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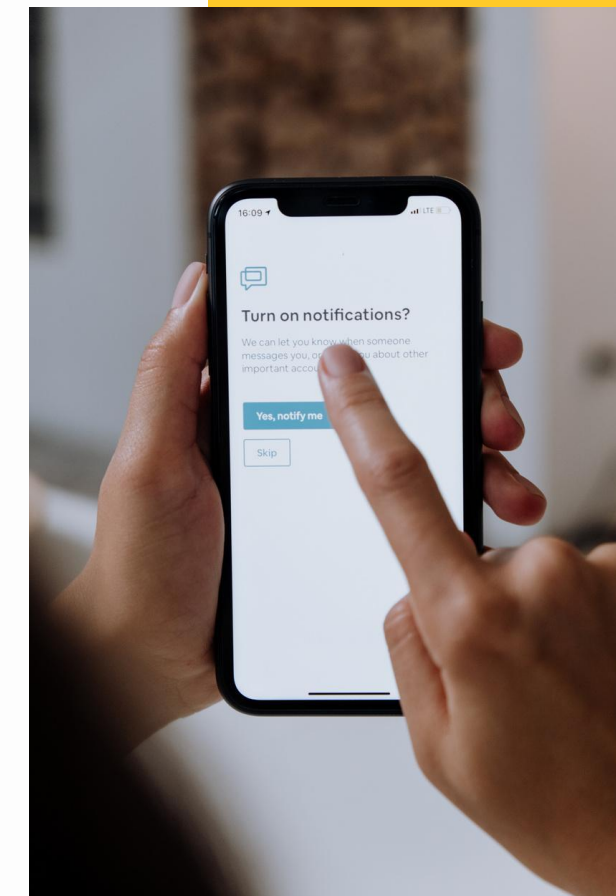
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Annual Parent/Guardian Notifications



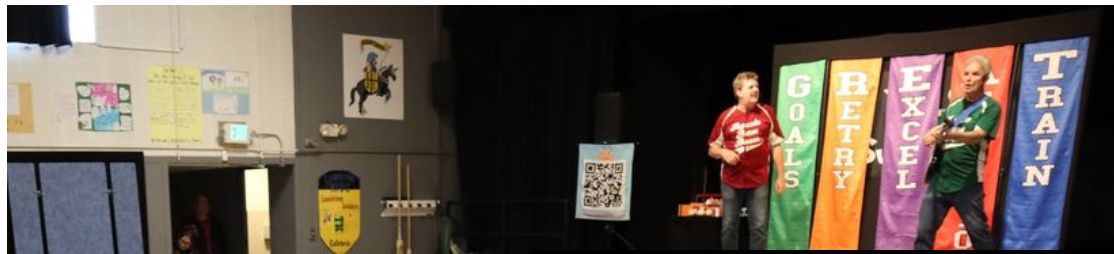
- ▶ State law requires that parent/guardians be notified of their rights and responsibilities in certain matters pertaining to their children's education





Absence for Religious Exercises and Instruction:

Pupils may be excused, with written permission from a parent or guardian, in order to participate in religious exercises or receive moral and religious instruction away from school property. Every pupil so excused must attend at least the minimum school day. No pupil shall be excused from school for such purpose on more than four days per school month. (Ed. Code, § 46014)



Excuse from Instruction in Health:

Upon written request of a parent or guardian, a pupil may be excused from any part of instruction in health which conflicts with the parent(s)' or guardian(s)' religious training or beliefs (including personal moral convictions). (Ed. Code, § 51240)

No Academic Penalty for Excused Absence:

No pupil may have their grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences which are excused for the reasons specified below when missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (Ed. Code, §§ 48205, 48980(i))

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Comprehensive Sexual Health Education and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education:

A parent or guardian has the right to excuse their child from comprehensive sexual health education, human immunodeficiency virus (“HIV”) prevention education, and assessments related to that education.

A parent or guardian who wishes to exercise this right must state their request in writing. (Ed. Code, § 51938)

Parents or guardians shall be notified in writing if the District plans to administer an anonymous, voluntary, and confidential test, questionnaire, or survey containing age-appropriate questions about the pupils’ attitudes concerning or practices related to sex in grades 7 to 12 and given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire, or survey.

A parent or guardian has the right to excuse their child from the test, questionnaire, or survey by stating their request in writing. (Ed. Code, § 51938)

Every child’s parent will be notified prior to the commencement of any comprehensive sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education instruction whether the instruction will be taught by District personnel or by outside consultants.



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Students on Medication:

Parents are to notify the school nurse or other designated certificated school employee if their child is on a continuing medication regimen. This notification shall include the name of the medication being taken, the dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With parental consent, the school nurse may confer with the physician regarding possible effects of the drug, including symptoms of adverse side effects, omission or overdose and counsel with school personnel as deemed appropriate. (Ed. Code, § 49480)

Administration of Medication

Medication prescribed by a physician or ordered by a physician assistant for a child may be administered during the school day by the school nurse or other designated school personnel, or self-administered by the child if the medication is prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, but only if the parent consents in writing and provides detailed written instructions from a physician, or a physician assistant as specified by law.

Immunizations

The District shall exclude from school any pupil who has not been immunized properly, unless the pupil is exempted from the immunization requirement pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with section 120325) of part 2 of division 105 of the Health and Safety Code. The immunization exemption based on personal beliefs has been eliminated. (Health & Saf. Code, § 120325)



Services



Mental Health Services

The District shall notify pupils and parents or guardians no less than twice each school year of the steps to initiate access to available pupil mental health services on campus and/or in the community.

(Ed. Code, § 49428)



Services for Students with Exceptional Needs or a Disability:

State and federal laws require that a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment be offered to qualified pupils with disabilities ages 3 through 21 years.



Confidential Medical Services:

For students in grades 7 through 12, the District may release a student for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without obtaining the consent of the student's parent or guardian. (Ed. Code, § 46010.1)

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Physical Exams and Testing:

The District is required to conduct certain physical examinations and vision and hearing testing of students, unless the parent has a current written objection on file.



Medical Coverage for Injuries:

Medical and hospital services for pupils injured at school or school-sponsored events, or while being transported, may be insured at parent's expense. No pupil shall be compelled to accept such services without their consent or, if the pupil is a minor, without the consent of a parent or guardian. (Ed. Code, § 49472)



Accidental Injury Insurance:

Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that all members of school athletic teams have accidental injury insurance that covers both medical and hospital expenses.

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**Equal
Opportunity**

Equal opportunities for both sexes in all educational programs and activities run by the District is a commitment made by the District to all students. (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972) (34 C.F.R. § 106.8)

**Complaints
(Special Education):**

Parents may file a complaint concerning violations of federal or state law or regulations governing special education related services.

**Release of
Student
Information:**

The District does not release information or records concerning a child to non educational organizations or individuals without parent consent except by court order, receipt of a lawfully issued subpoena, or when otherwise allowed by law.

**Inspection of
Student
Records:**

State law requires that the District notify parents of the following rights which pertain to student records. (Ed. Code, §§ 49063, 49069.7; 34 C.F.R. § 99.7)

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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act:

Parents have certain rights regarding student information and records which are guaranteed under federal law.



Student Discipline:

District and school rules pertaining to student discipline are available to parents or guardians of district students in the school office.
(Ed. Code, § 35291)



Temporary Disability:

A temporary disability which makes it impossible or inadvisable for a student to attend class may entitle the student to receive individualized instruction.

DISSECTION OF ANIMALS

If a student has a moral objection to dissecting (or otherwise harming or destroying) animals, or any part of an animal, the pupil must notify the teacher regarding such objection, and the objection must be substantiated with a note from the pupil's parent or guardian

ATTENDANCE OPTIONS:

Students who attend schools other than those assigned by the District are referred to as "transfer students" throughout this notification. There is one process for choosing a school within the District which the parent lives (intradistrict transfer), and three separate processes for selecting schools in other districts (interdistrict transfer). (Ed. Code, § 48980(h))

STUDENT RESIDENCY:

A student may be enrolled in the District if (1) the student's parent, legal guardian or other person having control and charge of the student resides in the District (Ed. Code, § 48200); (2) the District has approved interdistrict attendance (Ed. Code, § 46600); (3) the student is placed in a regularly established children's institution, licensed foster home, or family home; (4) the student is a foster child who remains in their school of origin pursuant to Education Code section 48853.5(f) and (g); (5) the student is emancipated and lives within the District; (6) the student lives in the home of an adult who has submitted a caregiver affidavit; (7) the student resides in a state hospital within the District; or (8) the student's parent or legal guardian resides outside of the boundaries of the school district but is employed and lives with the student at the place of their employment within the school district boundaries for a minimum of three days during the school week. (Ed. Code, § 48204)



Synthetic Drugs:

The District is required to provide parents notice of the dangers associated with using synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician, such as fentanyl, as well as the possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills. The District has attached a memorandum describing such laws. (Ed. Code, § 48985.5)

Pupil Fees:

A pupil enrolled in a public school will not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity. (Ed. Code, § 49011)



Course Assignments:

The District is prohibited from assigning a student enrolled in any of grades 9 through 12 to any course period without educational content for more than one week in any semester, except under specified conditions. Under no circumstances will the District assign a student enrolled in any of grades 9 through 12 to a course period without educational content because there are not sufficient curricular course offerings for the student to take during the relevant period of the designated school day. (Ed. Code, § 51228.1)

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Notice of Alternative Schools:

California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Section 58500 of the Education Code defines alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school.



Nutrition Program:

The State Department of Education has established a statewide program to provide nutritious meals and milk at school for pupils, and to provide free meals to the neediest children. In some instances, nominal cash payments may be required. (Ed. Code, § 49510 et seq.)



U.S. Department of Education Programs:

All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation shall be available for inspection by the parents or guardians of the children.



Review of Curriculum:

A prospectus of curriculum, including titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by each public school, is available at the school site for review upon request. Copies are available upon request for a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual copying cost. (Ed. Code, § 49091.14)



Transitional Kindergarten:

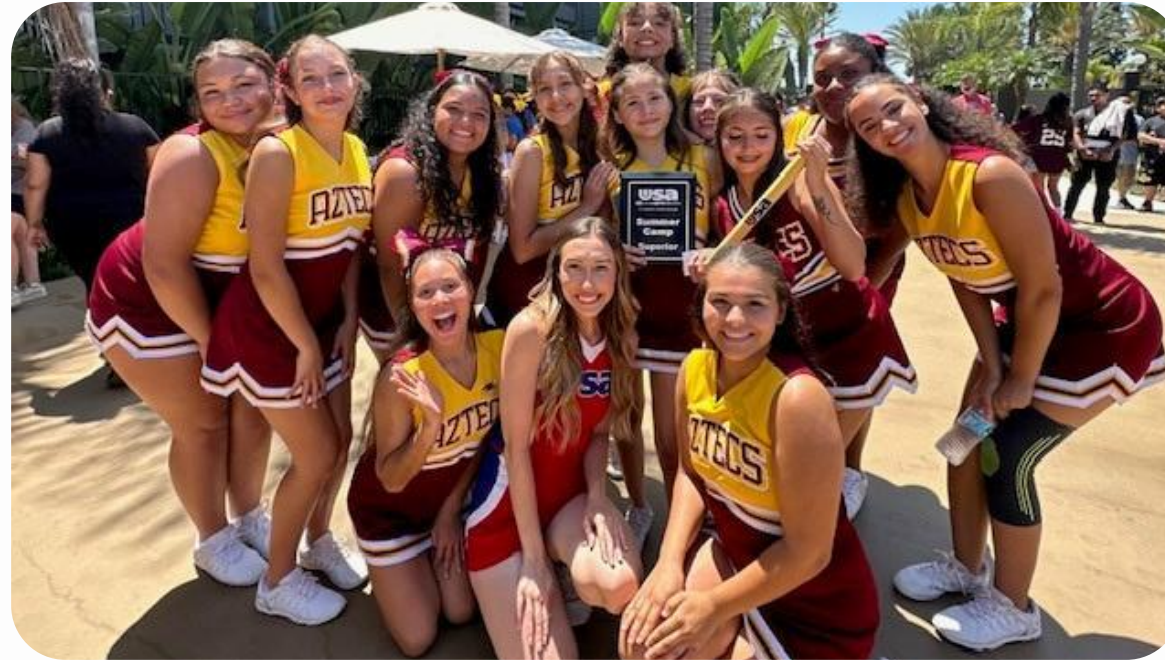
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PE Instructional Minutes:

The adopted course of study for grades 1 through 6 and instruction in grades 1 through 8 in an elementary school includes physical education for not less than 200 minutes each ten school days, exclusive of recesses and the lunch period. (Ed. Code, §§ 51210, 51223)



Safe Storage of Firearms:

The District is required to provide parents notice of California's child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms. The District has attached a memorandum describing such laws. (Ed. Code, §§ 48986, 49392)



Sex Equity In Career

Planning:

Parents shall be notified in advance of career counseling and course selection commencing with course selection in Grade 7, to promote sex equity and allow parents to participate in counseling sessions and decisions. (Ed. Code, § 221.5(d))



Continued Education Options For Juvenile Court School Students:

A juvenile court school student, or the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, may voluntarily defer or decline issuance of their diploma until after the student is released from the juvenile detention facility, thereby allowing the student to take additional coursework at a local education agency.



Regional Occupational Centers and Programs/County Offices of Education Programs/Adult Education Programs:

A regional occupational center or program, county office of education program, or adult education program must meet specified requirements for certification by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in order to provide an employment training program for adults or to authorize an education program beyond secondary education that leads to a degree or certificate. (Ed. Code, § 52334.7)



California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress:

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) includes Smarter Balanced Summative assessments in English Language Arts and Math in grades 3-8 and 11 and California Alternative Assessments (CAA) in English Language Arts and Math in grades 3-8 and 11 for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The California Science Test (CAST) for science is required for all students in grades 5, 8, and once in high school unless the student's IEP indicates administration of the CAA.

Any parent suspecting that a child has exceptional needs may request an assessment for eligibility for special education services through the Director of Student Services and/or Special Education, or their designee.

The current management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings is available at the District Office. (40 C.F.R. § 763.93)

Parents/guardians may request a hard copy of the School Accountability Report Card which is issued annually for each school of the District. (Ed. Code, § 35256)

The District may help pay for all or part of the costs of one or more advanced placement examinations that are charged to economically disadvantaged students. (Ed. Code, §§ 48980(j), 52242)

**Pupil Find System;
Policies and Procedures**

Asbestos Management Plan:

School Accountability Report:

Assistance to Cover Costs of Advanced Placement Examination Fees:



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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) took full effect in 2018 to replace the No Child Left Behind Act in modifying the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).



Language Acquisition Program:

If the District implements a language acquisition program pursuant to Education Code section 310



Military Recruiter Information:

20 U.S.C. section 7908 requires that school districts disclose the names, addresses and telephone numbers of high school students to military recruiters upon request, unless parents request that this information not be released without prior written consent.

CHILDREN IN HOMELESS/FOSTER CARE SITUATIONS, FORMER JUVENILE COURT SCHOOL STUDENTS, MIGRANT STUDENTS, AND NEWCOMERS:

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PESTICIDE PRODUCTS:

All schools are required to provide parents or guardians with annual written notice of expected pesticide use at schools

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Pregnant and Parenting Pupils:

Pregnant and parenting pupils are entitled to accommodations that provide them with the opportunity to succeed academically while protecting their health and the health of their children. "Pregnant or parenting pupil" means a pupil who gives or expects to give birth or a parenting pupil who has not given birth and who identifies as the parent of the infant.

Student Parent Lactation

Accommodations:

The District is required to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student on a school campus to address breastfeeding needs. (Ed. Code, § 222)

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