to protect himself/herself, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by the student (Education Code 49001)

Mandated reporters include, but are not limited to, teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; administrators and employees of a licensed day care facility; Head Start teachers; district police or security officers; licensed nurses or health care providers; and administrators, presenters, and counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Reasonable suspicion means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his/her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. However, reasonable suspicion does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Reportable Offenses

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, he/she has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage, based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166.05, 11167)

Any district employee who reasonably believes that he/she has observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury against a victim who is a child under age 14 shall notify a peace officer. (Penal Code 152.3, 288)

Responsibility for Reporting

The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

Reporting Procedures

1. Initial Telephone Report

Immediately or as soon as practicable after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11165.9, 11166)

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When the initial telephone report is made, the mandated reporter shall note the name of the official contacted, the date and time contacted, and any instructions or advice received.

2. Written Report

Within 36 hours of knowing or observing the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall then prepare and either send, fax, or electronically submit to the appropriate agency a written follow-up report, which includes a completed Department of Justice form (SS 8572). (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

The Department of Justice form may be obtained from the district office or other appropriate agencies, such as the county probation or welfare department or the police or sheriff's department.

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location, and, where applicable, school, grade, and class
- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person who might have abused or neglected the child
- e. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information

The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to him/her. (Penal Code 11167)

The mandated reporter may give to an investigator from an agency investigating the case, including a licensing agency, any information relevant to an incident of child abuse or neglect or to a report made for serious emotional damage pursuant to Penal Code 11166.05. (Penal Code 11167)

Training

Training of mandated reporters shall include identification and mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Training shall also include guidance in the appropriate discipline of students, physical contact with students, and maintenance of ethical relationships with students to avoid actions that may be misinterpreted as child abuse.

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Victim Interviews by Social Services

Whenever a representative from the Department of Social Services or another government agency investigating suspected child abuse or neglect deems it necessary, a suspected victim may be interviewed during school hours, on school premises, concerning a report of

suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility. The child shall be given the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the child. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the principal or designee shall inform him/her of the following requirements: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable him/her to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

Release of Child to Peace Officer

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the Superintendent or designee and/or principal shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the peace officer or agent to notify the parent/guardian of the situation. (Education Code 48906)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

Parent/Guardian Complaints

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with a copy of this administrative regulation which contains procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is not English, such procedures shall be in their primary language and, when communicating orally regarding those procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

To file a complaint against a district employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school site, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person, or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint about an employee to any other employee, the employee receiving the information shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the appropriate agency. The employee also is obligated pursuant to Penal Code 11166 to file a report himself/herself using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

In addition, if the child is enrolled in special education, a separate complaint may be filed with the California Department of Education pursuant to 5 CCR 4650.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them of their status as mandated reporters, their reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166, and their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167. The district also shall provide these new employees with a copy of Penal Code 11165.7, 11166, and 11167. (Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5)

Before beginning employment, any person who will be a mandated reporter by virtue of his/her position shall sign a statement indicating that he/she has knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and will comply with those provisions. The signed statement shall be retained by the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

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

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be notified of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630-15637.

3. No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

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Board Policy

Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process

BP 5144.1

Students

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

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

To correct the behavior of any student who is subject to discipline, the Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent allowed by law, first use alternative disciplinary strategies specified in AR 5144.1 - Discipline. (Education Code 48900.5)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

Alternatives to suspension or expulsion also shall be used with students who are truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from assigned school activities.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Except for single acts of a grave nature or offenses for which suspension or expulsion is required by law, suspension or expulsion shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct or the student's presence causes a continuing danger to himself/herself or others.

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

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

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

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

Due Process

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

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

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

Removal from Class by a Teacher and Parental Attendance

When suspending a student from class for committing an obscene act, engaging in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupting school activities, or otherwise willfully defying valid staff authority, the teacher of the class may require any parent/guardian who lives with the student to attend a portion of the school day in the class from which the student is being suspended, to assist in resolving the classroom behavior problems. (Education Code 48900.1)

Teachers should reserve the option of required parental attendance for cases in which they have determined that it is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the teacher and the student and his/her parents/guardians and to improve the student's behavior.

Any teacher requiring parental attendance pursuant to this policy shall apply the policy uniformly to all students within the classroom. (Education Code 48900.1)

When a teacher requires parental attendance, the principal shall send a written notice to the parent/guardian stating that his/her attendance is required pursuant to law. (Education Code 48900.1)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

A parent/guardian who has received a written notice shall attend class as specified in the notice. After completing the classroom visit and before leaving school premises, the parent/guardian also shall meet with the principal or designee. (Education Code 48900.1)

At the meeting with the student's parent/guardian, the principal or designee shall explain the district's and school's discipline policies, including the disciplinary strategies that may be used to achieve proper student conduct.

When a parent/guardian does not respond to the request to attend school, the principal or designee shall contact him/her by telephone, mail, or other method that maintains the confidentiality of the student's

records.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

District regulations and school-site rules for student discipline shall include procedures for implementing parental attendance requirements. Parents/guardians shall be notified of this policy prior to its implementation. (Education Code 48900.1)

Supervised Suspension Classroom

To ensure the proper supervision and ongoing learning of students who are suspended for any of the reasons enumerated in Education Code 48900 and 48900.2, but who pose no imminent danger or threat to anyone at school and for whom expulsion proceedings have not been initiated, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a supervised suspension classroom program which meets the requirements of law.

Except where a supervised suspension is permitted by law for a student's first offense, supervised suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5)

Decision Not to Enforce Expulsion Order

In cases where expulsion is mandatory pursuant to Education Code 48915(c), the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not be suspended by the Board. In all other cases of expulsion, the order for expulsion may be suspended by the Board, on case-by-case basis, pursuant to the requirements of law and administrative regulation.

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Administrative Regulation

Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process

AR 5144.1
Students

Definitions

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

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level.
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students.
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code 48910. Removal from a particular class shall not occur more than once every five school days.

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

Day means a calendar day unless otherwise specifically provided. (Education Code 48925)

School day means a day upon which the schools of the district are in session or weekdays during the summer recess. (Education Code 48925)

Student includes a student's parent/guardian or legal counsel. (Education Code 48925)

Principal's designee means one or more administrators or, if there is not a second administrator at one school site, a certificated person specifically designated by the principal, in writing, to assist with disciplinary procedures. Only one such person may be designated at any time as the principal's primary designee and only one such person may be designated as secondary designee for the school year. The names of such persons shall be on file in the principal's office. (Education Code 48911)

School property, for the purposes described in Education Code 48900, includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases. (Education Code 48900(u))

Notice of Regulations

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

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion

Any student, including a student with disabilities, may be subject to suspension or expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

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

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person or willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense (Education Code 48900(a))

A student who aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person, as defined in Penal Code 31, may be suspended, but not expelled. However, such a student may be suspended or expelled pursuant to Education Code 48900(a) when he/she has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider or abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury. (Education Code 48900(t))

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

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

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

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

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

5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion (Education Code 48900(e))

6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property (Education Code

48900(f))

7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property (Education Code 48900(g))

8. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel, except that this restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing his/her own prescription products (Education Code 48900(h))

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity (Education Code 48900(i))

10. Unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11014.5 (Education Code 48900(j))

11. Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties (Education Code 48900(k))

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

12. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property (Education Code 48900(l))

13. Possessed an imitation firearm (Education Code 48900(m))

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

14. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4 (Education Code 48900(n))

15. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness (Education Code 48900(o))

16. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma (Education Code 48900(p))

17. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing (Education Code 48900(q))

Hazing means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, whether or not

the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student. Hazing does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.

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

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

Bullying shall include any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation, as defined in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 (items #20-22 below), that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.

Electronic act means the transmission of a communication, including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, image, or post on a social network Internet web site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. A post on a social network Internet web site shall include, but is not limited to, the posting or creation of a burn page or the creation of a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above.

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

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

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

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

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

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

A student in grades 4-12 is also subject to suspension or recommendation for expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

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

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

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

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

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

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

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

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

A student may be suspended or expelled for any of the acts listed above if the act is related to school activity or school attendance occurring at any district school or within any other school district, at any time, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48900(s))

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

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

Removal from Class by a Teacher and Parental Attendance

A teacher may remove any student from his/her class for the remainder of the day and the following day for any act listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above. (Education Code 48910)

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

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to Board policy, a teacher may require the parent/guardian of a student whom the teacher has removed to attend a portion of a school day in his/her child's classroom. When a teacher makes this request, the principal shall send the parent/guardian a written notice that the parent/guardian's attendance is requested pursuant to law. (Education Code 48900.1)

The notice shall specify that the attendance may be on either the date the student is scheduled to return to class or within one week thereafter.

This notice shall also:

1. Inform the parent/guardian when his/her presence is expected and by what means he/she may arrange an alternate date
2. Ask the parent/guardian to meet with the principal after the visit and before leaving school, as required by Education Code 48900.1

Suspension by Superintendent, Principal, or Designee

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may suspend a student for any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above. A student may be suspended only when the Superintendent or principal has determined that other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct in the

student. (Education Code 48900.5)

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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

In addition, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall immediately suspend any student found at school or at a school activity to be: (Education Code 48915)

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence
2. Brandishing a knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g)
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
5. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may suspend a student from school for not more than five consecutive school days unless the suspension is extended pending expulsion. (Education Code 48911)

A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year unless, for purposes of adjustment, the student enrolls in or is transferred to another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class, in which case suspension shall not exceed 30 days in any school year. However, this restriction on the number of days of suspension does not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48903, 48911, 48912)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

The district may count suspensions that occur while a student is enrolled in another school district toward the maximum number of days for which the student may be suspended in any school year. (Education Code 48903)

Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

1. Informal Conference: Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Superintendent, principal, or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action, presented with the evidence against him/her, and given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense. (Education Code 48911)

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

2. Administrative Actions: All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee. A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48911)

3. Notice to Parents/Guardians: At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension. (Education Code 48911)

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

In addition, the notice may state the date and time when the student may return to school. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may add that state law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay.

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

Although the parent/guardian is required to respond without delay to a request for a conference about his/her child's behavior, no penalties may be imposed on the student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied readmission solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend the conference. (Education Code 48911)

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

Any extension of the original period of suspension shall be preceded by notice of such extension

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

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

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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

Suspension by the Board

The Board may suspend a student for any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above and within the limits specified in "Suspension by Superintendent, Principal, or Designee" above. (Education Code 48912)

The Board may suspend a student enrolled in a continuation school or class for a period not longer than the remainder of the semester if any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" occurred. The suspension shall meet the requirements of Education Code 48915. (Education Code 48912.5)

When the Board is considering a suspension, disciplinary action, or any other action (except expulsion) against any student, it shall hold a closed session if a public hearing would lead to disclosure of information violating a student's right to privacy under Education Code 49073-49079. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The Board shall provide the student and his/her parent/guardian with written notice of the closed session by registered or certified mail or personal service. Upon receiving this notice, the student or parent/guardian may request a public meeting, and this request shall be granted if made in writing within 48 hours after receipt of the Board's notice. However, any discussion that conflicts with any other student's right to privacy still shall be held in closed session. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

Supervised Suspension Classroom

A student for whom an expulsion action has not been initiated and who poses no imminent danger or

threat to the school, students, or staff may be assigned to a supervised suspension classroom in a separate classroom, building, or site for the entire period of suspension. The following conditions shall apply: (Education Code 48911.1)

1. The supervised suspension classroom shall be staffed in accordance with law.
2. The student shall have access to appropriate counseling services.
3. The supervised suspension classroom shall promote completion of schoolwork and tests missed by the student during the suspension.
4. The student shall be responsible for contacting his/her teacher(s) to receive assignments to be completed in the supervised suspension classroom. The teacher(s) shall provide all assignments and tests that the student will miss while suspended. If no such work is assigned, the person supervising the suspension classroom shall assign schoolwork.

At the time a student is assigned to a supervised suspension classroom, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in person or by telephone. When the assignment is for longer than one class period, this notification shall be made in writing. (Education Code 48911.1)

Authority to Expel

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

The Board shall expel, as required by law, any student found to have committed any offense listed below under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion." (Education Code 48915)

For all other grounds listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion," the Board shall order a student expelled upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, principal, or designee, only if the Board makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

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

Mandatory Recommendation for Expulsion

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

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense

2. Possession of any knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g), explosive, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance as listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, except for (a) the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, or (b) the student's possession of over-the-counter medication for his/her use or other medication prescribed for him/her by a physician
4. Robbery or extortion
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee

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

Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion

The Superintendent, principal, or designee shall recommend that the Board expel any student found at school or at a school activity to be: (Education Code 48915(c))

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the firearm from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence

However, possession of an imitation firearm, as defined in Education Code 48900(m), shall not be regarded as an offense requiring a mandatory recommendation for expulsion and mandatory expulsion.

2. Brandishing a knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g) at another person
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
5. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

Upon finding that the student committed any of the above acts, the Board shall expel the student. (Education Code 48915)

Student's Right to Expulsion Hearing

Any student recommended for expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether he/she should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the Superintendent, principal,

or designee determines that the student has committed one of the acts listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion." (Education Code 48918(a))

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

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

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

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

After a determination that one of the grounds listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" has occurred, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall offer the student and his/her parent/guardian the option to waive a hearing and stipulate to the expulsion. The stipulation agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian.

Rights of Complaining Witness

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

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

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

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

Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing

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

1. The date and place of the hearing.
2. A statement of the specific facts, charges, and offense upon which the proposed expulsion is based.
3. A copy of district disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation.
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1, to provide information about the student's status in the district to any other district in which the student seeks enrollment. This obligation applies when a student is expelled for acts other than those described in Education Code 48915(a) or (c).

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or be represented by legal counsel or by a non-attorney advisor.

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

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

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

Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth

At least 10 days prior to a hearing to determine if a student who is a foster youth as defined under

Education Code 48853.5 should be expelled for an offense not requiring a mandatory recommendation for expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's attorney and a representative of an appropriate county child welfare agency. If the hearing is pursuant to an offense requiring a mandatory expulsion recommendation, the Superintendent or designee may provide the same notification. The notice shall be provided by the most cost-effective method possible, including by email or a telephone call. (Education Code 48918.1)

Conduct of Expulsion Hearing

1. Closed Session: Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code 54953 and Education Code 35145, the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting. If such a request is made, the meeting shall be public unless another student's privacy rights would be violated. (Education Code 48918(c))

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

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

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

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

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

If the Board determines, or if the hearing officer or administrative panel finds and submits to the

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

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

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

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

5. Testimony by Complaining Witnesses: The following procedures shall be observed when a hearing involves allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code 48918, 48918.5)

- a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify.
- b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during his/her testimony.
- c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential.
- d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person whom he/she finds is disrupting the hearing.
- e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Penal Code 868.5.
- f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard. Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.

g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a nonthreatening environment.

(1) The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony.

(2) At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he/she may leave the hearing room.

(3) The person conducting the hearing may:

(a) Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness

(b) Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours

(c) Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand

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

Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or Administrative Panel

Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the Board may contract with the county hearing officer or with the Office of Administrative Hearings of the State of California for a hearing officer.

Alternatively, the Board may appoint an impartial administrative panel composed of three or more certificated personnel, none of whom shall be members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. (Education Code 48918(d))

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

The hearing officer or administrative panel shall, within three school days after the hearing, determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If expulsion is not recommended, the expulsion proceeding shall be terminated and the student shall be immediately reinstated. The Superintendent or designee shall place the student in a classroom instructional program, any other instructional program, a rehabilitation program, or any combination of these programs after consulting with district staff, including the student's teachers, and with the student's parent/guardian. The decision to not recommend expulsion shall be final. (Education Code 48918(e))

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

In accordance with Board policy, the hearing officer or administrative panel may recommend that the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion for a period of one year. (Education Code 48917, 48918)

Final Action by the Board

Whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in closed or public session by the Board, a hearing officer, or an administrative panel, the final action to expel shall be taken by the Board at a public meeting. (Education Code 48918(j))

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

If the Board conducts the hearing and reaches a decision not to expel, this decision shall be final and the student shall be reinstated immediately.

Upon ordering an expulsion, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to a school within the district. For a student expelled for any act listed under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion" above, this date shall be one year from the date the expulsion occurred, except that the Board may set an earlier date on a case-by-case basis. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. If an expulsion is ordered during summer session or the intersession period of a year-round program, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission not later than the last day of the semester following the summer session or intersession period in which the expulsion occurred. (Education Code 48916)

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

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

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

Written Notice to Expel

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

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

Decision Not to Enforce Expulsion Order

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

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

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

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class, or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation. This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program. (Education Code 48917)
2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status. (Education Code 48917)
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the

student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct. (Education Code 48917)

4. When the suspension of enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order. (Education Code 48917)

5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school. Upon reinstatement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings. (Education Code 48917)

6. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian. The notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board, the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the period of expulsion, and the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of his/her status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1(b). (Education Code 48918(j))

7. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with the County Board. (Education Code 48917)

Right to Appeal

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

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

Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities

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

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

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

Post-Expulsion Placements

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

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

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

When the placement described above is not available and when the County Superintendent so certifies, students expelled for acts described in items #6-13 and #20-22 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above may be referred to a program of study that is provided at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at an elementary school. (Education Code 48915)

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

Readmission After Expulsion

Readmission procedures shall be as follows:

1. On the date set by the Board when it ordered the expulsion, the district shall consider readmission of the student. (Education Code 48916)
2. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference, the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board his/her recommendation regarding readmission. The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session if information would be disclosed in violation of Education Code 49073-49079. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or adult student, it shall

be honored.

4. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission.

5. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student has not satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or that the student continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other district students or employees. (Education Code 48916)

6. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school. (Education Code 48916)

7. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program. This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district. (Education Code 48916)

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

Maintenance of Records

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

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

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

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

Outcome Data

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the following data: (Education Code 48900.8, 48916.1)

1. The number of students recommended for expulsion

2. The specific grounds for each recommended expulsion
3. Whether the student was subsequently expelled
4. Whether the expulsion order was suspended
5. The type of referral made after the expulsion
6. The disposition of the student after the end of the expulsion period

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Administrative Regulation

Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities)

AR 5144.2

Students

A student identified as an individual with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC 1400-1482, is subject to the same grounds and procedures for suspension and expulsion which apply to students without disabilities, except as otherwise specified in this administrative regulation.

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

Suspension

The Superintendent or designee may suspend a student with a disability for up to 10 consecutive school days for a single incident of misconduct, and for up to 20 school days in a school year, as long as the suspension(s) does not constitute a change in placement pursuant to 34 CFR 300.536. (Education Code 48903; 34 CFR 300.530)

The principal or designee shall monitor the number of days, including portions of days, in which a student with a valid individualized education program (IEP) has been suspended during the school year.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a pattern of removals of a student from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons constitutes a change of placement. A change of placement shall be deemed to have occurred under either of the following circumstances: (34 CFR 300.536)

1. The removal is for more than 10 consecutive school days.
2. The student has been subjected to a series of removals that constitute a pattern because of all of the following:
 - a. The series of removals total more than 10 school days in a school year.
 - b. The student's behavior is substantially similar to his/her behavior in previous incidents that resulted in the series of removals.
 - c. Additional factors, such as the length of each removal, the total amount of time the student has been removed, and the proximity of the removals to one another, indicate a change of placement.

If a student's removal is determined to be a change of placement as specified in items #1-2 above, or the student is suspended for more than 10 school days in the same school year, the

student's IEP team shall determine the appropriate educational services. Such services shall be designed to enable the student to continue to participate in the general education curriculum in another setting, to progress toward meeting the goals set out in his/her IEP, and to address the student's behavior violation so that it does not recur. (20 USC 1412(a)(1)(A); 34 CFR 300.530)

If the IEP of a student with a disability requires the district to provide the student with transportation, the district shall provide the student with an alternative form of transportation at no cost to him/her or to his/her parent/guardian when he/she is to be excluded from school bus transportation. (Education Code 48915.5)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

Interim Alternative Educational Placement Due to Dangerous Behavior

The district may unilaterally place a student with a disability in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for up to 45 school days, without regard to whether the behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability, when the student commits one of the following acts while at school, going to or from school, or at a school-related function: (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 CFR 300.530)

1. Carries or possesses a weapon, as defined in 18 USC 930
2. Knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs
3. Sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance as identified in 21 USC 812(c), Schedules I-V
4. Inflicts serious bodily injury upon another person as defined in 18 USC 1365

The student's interim alternative educational setting shall be determined by his/her IEP team. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 CFR 300.531)

On the date the decision to take disciplinary action is made, the student's parent/guardian shall be notified of the decision and provided the procedural safeguards notice pursuant to 34 CFR 300.504. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(H); 34 CFR 300.530)

A student who has been removed from his/her current placement because of dangerous behavior shall receive services, although in another setting, to the extent necessary to allow him/her to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress toward meeting the

goals set out in his/her IEP. As appropriate, the student shall also receive a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications that are designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.530)

Manifestation Determination

The following procedural safeguards shall apply when a student with a disability is suspended for more than 10 consecutive school days, when a series of removals of a student constitutes a pattern, or when a change of placement of a student is contemplated due to a violation of the district's code of conduct:

1. Notice: On the date the decision to take disciplinary action is made, the student's parent/guardian shall be notified of the decision and provided the procedural safeguards notice pursuant to 34 CFR 300.504. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(H); 34 CFR 300.530)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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

2. Manifestation Determination Review: Immediately if possible, but in no case later than 10 school days after the date the decision to take disciplinary action is made, a manifestation determination review shall be made of the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior subject to the disciplinary action. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(E); 34 CFR 300.530)

At the manifestation determination review, the district, the student's parent/guardian, and relevant members of the IEP team (as determined by the district and parent/guardian) shall review all relevant information in the student's file, including the student's IEP, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parents/guardians, to determine whether the conduct in question was either of the following: (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(E); 34 CFR 300.530)

a. Caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the student's disability

b. A direct result of the district's failure to implement the student's IEP, in which case the district shall take immediate steps to remedy those deficiencies

If the manifestation review team determines that either of the above conditions applies, the student's conduct shall then be determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(E); 34 CFR 300.530)

3. Determination that Behavior is a Manifestation of the Student's Disability: When the student's conduct has been determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability, the IEP team shall conduct a functional behavioral assessment, unless one had been conducted before the occurrence of the behavior that resulted in the change of placement, and shall implement a behavioral intervention plan for the student. If a behavioral intervention plan has already been developed, the IEP team shall review the behavioral intervention plan and modify it as necessary to address the behavior. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(F); 34 CFR 300.530)

The student shall be returned to the placement from which he/she was removed, unless the parent/guardian and Superintendent or designee agree to a change of placement as part of the modification of the behavioral intervention plan. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(F); 34 CFR 300.530)

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

4. **Determination that Behavior is Not a Manifestation of the Student's Disability:** When it has been determined that the student's conduct was not a manifestation of his/her disability, the student may be disciplined in accordance with the procedures for students without disabilities. However, the student's IEP team shall determine services necessary to enable him/her to participate in the general education curriculum in another setting and to allow him/her to progress toward meeting the goals set out in his/her IEP. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.530)

As appropriate, the student also shall receive a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications that are designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.530)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

Due Process Appeals

If the parent/guardian disagrees with any district decision regarding placement under 34 CFR 300.530 (suspension and removal for dangerous circumstances) or 34 CFR 300.531 (interim alternative placement), or the manifestation determination under 34 CFR 300.530(e), he/she may appeal the decision by requesting a hearing. The district may request a hearing if the district believes that maintaining the student's current placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or others. In order to request a due process hearing, the requesting party shall file a complaint pursuant to 34 CFR 300.507 and 300.508(a) and (b). (20 USC 1415(k)(3); 34 CFR 300.532)

Whenever a hearing is requested as specified above, the parent/guardian or the district shall have an opportunity for an expedited due process hearing consistent with requirements specified in 34 CFR 300.507, 300.508 (a)-(c), and 300.510-300.514.

If the student's parent/guardian or the district has initiated a due process hearing under 34 CFR 300.532 as detailed above, the student shall remain in the interim alternative educational setting pending the decision of the hearing officer or until the expiration of the 45-day time period, whichever occurs first, unless the parent/guardian and district agree otherwise. (20 USC 1415(k)(4); 34 CFR 300.533)

Readmission

Readmission procedures for students with disabilities shall be the same as those adopted for students without disabilities. Upon readmission of a student with disabilities, an IEP team meeting shall be convened to review and, as necessary, modify the student's IEP.

Decision Not to Enforce Expulsion Order

The Governing Board's criteria for suspending the enforcement of an expulsion order shall be applied to

students with disabilities in the same manner as they are applied to all other students. (Education Code 48917)

Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities

Law enforcement notification requirements involving students with disabilities shall be the same as those specified for all students in AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

When giving any required notification concerning a student with disabilities to any law enforcement official, the principal or designee shall require the law enforcement official to certify in writing that he/she will not disclose the student's information or records to any other person without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 49076)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

Report to County Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the County Superintendent of Schools when any special education student has been expelled or suspended for more than 10 school days. The report shall include the student's name, last known address, and the reason for the action. (Education Code 48203)

Procedures for Students Not Yet Eligible for Special Education Services

A student who has not been determined to be eligible for special education and related services and who has violated the district's code of student conduct may nevertheless assert any of the protections under IDEA, if the district had knowledge of the student's disability. (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

Knowledge means that, before the occurrence of the behavior that precipitated the disciplinary action, one of the following occurred: (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

1. The parent/guardian, in writing, has expressed concern to district supervisory or administrative personnel, or to a teacher of the student, that the student is in need of special education or related services.
2. The parent/guardian has requested an evaluation of the student for special education pursuant to 20 USC 1414(a)(1)(B) or 34 CFR 300.300-300.311.

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

3. The teacher of the student or other district personnel has expressed specific concerns directly to the district's director of special education or other supervisory district personnel about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the student.

However, the district shall not be deemed to have knowledge of a student's disability if the student's parent/guardian has not allowed him/her to be evaluated for special education services or has refused

services or, after evaluating the student pursuant to 34 CFR 300.300-300.311, the district determined that he/she was not an individual with a disability.

When the district is deemed to not have knowledge of a student's disability, the student shall be disciplined in accordance with procedures established for students without disabilities who engage in comparable behavior. (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

If a request is made for an evaluation of a student during the time period in which the student is subject to disciplinary measures pursuant to 34 CFR 300.530, the evaluation shall be conducted in an expedited manner. Until the evaluation is completed, the student shall remain in the educational placement determined by school authorities. (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

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Board Policy

Discipline

BP 5144

Students

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe, supportive, and positive school environment conducive to student learning and to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and classroom management strategies, and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline.

The Superintendent or designee shall approve, for each school, a complement of effective, age-appropriate strategies for correcting student behavior. Such strategies may include, but are not limited to, conferences with students and their parents/guardians; use of study, guidance, or other intervention-related teams; enrollment in a program teaching prosocial behavior or anger management; and participation in a restorative justice program. Staff shall use preventative measures and positive conflict resolution techniques whenever possible. Disciplinary measures that may result in loss of instructional time or cause students to be disengaged from school, such as suspension and expulsion, shall be imposed only when required by law and when other means of correction have failed. (Education Code 48900.5)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

Board policies and administrative regulations shall outline acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

The administrative staff at each school may develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs. However, the rules shall be consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. (Education Code 35291.5)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall

be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health and opportunity to learn.

Persistently disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing consistent classroom management skills, implementing effective disciplinary techniques, and establishing cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

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

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

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student. (Education Code 49001)

However, corporal punishment does not include any pain or discomfort suffered by a student as a result

of his/her voluntary participation in an athletic or other recreational competition or activity. In addition, an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect himself/herself, students, staff, or other persons, to prevent damage to property, or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student is not corporal punishment. (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
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(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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Discipline

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Students

Site-Level Rules

In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the principal or designee shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

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

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Each school shall review its site-level discipline rules at least every four years.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary Strategies

To the extent possible, staff shall use disciplinary strategies that keep students in school and participating in the instructional program. Disciplinary strategies may include, but are not limited to:

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

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

5. Participation in a restorative justice program

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

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

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

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

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

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

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities)

12. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

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

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

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

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

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

Recess Restriction

A teacher may restrict a student's recess time only when he/she believes that this action is the most

effective way to bring about improved behavior. When recess restriction may involve the withholding of physical activity from a student, the teacher shall try other disciplinary measures before imposing the restriction. Recess restriction shall be subject to the following conditions:

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

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

If a student will miss his/her school bus on account of being detained after school, or if the student is not transported by school bus, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

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

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

Community Service

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

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

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

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

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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

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Employee Notifications

AR 4112.9
Personnel

The district shall provide employees with the following notifications and shall obtain signed acknowledgments that the notifications were received when so required by law or by district policy or regulations.

Acknowledgments Required by Law

1. Legal obligation to report known or suspected instances of child abuse
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
2. Oath or affirmation of allegiance required of public employees
(cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)
3. Hepatitis B vaccine declination
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
4. The district's school bus driver drug and alcohol testing policy, regulations and related information
(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)
5. Notice of release from position requiring an administrative or supervisory credential
(cf. 4313.2 - Demotion/Reassignment)
6. The classified employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours and prescribed workweek
(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
7. Information about certificated employee membership in the State Teachers' Retirement System

Acknowledgments Not Required by Law

1. The district's drug- and alcohol-free workplace
(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)
2. The district's nonsmoking policy
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
3. Prohibition of sexual harassment
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
4. Certificated employee evaluations
(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)
5. Notice of layoff
(cf. 4117.3 - Personnel Reduction)
(cf. 4217.3 - Layoff/Rehire)
6. Derogatory information to be placed in personnel file
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
7. Notice of charges related to disciplinary action
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
8. Notice of intention to dismiss
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
9. District Employee Acceptable Use Agreement

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44916 Written statement of employment status
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44949 Cause, notice and right to hearing
44951 Continuation in position unless notified
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Education Code

Education Code

Providing information to teacher for students engaged in acts described in 48900

EC 49079

- (a) A school district shall inform the teacher of each pupil who has engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, any of the acts described in any of the subdivisions, except subdivision (h), of Section 48900 or in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, or 48900.7 that the pupil engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, those acts. The district shall provide the information to the teacher based upon any records that the district maintains in its ordinary course of business, or receives from a law enforcement agency, regarding a pupil described in this section.
- (b) A school district, or school district officer or employee, is not civilly or criminally liable for providing information under this section unless it is proven that the information was false and that the district or district officer or employee knew or should have known that the information was false, or the information was provided with a reckless disregard for its truth or falsity.
- (c) An officer or employee of a school district who knowingly fails to provide information about a pupil who has engaged in, or who is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, the acts referred to in subdivision (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.
- (d) For the 1994-95 school year, the information provided shall be from the previous two school years. For the 1996-97 school year and each school year thereafter, the information provided shall be from the previous three school years.
- (e) Any information received by a teacher pursuant to this section shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher.

(Amended by Stats 2000, Ch. 345, Sec. 2)

Reference:

Education Code 48900
Education Code 48900.2
Education Code 48900.3
Education Code 48900.4
Education Code 48900.7

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Board Policy

Nondiscrimination/Harassment

BP 5145.3
Students

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

This policy shall apply to all acts related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school. (Education Code 234.1)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, includes physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on any of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also shall include the creation of a hostile environment when the prohibited conduct 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.

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 otherwise participates in the filing or investigation of a complaint or report regarding an incident of discrimination. Retaliation complaints shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as a discrimination complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate training and information to students, parents/guardians, and employees regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including, but not limited to, the district's nondiscrimination policy, what constitutes prohibited behavior, how to report incidents, and to whom such reports should be made.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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. He/she shall provide training and 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 educational program. He/she shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

(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)

In providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to district students, employees and volunteers shall carefully guard against segregating or stereotyping students.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

The principal or designee shall develop a plan to provide students with appropriate accommodations when necessary for their protection from threatened or potentially harassing or discriminatory behavior.

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, up to counseling and may include suspension or expulsion for behavior that 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 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21- Professional Standards)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Grievance Procedures

The following position is designated Coordinator for Nondiscrimination to handle complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies:

Superintendent
984-1 Bostwick Lane Santa Cruz, CA
(831) 475-6333

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

Any student who feels that he/she has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying should immediately contact the Coordinator, the principal, or any other staff member. In addition, any student who observes any such incident should report the incident to the Coordinator or principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who observes an incident of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall report the incident to the Coordinator or principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

In addition, the employee shall immediately intervene when safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

Upon receiving a complaint of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the Coordinator shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with the site-level grievance procedures specified in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Within 30 days of receiving the district's report, the complainant may appeal to the Board if he/she disagrees with the resolution of the complaint. The Board shall make a decision at its next regular meeting and its decision shall be final.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the student handbook clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the resources that are available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior. The district's policy shall also be posted on the district web site or any other location that is easily accessible to students.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

When required pursuant to Education Code 48985, complaint forms shall be translated into the student's primary language.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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

51500 Prohibited instruction or activity

51501 Prohibited means of instruction 60044 Prohibited instructional materials

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PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

422.6 Crimes, harassment

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

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

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106.9 Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex COURT DECISIONS

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Policy LIVE OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Live Oak ESD

Board Policy

Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities

BP 0410

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

The Governing Board is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on gender, sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The Board shall promote programs which ensure that discriminatory practices are eliminated in all district activities.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

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

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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

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

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities, including the use of facilities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in each announcement, bulletin, catalog, handbook, application form, or other materials distributed to these groups.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, and shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district provides auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, note takers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large print materials.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to the school-sponsored function, program or meeting.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations and applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination. Such notification shall be included in each announcement, bulletin, catalog, application form or other recruitment materials distributed to these groups. (34 CFR 104.8, 106.9)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide information about related complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

In compliance with law, the district's nondiscrimination policy shall be published in the individual's primary language to the extent practicable.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

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11000 Definitions

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422.55 Definition of hate crime

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2000h-2000h-6 Title IX

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Policy LIVE OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Policy

Dress And Grooming

BP 5132

Students

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process.

(cf. 4119.22 - Dress and Grooming)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised. A student who violates these standards shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Gang-Related Apparel

The principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. Such a dress code may be included as part of the school safety plan and must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school's students.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

Uniforms

In order to promote student safety and discourage theft, peer rivalry and/or gang activity, the principal, staff and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code requiring students to wear uniforms. Such a dress code may be included as part of the school safety plan and must be presented to the Board for approval. The Board shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school's students.

If a school's plan to require uniforms is adopted, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby parents/guardians may choose to have their children exempted from the school uniform policy. Students shall not be penalized academically, otherwise discriminated against or denied attendance to school if their parents/guardians so decide. (Education Code 35183)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that resources are identified to assist economically disadvantaged students in obtaining uniforms.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32281 School safety plans

35183 School dress codes; uniforms

35183.5 Sun-protective clothing

48907 Student exercise of free expression

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Administrative Regulation

Dress And Grooming

AR 5132
Students

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Governing Board policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors.
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
5. Gym shorts may not be worn in classes other than physical education.
6. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student

does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

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

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

Uniforms

In schools where a schoolwide uniform is required, the principal, staff and parents/guardians of the individual school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn. (Education Code 35183)

At least six months before a school uniform policy is implemented, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this policy. (Education Code 35183)

Parents/guardians shall also be informed of their right to have their child exempted.

The principal or designee shall also repeat this notification at the end of the school year so that parents/guardians are reminded before school clothes are likely to be purchased.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for determining student eligibility for financial assistance when purchasing uniforms.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a method for recycling or exchanging uniforms as students grow out of them.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35183)

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Board Policy

Hate-Motivated Behavior

BP 5145.9

Students

In order to create a safe learning environment for all students, the Governing Board desires to protect the right of every student to be free from hate-motivated behavior and will promote harmonious relationships among students so as to enable them to gain a true understanding of the civil rights and social responsibilities of people in society. The district prohibits discriminatory behavior or statements that degrade an individual on the basis of his/her actual or perceived race, ethnicity, culture, heritage, gender, sex, sexual orientation, physical/mental attributes, or religious beliefs or practices.

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

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

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

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with regional programs and community organizations to promote safe environments for youth. These efforts shall be focused on providing an efficient use of district and community resources.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

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

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

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The district shall provide age-appropriate instruction to help promote an understanding of and respect for human rights, diversity, and tolerance in a multicultural society and to provide strategies to manage conflicts constructively.

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

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

(cf. 6141.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff receive training on recognizing hate-motivated behavior and on strategies to help respond appropriately to such behavior.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Grievance Procedures

Any student who believes he/she is a victim of hate-motivated behavior shall immediately contact the Coordinator for Nondiscrimination/Principal. Upon receiving such a complaint, the Coordinator/Principal shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with school-level complaint process/grievance procedures as described in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment. A student who has been found to have demonstrated hate-motivated behavior shall be subject to discipline in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5131- Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Staff who receive notice of hate-motivated behavior or personally observe such behavior shall notify the Coordinator/Principal, Superintendent or designee, and/or law enforcement, as appropriate.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

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

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

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

422.6 Crimes, harassment

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Board Policy

Sexual Harassment

BP 5145.7

Students

The Governing Board is committed to maintaining a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits sexual harassment of students at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who files a complaint, testifies, or otherwise participates in district complaint processes.

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

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

Instruction/Information

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age-appropriate instruction and information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

1. What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same sex and could involve sexual violence
2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment
3. Encouragement to report observed instances of sexual harassment, even where the victim of the harassment has not complained
4. Information about the district's procedure for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made
5. Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a criminal complaint, as applicable

Complaint Process

Any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity (e.g., by a visiting athlete or coach) shall immediately contact his/her teacher or any other employee. An employee who receives such a complaint shall report it in accordance with administrative regulation.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any complaints regarding sexual harassment are immediately investigated in accordance with administrative regulation. When the Superintendent or designee has determined that harassment has occurred, he/she shall take prompt, appropriate action to end the harassment and to address its effects on the victim.

Disciplinary Actions

Any student who engages in sexual harassment or sexual violence at school or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity is in violation of this policy and shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4-12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that, in imposing such discipline, the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Confidentiality and Record-Keeping

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential except as necessary to carry out the investigation or take other subsequent necessary action. (5 CCR 4964)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of sexual harassment to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in the schools.

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48980 Notice at beginning of term

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51.9 Liability for sexual harassment; business, service and professional relationships
1714.1 Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor

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12950.1 Sexual harassment training

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4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

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Administrative Regulation

Sexual Harassment

AR 5145.7

Students

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the educational setting, when made on the basis of sex and under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 212.5; 5 CCR 4916)

1. Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of a student's academic status or progress.
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by a student is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting the student.
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.
4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the student is used as the basis for any decision affecting the student regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through any district program or activity.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

Examples of types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

1. Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations, or propositions
2. Unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions
3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body or overly personal conversation
4. Sexual jokes, derogatory posters, notes, stories, cartoons, drawings, pictures, obscene gestures, or computer-generated images of a sexual nature

5. Spreading sexual rumors
6. Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class
7. Massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body
8. Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
9. Impeding or blocking movements or any physical interference with school activities when directed at an individual on the basis of sex
10. Displaying sexually suggestive objects
11. Sexual assault, sexual battery, or sexual coercion

School-Level Complaint Process/Grievance Procedure

Complaints of sexual harassment, or any behavior prohibited by the district's Nondiscrimination/Harassment policy - BP 5145.3, shall be handled in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Notice and Receipt of Complaint: Any student who believes he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment or who has witnessed sexual harassment may file a complaint with any school employee. Within 24 hours of receiving a complaint, the school employee shall report it to the district Coordinator for Nondiscrimination/Principal. In addition, any school employee who observes any incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall, within 24 hours, report this observation to the Coordinator/Principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

In any case of sexual harassment involving the Coordinator/Principal to whom the complaint would ordinarily be made, the employee who receives the student's report or who observes the incident shall instead report to the Superintendent or designee.

2. Initiation of Investigation: The Coordinator/Principal shall initiate an impartial investigation of an allegation of sexual harassment within five school days of receiving notice of the harassing behavior, regardless of whether a formal complaint has been filed. The district shall be considered to have "notice" of the need for an investigation upon receipt of information from a student who believes he/she has been subjected to harassment, the student's parent/guardian, an employee who received a complaint from a student, or any employee or student who witnessed the behavior.

If the Coordinator/Principal receives an anonymous complaint or media report about alleged sexual harassment, he/she shall determine whether it is reasonable to pursue an investigation considering the specificity and reliability of the information, the seriousness of the alleged incident, and whether any individuals can be identified who were subjected to the alleged harassment.

3. Initial Interview with Student: When a student or parent/guardian has complained or provided information about sexual harassment, the Coordinator/Principal shall describe the district's grievance procedure and discuss what actions are being sought by the student in response to the complaint. The student who is complaining shall have an opportunity to describe the incident, identify witnesses who may have relevant information, provide other evidence of the harassment, and put his/her complaint in writing. If the student requests confidentiality, he/she shall be informed that such a request may limit the district's ability to investigate.

4. Investigation Process: The Coordinator/Principal shall keep the complaint and allegation confidential, except as necessary to carry out the investigation or take other subsequent necessary action. (5 CCR 4964)

The Coordinator/Principal shall interview individuals who are relevant to the investigation, including, but not limited to, the student who is complaining, the person accused of harassment, anyone who witnessed the reported harassment, and anyone mentioned as having relevant information. The Coordinator/Principal may take other steps such as reviewing any records, notes, or statements related to the harassment or visiting the location where the harassment is alleged to have taken place.

When necessary to carry out his/her investigation or to protect student safety, the Coordinator/Principal also may discuss the complaint with the Superintendent or designee, the parent/guardian of the student who complained, the parent/guardian of the alleged harasser if the alleged harasser is a student, a teacher or staff member whose knowledge of the students involved may help in determining who is telling the truth, law enforcement and/or child protective services, and district legal counsel or the district's risk manager.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

5. Interim Measures: The Coordinator/Principal shall determine whether interim measures are necessary during and pending the results of the investigation, such as placing students in separate classes or transferring a student to a class taught by a different teacher.

6. Optional Mediation: In cases of student-on-student harassment, when the student who complained and the alleged harasser so agree, the Coordinator/Principal may arrange for them to resolve the complaint informally with the help of a counselor, teacher, administrator, or trained mediator. The student who complained shall never be asked to work out the problem directly with the accused person unless such help is provided and both parties agree, and he/she shall be advised of the right to end the informal process at any time.

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution)

7. Factors in Reaching a Determination: In reaching a decision about the complaint, the Coordinator/Principal may take into account:

a. Statements made by the persons identified above

- b. The details and consistency of each person's account
- c. Evidence of how the complaining student reacted to the incident
- d. Evidence of any past instances of harassment by the alleged harasser
- e. Evidence of any past harassment complaints that were found to be untrue

To judge the severity of the harassment, the Coordinator/Principal may take into consideration:

- a. How the misconduct affected one or more students' education
 - b. The type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct
 - c. The identity, age, and sex of the harasser and the student who complained, and the relationship between them
 - d. The number of persons engaged in the harassing conduct and at whom the harassment 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 students
8. Written Report on Findings and Follow-Up: No more than 30 days after receiving the complaint, the Coordinator/Principal shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of his/her findings. This timeline may be extended for good cause. If an extension is needed, the Coordinator/Principal shall notify the student who complained and explain the reasons for the extension.

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. If it is determined that harassment occurred, the report shall also include any corrective actions that have or will be taken

to address the harassment and prevent any retaliation or further harassment. This report shall be presented to the student who complained, the person accused, the parents/guardians of the student who complained and the student who was accused, and the Superintendent or designee.

In addition, the Coordinator/Principal shall ensure that the harassed student and his/her parent/guardian are informed of the procedures for reporting any subsequent problems. The Coordinator/Principal shall make follow-up inquiries to see if there have been any new incidents or retaliation and shall keep a record of this information.

Enforcement of District Policy

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce the district's sexual

harassment policy. 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 harassment and how to respond

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

3. Disseminating and/or summarizing the district's policy and regulation regarding sexual harassment

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

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

5. Taking appropriate disciplinary action

In addition, disciplinary measures may be taken against any person who is found to have made a complaint of sexual harassment which he/she knew was not true.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

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

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

Notifications

A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and regulation shall:

1. Be included in the notifications that are sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year (Education Code 48980; 5 CCR 4917)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

2. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building or other area where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted, including school web sites (Education Code 231.5)

3. Be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new students at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or summer session (Education Code 231.5)
4. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct (Education Code 231.5)

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Administrative Regulation

Comprehensive Safety Plan

AR 0450

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

Content of the Safety Plan

The districtwide and/or school site safety plan shall include an assessment of the current status of school crime committed on campus(es) and at school-related functions. (Education Code 32282)

The plan also shall identify appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety. The plan shall include the development of all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Penal Code 11164

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

2. Routine and emergency disaster procedures including, but not limited to:

- a. Adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

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

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

- b. An earthquake emergency procedure system in accordance with Education Code 32282

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)

- c. A procedure to allow a public agency, including the American Red Cross, to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)

(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

3. Policies pursuant to Education Code 48915(c) and other school-designated serious acts which

would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

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

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

4. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079

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

5. A discrimination and harassment policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination pursuant to Education Code 200-262.4

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

6. If the school has adopted a dress code prohibiting students from wearing "gang-related apparel" pursuant to Education Code 35183, the provisions of that dress code and the definition of "gang-related apparel"

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

7. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of students, parents/guardians, and employees to and from school

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

8. A safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

9. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

10. Hate crime reporting procedures

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Among the strategies for providing a safe environment, the school safety plan may also include:

1. Development of a positive school climate that promotes respect for diversity, personal and social responsibility, effective interpersonal and communication skills, self-esteem, anger management, and conflict resolution

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

2. Disciplinary policies and procedures that contain prevention strategies, such as strategies to prevent bullying, hazing, and cyberbullying, as well as behavioral expectations and consequences for violations

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

3. Curriculum that emphasizes prevention and alternatives to violence, such as multicultural education, character/values education, media analysis skills, conflict resolution, and community service learning

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

4. Parent involvement strategies, including strategies to help ensure parent/guardian support and reinforcement of the school's rules and increase the number of adults on campus

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

5. Prevention and intervention strategies related to the sale or use of drugs and alcohol which shall reflect expectations for drug-free schools and support for recovering students

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

6. Collaborative relationships among the city, county, community agencies, local law enforcement, the judicial system, and the schools that lead to the development of a set of common goals and community strategies for violence prevention instruction

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

7. Procedures for responding to the release of a pesticide or other toxic substance from properties located within one-quarter mile of the school

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

8. Procedures for receiving verification from law enforcement that a violent crime has occurred on school grounds and for promptly notifying parents/guardians and employees of that crime

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

9. Assessment of the school's physical environment, including a risk management analysis and development of ground security measures such as procedures for the closing of campuses to outsiders, surveillance systems, securing the campus perimeter, protecting buildings against vandalism, and providing for a law enforcement presence on campus

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

10. Crisis prevention and intervention strategies, which may include the following:

a. Identification of possible crises that may occur, determination of necessary tasks that need to be addressed, and development of procedures relative to each crisis, including the involvement of law enforcement and other public safety agencies as appropriate

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

b. Assignment of staff members responsible for each identified task and procedure

c. Development of an evacuation plan based on an assessment of buildings and grounds and opportunities for students and staff to practice the evacuation plan

d. Coordination of communication to schools, Governing Board members, parents/guardians, and the media

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)

e. Development of a method for the reporting of violent incidents

f. Development of follow-up procedures that may be required after a crisis has occurred, such as counseling

11. Staff development in violence prevention and intervention techniques, including preparation to

implement the elements of the safety plan

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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Visitors/Outsiders

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Community Relations

The Superintendent or designee shall post at every entrance to each school and school grounds a notice describing registration requirements, school hours or hours during which registration is required, the registration location, the route to take to that location, and the penalties for violation of registration requirements. (Education Code 32211; Penal Code 627.6)

Unless otherwise directed by the principal or designee, a staff member shall accompany visitors/outsideers while they are on school grounds.

Registration Procedure

In order to register, an outsider shall, upon request, furnish the principal or designee with the following information: (Penal Code 627.3)

1. His/her name, address, and occupation
2. His/her age, if less than 21
3. His/her purpose for entering school grounds
4. Proof of identity
5. Other information consistent with the provisions of law

Principal's Registration Authority

The principal or designee may refuse to register any outsider if he/she reasonably concludes that the individual's presence or acts would disrupt the school, students, or employees; would result in damage to property; or would result in the distribution or use of a controlled substance. The principal or designee or school security officer may revoke any outsider's registration if he/she has a reasonable basis for concluding that the individual's presence on school grounds would interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of school activities or would disrupt or is disrupting the school, students, or staff. (Penal Code 627.4)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

When an outsider fails to register, or when the principal or designee denies or revokes an outsider's registration privileges, the principal or designee may request that the individual promptly leave school grounds. When an outsider is directed to leave, the principal or designee shall inform him/her that if he/she reenters the school within seven days he/she may be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 627.7)

Appeal Procedure

Any person who is denied registration or whose registration is revoked may appeal to the Superintendent or principal by submitting, within five days after the person's departure from school, a written request for a hearing. This request must state why he/she believes the denial or revocation was improper and must provide an address to which the hearing notice may be sent. Upon receipt of the request for a hearing, the Superintendent or principal shall promptly mail a notice of the hearing to the person requesting it. A hearing before the Superintendent or principal shall be held within seven days after receipt of the request. (Penal Code 627.5)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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Board Policy

Weapons And Dangerous Instruments

BP 5131.7

Students

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus free from physical and psychological harm and desires to protect them from the dangers presented by firearms and other weapons.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Possession of Weapons

The Board prohibits any student from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or other dangerous instruments, as defined in law and administrative regulation, in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, at school-related or school-sponsored activities away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

Under the power granted to the Board to protect the safety of students, staff, and others on district property and to maintain order and discipline in the schools, any school employee is authorized to confiscate any prohibited weapon, imitation firearm, or dangerous instrument from any student on school grounds.

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

Unless he/she has obtained prior written permission as specified below, a student possessing or threatening others with any weapon, dangerous instrument, or imitation firearm shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other prohibited weapon or dangerous instrument without permission, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10; 20 USC 7151)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

Advance Permission for Possession of a Weapon for Educational Purposes

The parent/guardian of a student who desires to possess a firearm, imitation firearm, or other prohibited weapon on school grounds for an educational purpose shall, at least five school

days in advance of the planned possession, submit a written request to the principal which explains the planned use of the weapon and the duration. The student shall also submit a written explanation from the staff person responsible for the school-sponsored activity or class.

The principal may grant permission for such possession when he/she determines that it is necessary for a school-sponsored activity or class or as part of the educational program. Factors that shall be considered include, but are not limited to, the planned use of the weapon, the duration and location of the planned use, whether an audience is expected, and any perceived adverse effects to the safety and well-being of students or staff. If the principal grants such permission, he/she shall provide the student and staff person with a written explanation regarding any limitations and the permissible duration of the student's possession.

When the principal or designee grants permission, he/she shall take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of all persons on school grounds, including, but not limited to, inspecting a firearm to verify that no live ammunition is present. Any weapon allowed shall be stored in a locked vehicle or in an appropriate, locked container before and after its authorized use.

A student granted permission to possess a weapon may be suspended and/or expelled if he/she possesses or uses the weapon inappropriately.

Possession of Pepper Spray

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

Reporting of Dangerous Objects

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects, or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The Superintendent or designee also shall inform staff, students,

and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

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Board Policy

Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan

BP 3516

Business and Noninstructional Operations

The Governing Board recognizes that all district staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters, and threats of disaster.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan which details provisions for handling emergencies and disasters and which shall be included in the district's comprehensive school safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)

The Superintendent or designee shall also develop and maintain emergency plans for each school site.

In developing the district and school emergency plans, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with city and county emergency responders, including local public health administrators.

The Superintendent or designee shall use state-approved Standardized Emergency Management System guidelines and the National Incident Command System when updating district and site-level emergency and disaster preparedness plans.

The Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall cooperate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining whatever services they deem necessary to meet the community's needs. (Education Code 32282)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

School employees are considered disaster service workers and are subject to disaster service activities assigned to them. (Government Code 3100)

(cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)

(cf. 4119.3/4219.3/4319.3 - Duties of Personnel)

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49505 Natural disaster; meals for homeless students; reimbursement
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8607 Standardized emergency management system
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Federal Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.fema.gov>
U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning:
<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.dhs.gov>

Policy LIVE OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Administrative Regulation

Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan

AR 3516
Business and Noninstructional Operations

Components of the Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district and school site plans address, at a minimum, the following types of emergencies and disasters:

1. Fire on or off school grounds which endangers students and staff
(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)
2. Earthquake or other natural disasters
(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)
3. Environmental hazards
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
4. Attack or disturbance, or threat of attack or disturbance, by an individual or group
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
5. Bomb threat or actual detonation
(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)
6. Biological, radiological, chemical, and other activities, or heightened warning of such activities
7. Medical emergencies and quarantines, such as a pandemic influenza outbreak
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's procedures include strategies and actions for prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, including, but not limited to, the

following:

1. Regular inspection of school facilities and equipment and identification of risks

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

2. Instruction and practice for students and employees regarding emergency plans, including:

- a. Training of staff in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- b. Regular practice of emergency procedures by students and staff

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

3. Specific determination of roles and responsibilities of staff during a disaster or other emergency, including determination of:

- a. The appropriate chain of command at the district and, if communication between the district and site is not possible, at each site
- b. Individuals responsible for specific duties
- c. Designation of the principal for the overall control and supervision of activities at each school during the emergency, including authorization to use his/her discretion in situations which do not permit execution of prearranged plans
- d. Identification of at least one person at each site who holds a valid certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation

- e. Assignment of responsibility for identification of injured persons and administration of first aid

4. Personal safety and security, including:

- a. Identification of areas of responsibility for supervision of students
- b. Procedures for evacuation of students and staff, including posting of evacuation routes
- c. Procedures for release of students, including a procedure to release students when reference to the emergency card is not feasible

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

d. Identification of transportation needs, including a plan which allows bus seating capacity limits to be exceeded when a disaster or hazard requires students to be moved immediately to ensure their safety

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

e. Provision of a first aid kit to each classroom

f. Arrangements for students and staff with special needs

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

g. Upon notification that a pandemic situation exists, adjustment of attendance policies for students and sick leave policies for staff with known or suspected pandemic influenza or other infectious disease

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/ Injury Leave)

(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

5. Closure of schools, including an analysis of:

a. The impact on student learning and methods to ensure continuity of instruction

b. How to provide for continuity of operations for essential central office functions, such as payroll and ongoing communication with students and parents/guardians

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

6. Communication among staff, parents/guardians, the Governing Board, other governmental agencies, and the media during an emergency, including:

a. Identification of spokesperson(s)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

b. Development and testing of communication platforms, such as hotlines, telephone trees, and web sites

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

c. Development of methods to ensure that communications are, to the extent practicable, in a language and format that is easy for parents/guardians to understand

d. Distribution of information about district and school site emergency procedures to staff, students, and parents/guardians

7. Cooperation with other state and local agencies, including:

a. Development of guidelines for law enforcement involvement and intervention

b. Collaboration with the local health department, including development of a tracking system to alert the local health department to a substantial increase of student or staff absenteeism as indicative of a potential outbreak of an infectious disease

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

8. Steps to be taken after the disaster or emergency, including:

a. Inspection of school facilities

b. Provision of mental health services for students and staff, as needed

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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Board Policy

Emergency Schedules

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Business and Noninstructional Operations

In order to provide for the safety of students and staff, the Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to close a school site, change the regular school day schedule, or take any necessary action when hazardous environmental or weather conditions or other emergencies warrant.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

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

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

When an emergency condition causes a school closure, reduction in attendance, or change in schedule pursuant to Education Code 41422 or 46392, thereby preventing the district from complying with the minimum number of instructional days or minutes required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall complete and submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the necessary forms for obtaining approval of the days of the closure, reduction in attendance, or change in schedule. The Superintendent or designee shall submit other relevant district records as may be required.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a system for informing students and parents/guardians when school buses are not operating as scheduled, the school day schedule is changed, or the school is closed. The district's notification system shall include, but is not limited to, notifying local television and radio stations, posting on district web site(s), sending email and text messages, and/or making telephone calls.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

Whenever the school day schedule changes after students have arrived at school, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students are supervised in accordance with the procedures specified in the district's emergency and disaster preparedness plan.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

The Superintendent or designee may provide a means to make up lost instructional time later during the year. Students and parents/guardians shall receive timely advanced notice of any resulting changes in the school calendar or school day schedule.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41420 Required length of school term

41422 Schools not maintained for 175 days

46010 Total days of attendance

46100-46192 Attendance; maximum credit; minimum day

46390 Calculation of ADA in emergency

46391 Lost or destroyed ADA records

46392 Decreased attendance in emergency situation

VEHICLE CODE

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

90-01 Average Daily Attendance Credit During Periods of Emergency, February 10, 2005

WEB SITES

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

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Administrative Regulation

Earthquake Emergency Procedure System

AR 3516.3

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Earthquake Preparedness

Earthquake emergency procedures shall be established in every school building having an occupant capacity of 50 or more students, or more than one classroom, and shall be incorporated into the comprehensive school safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Earthquake emergency procedures shall be aligned with the Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System. (Government Code 8607; 19 CCR 2400-2450)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Earthquake emergency procedures shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of students and staff
2. A drop procedure whereby each student and staff member takes cover under a table or desk, dropping to his/her knees, with the head protected by the arms and the back to the windows

Drop procedures shall be practiced at least once each school quarter in elementary schools and at least once each semester in secondary schools.

3. Protective measures to be taken before, during, and following an earthquake
4. A program to ensure that students and staff are aware of and properly trained in the earthquake emergency procedure system

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee may work with the California Office of Emergency Services (renamed the California Emergency Management Agency) and the Seismic Safety Commission to develop and

establish the earthquake emergency procedures. (Education Code 32282)

Earthquake emergency procedures shall outline the roles and responsibilities of students and staff during and after an earthquake.

Staff and students shall be informed of the dangers to expect in an earthquake and procedures to be followed. Students shall be instructed to remain silent and follow directions given by staff in such an emergency. Staff and students also shall be taught safety precautions to take if they are in the open or on the way to or from school when an earthquake occurs.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall designate outside areas and alternative areas, which may include areas off campus if necessary, in which students will assemble following evacuation. In designating such areas, the Superintendent or designee shall consider potential post-earthquake hazards outside school buildings including, but not limited to, power lines, trees, covered walkways, chain link fences that may be an electric shock hazard, and areas near buildings that may have debris.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall designate evacuation routes and alternative routes that avoid areas with potential hazards to the extent possible. The needs of students with disabilities shall be considered when planning evacuation routes.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify potential earthquake hazards in classrooms and other district facilities. Potential hazards may include, but are not limited to, areas where the main gas supply or electric current enters the building, suspended ceilings, pendant light fixtures, large windows, stairwells, science laboratories, storage areas for hazardous materials, shop areas, and unsecured furniture and equipment. To the extent possible, such shall be minimized by securing equipment and furnishings and removing heavy objects from high shelves.

Earthquake While Indoors at School

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken inside buildings and classrooms:

1. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure. Students should stay in the drop position until the emergency is over or until further instructions are given.
2. In laboratories, burners should be extinguished if possible before taking cover.
3. As soon as possible, staff shall move students away from windows, shelves, and heavy objects and furniture that may fall.
4. After the earthquake, the principal or designee shall determine whether planned evacuation routes and assembly areas are safe and shall communicate with teachers and other staff.
5. When directed by the principal or designee to evacuate, or if classrooms or other facilities present dangerous hazards that require immediate evacuation, staff shall account for all students under their supervision and have the students evacuate the building in an orderly manner.

Earthquake While Outdoors on School Grounds

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken by staff or other persons in authority who are outdoors on school grounds:

1. Staff shall direct students to walk away from buildings, trees, overhead power lines, power poles, or exposed wires.
2. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure.
3. Staff shall have students stay in the open until the earthquake is over or until further directions are given.

Earthquake While on the Bus

If students are on the school bus when an earthquake occurs, the bus driver shall take proper precautions to ensure student safety. The driver shall pull to the side of the road, away from any outside hazards if possible, and turn off the ignition. As soon as possible, the driver shall contact the Superintendent or designee for instructions before proceeding on the route.

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

Subsequent Emergency Procedures

After the earthquake has subsided, the following actions shall be taken:

1. Staff shall extinguish small fires if possible.
2. Staff shall provide assistance to any injured students, take roll, and report missing students to the principal or designee.
3. Staff and students shall not light any stoves or burners until the area is declared safe.
4. All buildings shall be inspected for water and gas leaks, electrical breakages, and large cracks or earth slippage affecting buildings.
5. The principal or designee shall post staff at a safe distance from all building entrances and instruct staff and students to not reenter until the buildings are declared safe.
6. The principal or designee shall request assistance as needed from the county or city civil defense office, fire and police departments, city and county building inspectors, and utility companies and shall confer with them regarding the advisability of closing the school.
7. The principal or designee shall contact the Superintendent or designee and request further instructions after assessing the earthquake damage.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 School safety plans

GOVERNMENT CODE

3100 Public employees as disaster service workers

8607 Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19

2400-2450 Standardized Emergency Management System

Management Resources:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Guidebook for Developing a School Earthquake Safety Program, 1990

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

The ABCs of Post-Earthquake Evacuation: A Checklist for School Administrators and Faculty

Guide and Checklist for Nonstructural Earthquake Hazards in California Schools, January 2003

School Emergency Response: Using SEMS at Districts and Sites, June 1998

WEB SITES

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

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>

California Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.calema.ca.gov>

California Seismic Safety Commission: <http://www.seismic.ca.gov>

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/earthquakes>

National Incident Management System (NIMS): <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims>

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Fire Drills And Fires

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Business and Noninstructional Operations

Fire Drills

The principal shall cause the fire alarm signal to be sounded at least once every month. (Education Code 32001)

The principal shall also hold fire drills at least once a month at the elementary level, four times every school year at the intermediate level, and not less than twice every school year at the secondary level. (Education Code 32001)

1. The principal shall notify staff as to the schedule for fire drills.
2. Whenever a fire drill is held, all students, teachers and other employees shall be directed to leave the building. (5 CCR 550)
3. Teachers shall ascertain that no student remains in the building.
4. Teachers shall be prepared to select alternate exits and shall direct their classes to these exits whenever the designated escape route is blocked.
5. The principal or designee shall keep a record of each fire drill conducted and file a copy of this record with the office of the Superintendent or designee.

Fires

When a fire is discovered in any part of the school, the following actions shall be taken:

1. The principal or designee shall sound fire signals, unless the school and/or building is equipped with an automatic fire detection and alarm system. (Education Code 32001)
2. The principal or designee shall call 911.
3. All persons shall be directed to leave the building and shall proceed outside to designated assembly areas.
4. Staff shall give students clear direction and supervision and help maintain a calm and orderly response.

5. In outside assembly areas, teachers shall take roll, report missing students, and provide assistance to any injured students.

6. In outside assembly areas, the principal, designee and/or each department head shall account for their staff, report missing staff, and provide assistance to any injured staff.

7. If the fire is extensive, students shall be taken to an alternate location for protective custody until parents/guardians can pick them up or until they can be safely transported to their homes.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17074.50-17074.56 Automatic fire detection, alarm and sprinkler systems

32001 Uniform fire signals

32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

550 Fire drills

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Bomb Threats

AR 3516.2

Business and Noninstructional Operations

To maintain a safe and secure environment for district students and staff, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's emergency and disaster preparedness plan and/or each school's comprehensive safety plan includes procedures for dealing with bomb threats. He/she also shall provide training regarding the procedures to site administrators, safety personnel, and staff members who customarily handle mail, telephone calls, or email.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
- (cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
- (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
- (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Receiving Threats

Any staff member receiving a telephoned bomb threat shall try to keep the caller on the line in order to gather information about the location and timing of the bomb and the person(s) responsible. To the extent possible, the staff member should also take note of the caller's gender, age, any distinctive features of voice or speech, and any background noises such as music, traffic, machinery, or voices.

If the bomb threat is received through the mail system or in writing, the staff member who receives it should handle the letter, note, or package as minimally as possible. If the threat is received through electronic means, such as email or text messaging, the staff member should not delete the message.

Response Procedure

The following procedure shall be followed when a bomb threat is received:

1. Any employee who receives a bomb threat shall immediately call 911 and also report the threat to the Superintendent or designee. If the threat is in writing, the employee shall place the message in an envelope and take note of where and by whom it was found.
2. Any student or employee who sees a suspicious package shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately use fire drill signals and initiate standard

evacuation procedures as specified in the emergency plan.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)

4. The Superintendent or designee shall turn off any two-way radio equipment which is located in a threatened building.

Law enforcement and/or fire department staff shall conduct the bomb search. No school staff shall search for or handle any explosive or incendiary device.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

No one shall reenter the threatened building(s) until the Superintendent or designee declares that reentry is safe based on law enforcement and/or fire department clearance.

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain communications with staff, parents/guardians, the Governing Board, other governmental agencies, and the media during the period of the incident.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Following the incident, the Superintendent or designee shall provide crisis counseling for students and/or staff as needed.

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Any employee or student found to have made a bomb threat shall be subject to disciplinary procedures and/or criminal prosecution.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

PENAL CODE

17 Felony, misdemeanor, classification of offenses

148.1 False report of explosive or facsimile bomb

245 Assault with deadly weapon or force likely to produce great bodily injury; punishment

594 Vandalism; penalty

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911: A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PUBLICATIONS

Bomb Threat Checklist

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.dhs.gov>

U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:
<http://www.THREATPLAN.org>

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Transportation Safety And Emergencies

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Business and Noninstructional Operations

Safety Equipment

Each school bus shall be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher located in the driver's compartment which meets the standards specified in law. (Education Code 39838; 13 CCR 1242)

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

1. Is a Type 1 school bus designed for carrying more than 16 passengers and the driver and is manufactured on or after July 1, 2005
2. Is a Type 2 school bus or student activity bus designed for carrying 16 or fewer passengers and the driver, or designed for carrying 20 or fewer passengers and the driver and having a manufacturer's vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and is manufactured on or after July 1, 2004

Bus drivers shall be informed of procedures to be followed to reasonably enforce proper use of the passenger restraint system.

Safe Bus Operations

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

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

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

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

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

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, except under the following conditions: (Vehicle Code 23123, 23125)

1. When he/she uses a wireless telephone that is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking, provided it is used in that manner while driving
2. For emergency purposes, including, but not limited to, an emergency call to a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or other emergency service agency or entity
3. In the case of a school bus driver, for work-related purposes

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

Transportation Safety Plan for Boarding and Exiting Buses

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

1. Procedures for determining if students in grades prekindergarten through 8 require an escort to cross a private road or highway at a bus stop pursuant to Vehicle Code 22112
 2. Procedures for all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 to follow as they board and exit the bus at their bus stops
 3. Procedures for boarding and exiting a school bus at a school or other trip destination
- A copy of the plan shall be kept at each school site and made available upon request to the California

Highway Patrol. (Education Code 39831.3)

Notifications

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

1. A list of school bus stops near each student's home
2. General rules of conduct at school bus loading zones
3. Red light crossing instructions
4. A description of the school bus danger zone
5. Instructions for safety while walking to and from school bus stops

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Student Instruction

All students who are transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety. (Education Code 39831.5)

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

1. The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide appropriate instruction in safe riding practices and emergency evacuation drills to each student who receives home-to-school transportation in a school bus. (5 CCR 14102)
2. At least once each school year, all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to: (Education Code 39831.5)
 - a. Proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver
 - b. How to safely cross the street, highway, or private road
 - c. In school buses with passenger restraint systems, instruction in the use of such systems as specified in 5 CCR 14105, including, but not limited to, the proper fastening and release of the passenger restraint system, acceptable placement of passenger restraint systems on students, times at which the passenger restraint systems should be fastened and released, and acceptable placement of the passenger restraint systems when not in use

- d. Proper passenger conduct

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

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

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

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

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

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

3. Before departing on a school activity trip, all students riding on a school bus or student activity bus shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to: (Education Code 39831.5)

- a. Location of emergency exits
- b. Location and use of emergency equipment

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

39830-39842 Transportation, school buses

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

PENAL CODE

241.3 Assault against school bus driver

243.3 Battery against school bus driver

VEHICLE CODE

415 Definition of motor vehicle

545-546 Definition of school bus and school pupil activity bus

22112 Loading and unloading passengers

23123 Use of wireless telephone prohibited while driving motor vehicle

23123.5 Text communications prohibited while driving motor vehicle

23125 Use of wireless telephone prohibited while driving school bus

27316 Passenger restraint systems

34500 California Highway Patrol responsibility to regulate safe operation of school buses

34501.5 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: safe operation of school buses

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

34508 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: equipment and operations of school buses

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14100-14105 School buses and student activity buses

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1293 Motor carrier safety

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

571.1-571.500 Motor vehicle standards, including school buses

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Association of School Business Officials: <http://www.casbo.org>

California Association of School Transportation Officials: <http://www.castoways.org>

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lstn>

California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov>

National Coalition for School Bus Safety: <http://www.ncsbs.org>

National Transportation Safety Board: <http://www.nts.gov>

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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Board Policy

Individualized Education Program

BP 6159

Instruction

The Governing Board desires to provide educational alternatives that afford students with disabilities full educational opportunities. Students with disabilities shall receive a free appropriate public education and be placed in the least restrictive environment which meets their needs to the extent provided by law.

- (cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)
- (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
- (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. 6159.1 - 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. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
- (cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations regarding the appointment of the individualized education program (IEP) team, the contents of the IEP, and the development, review, and revision of the IEP.

To the extent permitted by federal law, a foster parent shall have the same rights relative to his/her foster child's IEP as a parent/guardian. (Education Code 56055)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 51225.3 Requirements for high school graduation and diploma
- 56055 Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster child's education
- 56136 Guidelines for low incidence disabilities areas
- 56195.8 Adoption of policies
- 56321 Development or revision of IEP
- 56321.5 Notice to include right to electronically record
- 56340.1-56347 Instructional planning and individualized education program
- 56350-56352 IEP for visually impaired students

56380 IEP reviews; notice of right to request
56390-56392 Certificate of completion, special education
56500-56509 Procedural safeguards
60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
60850 High school exit examination, students with disabilities
60852.3 High school exit examination, exemption for the class of 2006
FAMILY CODE
6500-6502 Age of majority
GOVERNMENT CODE
7572.5 Seriously emotionally disturbed child, expanded IEP team
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
300 Children subject to jurisdiction
601 Minors habitually disobedient
602 Minors violating law defined as crime
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
853-853.5 State assessments, accommodations
1215.5-1218 High School Exit Examination, accommodations for students with disabilities
3021-3029 Identification, referral and assessment
3040-3043 Instructional planning and the individualized education program
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
COURT DECISIONS
Marshall v. Monrovia Unified School District, (9th Circuit, 2010) 627 F.3d 773
Schaffer v. Weast (2005) 125 S. Ct. 528
Shapiro v. Paradise Valley Unified School District, No. 69 (9th Circuit, 2003) 317 F.3d 1072
Sacramento City School District v. Rachel H. (9th Cir. 1994) 14 F.3d 1398
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
85 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 157 (2002)

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845

WEB SITES

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>

Policy LIVE OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Live Oak ESD

Board Policy

Uniform Complaint Procedures

BP 1312.3

Community Relations

The Governing Board recognizes that the district is primarily responsible for complying with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The district shall investigate complaints alleging failure to comply with such laws and/or alleging discrimination and shall seek to resolve those complaints in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures. (5 CCR 4620)

The district shall follow uniform complaint procedures when addressing complaints alleging unlawful discrimination against any protected group as identified under Education Code 200 and 220 and Government Code 11135, including actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability, or age, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics in any district program or activity that receives or benefits from state financial assistance. (5 CCR 4610)

Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and career technical and technical training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs. (5 CCR 4610)

- (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
- (cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
- (cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
- (cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
- (cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)
- (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
- (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
- (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
- (cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
- (cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
- (cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
- (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
- (cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

Complaints 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, and teacher vacancies and misassignments shall be investigated pursuant to the district's Williams uniform complaint procedure

(AR 1312.4).

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

The Board encourages the early, informal resolution of complaints at the site level whenever possible.

The Board acknowledges and respects every individual's right to privacy. Discrimination complaints shall be investigated in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and the integrity of the process. This may include keeping the identity of the complainant confidential, as appropriate and except to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or proceedings, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, on a case-by-case basis.

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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

The Board prohibits any form of retaliation against any complainant in the complaint process, including but not limited to a complainant's filing of a complaint or the reporting of instances of discrimination. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades, or work assignments of the complainant.

The Board recognizes that a neutral mediator can often suggest a compromise that is agreeable to all parties in a dispute. In accordance with uniform complaint procedures, whenever all parties to a complaint agree to try resolving their problem through mediation, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate that process. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the results are consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

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

32289 School safety plan, uniform complaint procedure

35186 Williams uniform complaint procedure

41500-41513 Categorical education block grants

48985 Notices in language other than English

49060-49079 Student records

49490-49590 Child nutrition programs

52160-52178 Bilingual education programs

52300-52490 Career-technical education

52500-52616.24 Adult schools

52800-52870 School-based coordinated programs

54000-54028 Economic impact aid programs
54100-54145 Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act
54400-54425 Compensatory education programs
54440-54445 Migrant education
54460-54529 Compensatory education programs
56000-56867 Special education programs
59000-59300 Special schools and centers
64000-64001 Consolidated application process
PENAL CODE
422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3080 Application of section
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6301-6577 Title I basic programs
6601-6777 Title II preparing and recruiting high quality teachers and principals
6801-6871 Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students
7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
7201-7283g Title V promoting informed parental choice and innovative programs
7301-7372 Title V rural and low-income school programs

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

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

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

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Administrative Regulation

Uniform Complaint Procedures

AR 1312.3

Community Relations

Compliance Officers

The Governing Board designates the following compliance officer(s) to receive and investigate complaints and to ensure district compliance with law:

Superintendent
Live Oak School District
984-1 Bostwick Lane,
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
(831) 475-6333 ext. 202

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible. Designated employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's uniform complaint procedures to students, employees, parents/guardians, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 4622)

The Superintendent or designee shall make available copies of the district's uniform complaint procedures free of charge. (5 CCR 4622)

The notice shall:

1. Identify the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints
2. Advise the complainant of any civil law remedies that may be available to him/her under state or federal discrimination laws, if applicable
3. Advise the complainant of the appeal process pursuant to Education Code 262.3, including the complainant's right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to

pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies

4. Include statements that:
 - a. The district is primarily responsible for compliance with state and federal laws and regulations
 - b. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline
 - c. An unlawful discrimination complaint must be filed not later than six months from the date the alleged discrimination occurs, or six months from the date the complainant first obtains knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination
 - d. The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the district's decision
 - e. The appeal to the CDE must include a copy of the complaint filed with the district and a copy of the district's decision

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Procedures

The following procedures shall be used to address all complaints which allege that the district has violated federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. Compliance officers shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

All parties involved in allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed, when a complaint meeting or hearing is scheduled, and when a decision or ruling is made.

Step 1: Filing of Complaint

Any individual, public agency, or organization may file a written complaint of alleged noncompliance by the district. (5 CCR 4630)

A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged discrimination occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination. A complaint may be filed by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination. (5 CCR 4630)

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.

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

Step 2: Mediation

Within three days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with the complainant the possibility of using mediation. If the complainant agrees to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of a discrimination complaint, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to related confidential information.

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

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 3: Investigation of Complaint

The compliance officer is encouraged to hold an investigative meeting within five days of receiving the complaint or an unsuccessful attempt to mediate the complaint. This meeting shall provide an opportunity for the complainant and/or his/her representative to repeat the complaint orally.

The complainant and/or his/her representative shall have an opportunity to present the complaint and evidence or information leading to evidence to support the allegations in the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, or his/her failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation or his/her 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. (5 CCR 4631)

The district's refusal to provide the investigator with access to records and/or other information related to the allegation in the complaint, or its failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation or its engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in a finding, based on evidence collected, that a violation has occurred and may result in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 4: Response

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below, within 60 days of the district's receipt of the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 5: Final Written Decision

The district's decision shall be in writing and sent to the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

The district's decision shall be written in English and in the language of the complainant whenever feasible or as required by law.

The decision shall include:

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered (5 CCR 4631)
2. The conclusion(s) of law (5 CCR 4631)
3. Disposition of the complaint (5 CCR 4631)
4. Rationale for such disposition (5 CCR 4631)
5. Corrective actions, if any are warranted (5 CCR 4631)
6. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's decision within 15 days to the CDE and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal (5 CCR 4631)
7. For discrimination complaints, notice that the complainant must wait until 60 days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies (Education Code 262.3)

If an employee is disciplined as a result of the complaint, the decision shall simply state that effective action was taken and that the employee was informed of district expectations. The report shall not give any further information as to the nature of the disciplinary action.

Appeals to the California Department of Education

If dissatisfied with the district's decision, the complainant may appeal in writing to the CDE within 15 days of receiving the district's decision. When appealing to the CDE, the complainant must specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision. (5 CCR 4632)

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

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the 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 complaint procedures
7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE

The CDE may directly intervene in the complaint without waiting for action by the district when one of the conditions listed in 5 CCR 4650 exists, including cases in which the district has not taken action within 60 days of the date the complaint was filed with the district.

Civil Law Remedies

A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders. For discrimination complaints, however, a complainant must wait until 60 days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies. The moratorium does not apply to injunctive relief and is applicable only if the district has appropriately, and in a timely manner, apprised the complainant of his/her right to file a complaint in accordance with 5 CCR 4622.

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