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1 **CA Goals and Objectives**

CA

2
3 The goal of school administration is to create an environment in which students can learn
4 effectively. All administrative duties and functions should be evaluated relative to the
5 contributions made to improve instruction, increase student learning, and develop worthwhile
6 citizens. The administration should select staff who will develop student abilities.
7

8 The superintendent should possess leadership qualities which motivate all staff members
9 to improve the educational program and attain the board's goals and objectives. The
10 superintendent, with the board's direction, shall mobilize and coordinate all available resources
11 to develop an educational program designed to stimulate the best effort in all students.
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2
3 An administrator's professional behavior must conform to an ethical code. The
4 administrator acknowledges that schools belong to the public and that they must provide
5 educational opportunities to all. An administrator's actions will be viewed and appraised by the
6 community, professional associates, and the students. Therefore, the administrator subscribes to
7 the following standards:
8

- 9 • Makes the well-being of students the basis for decision making and action;
- 10 • Fulfills professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity;
- 11 • Supports the principle of due process as required by law and protects the civil and
- 12 human rights of all individuals;
- 13 • Obeys local, state and national laws;
- 14 • Implements the board's policies, rules and regulations;
- 15 • Pursues appropriate measures to correct those laws, policies and regulations that
- 16 are not consistent with sound educational goals;
- 17 • Avoids using a position for personal gain;
- 18 • Accepts academic degrees or professional certificates only from duly accredited
- 19 institutions;
- 20 • Maintains professional integrity, including, but not limited to, adherence to any/
- 21 all professional standards of conduct expected/published by the Kansas State
- 22 Department of Education as well as those of any other licensing body which may
- 23 proscribe the ethical standards governing any other license required for the
- 24 administrator's position;
- 25 • Seeks to improve the profession through research and continuing professional
- 26 development; and
- 27 • Honors employment contracts until fulfillment or release.

28
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1 **CC Organizational Chart**

CC

2
3 The board may approve an organizational chart for the school district and update it as
4 needed. The organizational chart may be available on the school's website or upon request from
5 the board clerk.

6
7 Approved: April 8, 2025

1 **CE** **Superintendent of Schools**

CE

2
3 The superintendent shall be the chief administrative head of the school system and shall
4 have, under the direction of the board, general supervision of all the schools and personnel. The
5 superintendent has charge and control of the public schools of the district subject to federal and
6 state statute, district policies and directives by the board.
7

8 The superintendent may delegate to other school personnel the exercise of any powers
9 and the discharge of any duties imposed upon the superintendent by these policies or by the
10 board. The delegation of power or duty, however, shall not relieve the superintendent of
11 responsibility for the action taken under such delegation.
12

13 Approved: January 8, 1982

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15 Revised: October 20, 1993

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17 Revised: March 24, 2009

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1 **CEA Qualifications**

CEA

2
3 The superintendent shall have or be eligible for a Kansas district leadership license.
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6 Reviewed: March 24, 2009

7 Reviewed: November 23, 2010

8 Revised: November 10, 2015

1 **CEB Duties of the Superintendent**

CEB

2
3 The superintendent

4
5 Administers and develops a positive program of education designed to meet the needs of
6 students and the community;
7

8 Meets with the board for the purposes of reporting on district operations and advising the
9 board on all matters requiring board action, providing them with recommendations and the
10 information needed for effective decision-making;
11

12 Prepares an agenda with the cooperation of the board president for each regular meeting and
13 mails a copy of such agenda to each member of the board five days preceding each regular meeting;
14

15 Recommends a schedule of salaries to the board for consideration. Such schedule shall
16 provide minimum and maximum salaries, annual increments and other items pertinent to a salary
17 schedule;
18

19 Recommends to the board new and/or revised policies; (See BDA)
20

21 Reports, interprets, and implements policies and actions of the board to the staff and the
22 community;
23

24 Supervises the business affairs of the school system and directs the preparation of the annual
25 budget;
26

27 Supervises the operation and maintenance of all school properties and recommends to the
28 board needs and improvements in the area of school plant and facilities;
29

30 Oversees the program of public information concerning the school program and its needs.
31 Provides means for internal information and communication for the purpose of gaining widespread
32 understanding of and support for public education;
33

34 Represents the school system before professional and community groups and keeps the
35 public informed of significant educational research;
36

37 Has the authority to delegate to other staff members such responsibility and authority as
38 deemed necessary to fulfill the goals and to complete the work of the school's program;
39

40 Performs such other duties as assigned.
41

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45 Revised: March 24, 2009

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1 **CEC Superintendent Recruitment**

CEC

2
3 The superintendent search presents the board with an opportunity to recruit individuals
4 who will implement the board's goals. The board shall establish an orderly procedure for
5 employing a superintendent that conforms to generally accepted ethical and legal standards and
6 minimizes misunderstanding in the community. The process should allow the board ample
7 opportunity to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate whose professional training and
8 experience meet district needs. The board may solicit applications from qualified staff members
9 and may list the vacancy with placement offices.

10
11 The board may select a professional search service who shall screen all applications and
12 recommend finalists to the board for interviews. The board shall interview selected candidates.
13 Board members may visit each finalist's district.

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CED Appointment

CED

The board may offer a contract not to exceed three years in length.

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CED-R Appointment

CED-R

The contract will coincide with the budget year and will be considered for renewal no later than April 1 of each year.

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CEE Compensation and Benefits (See KB)

CEE

The board shall annually determine the superintendent's compensation and benefits.
Compensation shall be based on a recent performance evaluation and the superintendent's ability to carry out board policy.

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1 **CEF Expense Reimbursement and Credit Cards**

CEF

2
3 The superintendent may be given an allowance for expenses as agreed upon in his/her
4 contract. The use of district property such as a vehicle and a district credit card shall be confined to
5 necessary school business and reported monthly to the board. Any reward points or cash back
6 payments earned using district credit cards are district property and shall be either applied to future
7 district credit card purchases or remitted to the district treasurer for accounting and deposit.
8 Expenses for travel outside of the district incurred in the performance of official duties will be
9 reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of GAN.

10
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14 Revised: November 11, 2003
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1 **CEG Professional Development Opportunities/Superintendent**

CEG

2
3 The superintendent shall keep updated on new educational practices by study, visiting
4 other districts, attending educational conferences and other means approved by the board.
5

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1 **CEI Evaluation of the Superintendent**

CEI

2
3 The board and the superintendent shall develop an evaluation system that will provide the
4 basis for formal evaluations and any informal discussions of the superintendent's performance.
5 The board shall evaluate the superintendent using the appraisal instrument(s) in accordance with
6 the minimum statutory requirements for the first four years of employment and annually
7 thereafter by February 15th.

8
9 The superintendent's evaluation shall be confidential and be made available only to the
10 board, the superintendent and others as provided by law.

11
12 The evaluation instrument shall be on file with Human Resources at the district office.
13 Current evaluation procedures and policies shall be filed with the Kansas State Department of
14 Education.

15
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23
24 **CEI-R Evaluation of the Superintendent**

CEI-R

25
26 Purpose of Superintendent Evaluation

27 The evaluation of the superintendent by the board shall accomplish the following:

- 28
29
 - Recognize good administrative performance, encourage professional growth, and
30 establish reasonable standards for continued employment.
 - Provide an opportunity for the board and superintendent to periodically meet and
31 discuss the superintendent's performance and the district's management; and
 - Review, clarify and discuss the immediate and long-term goals for the district
32 with the superintendent.

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34
35

36 Procedures

37 The superintendent's performance evaluation shall be based on board/superintendent
38 developed performance goals and objectives as well as any other criteria agreed upon by both
39 parties. Appropriate evaluation instruments and a schedule for their implementation shall be
40 mutually developed.

41
42 Based upon the timeline developed by the board and the superintendent, the board shall
43 schedule executive work session(s) as necessary during the year for the purpose of reviewing
44 progress report(s) and conducting an end-of-year evaluation of the superintendent's performance.
45
46

CEI-R Evaluation of the Superintendent

CEI-R-2

The superintendent shall make periodic progress report(s) to the board as well as completing a self-evaluation prior to the summative evaluation.

Individual evaluation forms distributed to board members shall be returned to the board president for tabulation. After the evaluation is complete, the individual appraisal forms shall be destroyed. The board's summary and any written response from the superintendent shall be maintained in the superintendent's personnel file.

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CEJ Termination/Superintendent

CEJ

The board may elect to non-renew or to terminate the employment of the superintendent in accordance with the contract.

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CEK Resignation/Superintendent

CEK

The superintendent shall submit a written resignation to the president of the board for consideration at a regular or special board meeting. The board will consider the acceptance of said resignation in light of the needs of the district.

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1 **CEL Defined Contribution Retirement Plan**

CEL

2
3 All administrators of U.S.D. #305 paid on the district administrator salary schedule are
4 provided a defined contribution retirement benefit as described below.
5

6 Employer Paid Contributions

7 A Retirement Plan Portfolio will be established for each administrator employed in
8 U.S.D. #305. This portfolio will contain up to two (2) accounts. An Employer Paid Account will
9 be initiated for each administrator. An Employee Paid Account will be initiated for each
10 administrator at his/her request.
11

12 U.S.D. #305 will contribute \$1,000 per contract year to each full time administrator's
13 employer paid account. Contributions will be prorated for administrators who work less than full
14 time and/or are employed for less than a full contract year.
15

16 NOTE: This plan in no way limits additional voluntary contributions up to the amounts
17 allowed by state and federal laws and regulations into separate qualified retirement accounts with
18 qualified providers.
19

20 Vesting of Employer Paid Contributions

21 Upon beginning the 6th contiguous year as an administrator employed by U.S.D. #305,
22 each administrator will become vested in 20% of the amount contained within his/her Employer
23 Paid Account. The vested portion will continue to increase by an additional 20% per year until
24 the administrator is 100% vested upon beginning the 10th contiguous year with U.S.D. #305.
25

26 Vesting Schedule:

<u>Years(s)</u>	<u>Amount Vested</u>
1-5	0%
6	20%
7	40%
8	60%
9	80%
10	100%

34
35 Administrators who terminate employment with U.S.D. #305 after the beginning of their
36 6th year may withdraw the vested portion of their Employer Paid Account or leave the vested
37 amount in the account, thereby retaining contiguous vesting status upon returning to an
38 administrative position with U.S.D. #305 at a future date.
39

40 Voluntary Employee Contributions

41 Administrators may voluntarily contribute from their salary an amount of their choosing
42 into their Employee Paid Account. Voluntary contributions may not exceed the amount allowed
43 by federal and state laws and regulations. Administrators who choose to make contributions into
44 their Employee Paid Account will be fully vested in their account immediately.
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46
47

CEL Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

CEL-2

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan Terms and Conditions

If any provision of this plan is determined to be in violation of federal or state laws or regulations, then the entire plan shall immediately terminate and shall be of no further force or effect unless re-adopted by the Board of Education of U.S.D. #305.

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CF Board-Superintendent Relations

CF

The board delegates to the superintendent all administrative duties. While the board reserves to itself the ultimate decision in all matters concerning policy or expenditures of funds, it will normally proceed in those areas only after receiving recommendations from the superintendent.

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1 **CG Administrative Personnel**

CG

2 (See CEF and GAN)

3
4 The board shall employ administrative personnel as needed.

5
6 Compensation Guides and Contracts

7 Administrative personnel shall be compensated for their services with a contracted salary
8 determined by the board. Administrative contracts shall be reviewed annually. The board shall
9 determine the terms and length of each contract. Legal counsel may develop and review
10 administrator contracts.

11
12 Qualifications and Duties

13 The superintendent shall develop appropriate job descriptions for each administrative
14 position. Job descriptions shall be filed in the human resources department and may be published
15 in the appropriate handbook. Within the limits of policy and terms of the job description, the
16 superintendent's administrative subordinates have full authority to administer district programs.

17
18 Recruitment

19 The board delegates to the superintendent the authority to identify and recommend the
20 appointment of individuals to fill vacant administrative positions. The superintendent shall
21 screen all applicants. The superintendent shall make recommendations to the board. The district
22 may pay preapproved expenses incurred by candidates interviewed for an administrative
23 position. The superintendent may pre-approve expenses by candidates interviewed for an
24 administrative position.

25
26 Assignment

27 The superintendent shall recommend to the board appointments, assignments, transfers,
28 demotions, terminations or non-renewals of any administrative personnel.

29
30 Orientation

31 The superintendent shall conduct an appropriate administrative orientation program.

32
33 Supervision

34 The superintendent shall be responsible for supervising all administrative personnel.

35
36 Evaluation of Administrative Personnel

37 Administrative personnel shall be evaluated in writing by the superintendent in
38 accordance with state law requirements. Administrative personnel files and evaluations shall be
39 available only to the board, the appropriate administrator, the superintendent, and others
40 authorized by law.

41
42 Administrative Intern Program

43 The board may establish, by contract with an approved administrator training institution,
44 an administrative intern program.

CG **Administrative Personnel**

CG-2

(See CEF and GAN)

Travel Expense and Reimbursement

Travel expenses for administrative staff shall be provided in accordance with CEF and GAN.

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2
3 The superintendent shall have the authority to suspend district administrators with pay.

4
5 The superintendent may suspend administrators with pay for any reason, including, but
6 not limited to, one or more of the following: alleged violation of or failure to implement board
7 policy, rule, or regulation; refusal or failure to follow a reasonable directive of the
8 administrator's supervisor, the superintendent, or the board; the filing of a complaint against the
9 administrator with any civil or criminal authority; the alleged commission of an offense
10 involving moral turpitude; or other good cause.

11
12 If a suspension without pay is imposed on an administrator, the administrator is entitled
13 to pay until the administrator has been advised of the basis for suspension and has been given an
14 opportunity to respond. The superintendent shall notify the board of the suspension within 72
15 hours.

16
17 For the purposes of this policy, administrator means any employee who is required to
18 hold a building administrator's license issued by the Kansas State Department of Education or
19 whose position the board determines to be administrative or supervisory in nature with
20 responsibilities and remuneration comparable to those of certified administrators.

21
22 Approved: November 12, 2019

1 **CGPFA Sabbatical Leave for Administrators**

CGPFA

2
3 The board may grant a sabbatical leave of up to one year to administrative personnel for
4 the purpose of graduate study in an accredited institution.

5
6 Approved: June 12, 2001
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9 Reviewed: October 8, 2024

10
11 **CGPFA-R Sabbatical Leave for Administrators**

CGPFA-R

12
13 Eligibility

14 An administrator with six or more consecutive years of administrative experience in the
15 district shall be eligible to apply for a sabbatical leave of up to one contract year.

16
17 Application Procedures

18 Application for sabbatical leave, including the plan of study, must be submitted to the
19 superintendent on or before February 1 of the contract year prior to the proposed leave.

20
21 Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of one elementary principal, one
22 secondary principal, the director of Human Resources, and the superintendent. Should several
23 applications be submitted in one year, consideration will be given for the time of service to the
24 district and the perceived benefit to the district of the professional study. Applicants shall be
25 given notice of the committee's acceptance or rejection within twenty days following the due
26 date for filing.

27
28 The superintendent shall recommend to the board as an action item at the first regular
29 meeting in March the names of successful applicants.

30
31 Salary and Benefits

32 Administrators shall be paid \$40,000 for a year's leave or \$20,000 for a semester's leave.
33 Payments shall be consistent with district payroll practice. Outside grants or scholarships shall
34 not affect the pay granted for the sabbatical.

35
36 The recipient of a sabbatical leave shall be provided the amount of the administrators'
37 health benefit. Contribution to the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System shall be
38 continuous and based on the compensation made to the employee during the sabbatical leave
39 period. Legal requirements of the KPERS will be followed. Sick leave shall not accumulate nor
40 be used during the sabbatical period. USD 305's contribution to the employee's retirement plan
41 shall not apply during the sabbatical period.

42
43 An approved sabbatical leave shall not be considered as an interruption to service.

44
45 Requirements and Status Upon Return from Leave

46 At the expiration of the sabbatical leave, the administrator shall be reinstated in an

administrative position.

An administrator accepting a sabbatical leave shall sign an agreement to render two full years of service to the district immediately following the termination of the sabbatical leave. If the administrator does not remain in the employ of the district as per agreement, s/he shall, reimburse the Board of Education for all salary and benefits received during the sabbatical leave except as the board shall, by special action, waive such obligations. Terms of repayment shall be mutually agreed upon before the sabbatical is granted.

Reports Required

An interim report shall be filed with the superintendent at the mid-point of the period for which the leave is taken (end of nine (9) weeks for a semester's leave, end of the first semester for a year's leave). This report shall contain sufficient information to enable the superintendent to determine that the leave is being utilized in the manner for which the leave was granted.

Within sixty days of the termination of the sabbatical leave, the recipient shall file with the superintendent a final report which includes an official transcript and the recipient's appraisal of the professional value of the activities while on leave and the manner in which the knowledge and experience gained may be applied to the benefit of the school district.

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CJ Use of Consultants

CJ

(See CL, DJFA and ID)

The superintendent may contract with professional consultants in accordance with policy DJFA. The superintendent shall report any use of consultants to the board and provide updates as requested.

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CK Professional Development Opportunities/Administration

CK

The superintendent may request administrators off contract to attend summer sessions, conferences, workshops or other activities which will directly benefit the schools. Expenses for meetings approved by the superintendent will be paid by the district. (See GAN)

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1 **CL** **Administrative Teams**

CL

2 (See CJ, DJFA and ID)

3
4 The board advocates the team concept of school administration.

5
6 Method of Appointment

7 The superintendent shall select the members of each administrative team.

8
9 Organization

10 The superintendent shall determine the organization of each administrative team.

11
12 Resources

13 Within the parameters established by board policies CJ and DJFA, the team may use
14 outside consultants and district resources.

15
16 Financial

17 The superintendent may recommend an administrative team budget to the board.

18
19 Approved: June 12, 2001
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22 Revised: August 13, 2024

CM Policy Implementation

CM

(See BDA, CGK, GAA and JA)

Administrative employees who fail to implement board policies may, by board action, be suspended without pay, demoted, placed on probation, non-renewed, or terminated.

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1 **CN Public Records**

CN

2 (See BE, CNA, ECA, HAI, IDAE, II, JGGA, & JR et seq.)

3
4 The board designates the director of communications as its Freedom of Information
5 Officer. The Freedom of Information Officer shall have the authority to establish and maintain a
6 system of records in accordance with the Kansas Open Records Act and other applicable laws.
7 The board further assigns the board clerk to handle requests for records and to serve as the
8 custodian of the records. The custodian shall prominently display and distribute or otherwise
9 make available to the public a brochure concerning record access in the form prescribed by the
10 local Freedom of Information Officer.

11
12 Types of Records

13 A public record means any recorded information, regardless of form or characteristics,
14 which is made, maintained, kept by, or in the possession of the district, including those exhibited
15 at public board meetings.

16
17 Central Office Records

18 Records maintained by the superintendent shall include, but may not be limited to, the
19 following: financial, personnel, and property (both real and personal) owned by the district.

20
21 Building Records

22 Records maintained by the building principals shall include, but may not be limited to,
23 the following: activity funds, student records, and personnel records. (See JR et seq.)

24
25 Public Access

26 All records, except those subject to exception by the Kansas Open Records Act, shall be
27 open to inspection by the general public during regular office hours of any school or the district
28 office. The superintendent will establish procedures for making records available on normal
29 business days when district offices are closed. The district may charge and require advance
30 payment of a fee for providing access to or furnishing copies of public records.

31
32 Requests for access to open records shall be made in writing to an official custodian of
33 district records. The official custodian shall examine each request to determine whether the
34 record requested is an open record or is subject to an exception by the Kansas Open Records Act
35 that would allow the record to remain closed. The custodian may also refuse to provide access to
36 a public record or to permit inspection if a request places an unreasonable burden in producing
37 public records or if the custodian has reason to believe that repeated requests are intended to
38 disrupt other essential functions of the district. The custodian shall either grant or deny each
39 request.

40
41 If the custodian does not grant the request, the person requesting the record shall receive
42 a written explanation of the reason for the denial within three days of the request, if an
43 explanation is requested. If the requestor disagrees with the explanation, the Freedom of
44 Information Officer shall settle the dispute.

45
46 Each request for access to a public record shall be acted upon as soon as possible, but not

(See BE, CNA, ECA, HAI, IDAE, II, JGGA, & JR et seq.)

later than the end of the third business day following the date that the request is received. If the request is not acted on immediately, the custodian shall inform the requestor, within the three-day window, when and where the open record will be made available.

Each custodian shall file all requests and their dispositions in the appropriate office and make reports as requested by the superintendent or the board.

Copies of Records

Copies of open records shall be available upon written request, unless otherwise specified in Kansas or federal law. Requesters may only make abstracts or obtain copies of public records to which they have access under the Kansas Open Records Act. The district shall not be required to provide copies of radio or recording tapes or discs, video tapes, films, pictures, slides, graphics, illustrations, or similar audio or visual items or devices, unless such items or devices were shown or played during open session of a district board meeting. Similarly, the district shall not be required to provide such items or devices which are copyrighted by a person other than the board. Furthermore, nothing in the Kansas Open Records Act requires the district to electronically make copies available by allowing a requester to obtain copies by inserting, connecting, or otherwise attaching an electronic device provided by the requestor to the computer or other electronic device of the district.

Advance payment of the expense of providing access to or furnishing copies of open records shall be borne by the requestor. Under no circumstances shall the documents be allowed out of their usual building location without approval of the official custodian.

The board may prescribe reasonable fees for providing access to or furnishing copies of public records, subject to the following:

- In the case of fees for copies of records, the fees shall not exceed the actual cost of furnishing the requested records, including the cost of staff time required to make the information available. Actual costs may include the cost to review and redact the requested records but shall not include incidental costs incurred by the district that are not attributable to furnishing the requested records.
- In the case of fees for providing access to records maintained on computer facilities, the fees shall include only the cost of any computer services, including staff time required.
- If the district incurs costs for staff time to provide access to or furnish copies of public records, the district shall use in good faith the lowest-cost category of staff reasonably necessary to provide access to or furnish copies of public records. Charges for staff time shall be based on the employee's salary or hourly wage but shall not include the costs of employee benefits.
- Upon request, the district shall provide to the person requesting access to or copies of public records an itemized statement of costs incurred by the district and charged to such requestor. Such itemized statement shall include, but not be limited to, the hourly rates charged for each employee involved in making the requested records available and an itemized list of any other fees charged to provide access to or furnish copies of the

CN **Public Records**

CN-3

(See BE, CNA, ECA, HAI, IDAE, II, JGGA, & JR et seq.)

requested records.

- When the staff time needed to respond to a records request will exceed five hours or the estimated actual cost for staff time needed to fill the request exceeds \$200.00, the district shall make reasonable efforts to contact the requestor and engage in interactive communication about mitigating costs to fill the request. The requestor is not obligated to mitigate costs.

If the district has made reasonable efforts to contact the requestor in such a case and the requestor has failed to respond by the end of the third business day, the records request will be deemed to be withdrawn until a subsequent contact has been made by the requestor to the district.

As used in this policy, “reasonable efforts to contact the requestor” means contacting the requestor through the means of communication that the requestor provided to be used by the district to respond to the request.

Fees received by the district for fees charged in accordance with this policy shall be remitted to the treasurer for deposit in the district’s general fund.

Disposition

All district office records shall be kept for at least the minimum length of time required by law.

The clerk of the board is designated as official custodian of all board and district office records maintained by the district. Each building principal is designated as official custodian of all records maintained at the building level. In addition to those records required by law, the clerk shall be responsible for preparing and keeping other records necessary for the district’s efficient operation.

District employees shall follow the guidelines found in the student records policies. (See IDAE and JR through JRD)

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140 (See BE, CNA, ECA, HAI, IDAE, II, JGGA, & JR et seq.)
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1 **CNA Preservation of Documents Pending Legal Action**

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2 (See BCBK, BE, CN, ECA, IDAE, II, JGGA, JR et seq. and KBA)

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4 Maintaining Documents

5 After the district receives knowledge of legal action against the district or its employees,
6 all documents or electronic information pertaining to the subject of the action must be
7 maintained in any form and may not be destroyed as long as the legal action is pending.

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9 *For detailed information, see Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. 34 Production of
10 Documents, Electronically Stored Information, and Tangible Things, or Entering onto Land, for
11 Inspection and Other Purposes.

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1 **CO Reports**

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3 The board may require reports from the staff.

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5 Types

6 The superintendent shall submit to the board an annual report summarizing the district's
7 operations for the preceding school year. The superintendent shall present a monthly budget
8 report to the board. The board delegates to the superintendent the authority to request reports
9 from any staff member.

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11 Dissemination (See JR et seq.)

12 The board, upon request, shall receive copies of all reports submitted to the
13 superintendent. Copies of staff reports may be sent to staff members for their confidential use if
14 the superintendent approves. Staff reports shall be made public only with board approval.

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23 **CO-R Reports**

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25 Types

26 The superintendent's monthly budget report shall be included in the board's agenda and
27 shall include each account, the original appropriation, the amount expended to date, the amount
28 encumbered to date, and the remaining balance in each account. If the superintendent resigns or
29 leaves the district, the annual report shall be submitted to the board prior to final payment of
30 compensation under the employment contract.

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