NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS 2025-2026

As required by law, you are hereby notified of the following:

1. Absence for Religious Exercise:

With the written consent of their parents or guardians, pupils may be excused from school for religious purposes or to receive moral and religious instruction at their respective places of worship or at other suitable place or places away from school property designated by the religious group, church, or denomination at a place away from school property. [EC 46014].

2. Excuse From Instruction:

High schools may grant permission to students to leave school grounds during lunch periods after notice is sent to parents.
The governing Board of Lake Tahoe Unified School District, pursuant to Section 44808.5 of the Education Code, has decided to permit grade 10 through 12 pupils enrolled at South Tahoe High School to leave the school grounds during the lunch period. Section 44808.5 of the Education Code further states: Neither the school district nor any officer or employee thereof shall be liable for the conduct or safety of any pupil during such time as the pupil has left the school grounds pursuant to this section.

3. Objection To Dissecting, Harming, Or Destroying Animals:

A pupil may refuse to participate in animal dissection and experimentation with parent written substantiation. [32255 - 32255.6].

4. Grade Reduction:

No pupil may have their grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences excused pursuant to EC 48205 when missed assignments and tests, that can reasonably be provided, are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time [EC 48980(i)]. (Full text of EC 48205 Attachment -1)

5. Individualized Instruction Due to Temporary Disability:

A pupil with a temporary disability shall be cause for a pupil to receive individual instruction. [EC 48206.3 et seq.].

6. Notification of Minimum and Pupil Free Staff Development School Days:

The schedule of minimum days and pupil free staff development days for schools within the District/County Office of Education (COE) is attached (Attachment – 2). Parents/guardians will be notified of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days not yet scheduled at least one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day. [EC 48980(c)].

7. Residence When Hospitalized:

Notwithstanding compulsory education requirements, a pupil with a temporary disability who is in a hospital or other residential health facility, except for a state hospital, which is located outside of the school district in which the pupil's parent/guardian resides, shall be deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district in which the hospital is located. It shall be the primary responsibility of the parent/guardian of a pupil with temporary disability to notify the school district in which the pupil is deemed to reside of the pupil's presence in a qualifying hospital. [EC 48207; 48208].

8. Required Pupil Immunization:

School districts shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or childcare and development program for the first time nor, after July 1, 2016, admit or advance any student to the 7th grade level unless the student has been fully immunized. The student shall present documentation of full immunization, in accordance with the age/grade and dose required by the California Dept. of Public Health and Health and Safety Code Section 120335.

9. Immunization for Communicable Disease:

The school district, while cooperating with the local health officer, may permit a licensed physician and surgeon or other statutorily authorized health care practitioner to immunize pupils for a communicable disease with the written consent of a parent for a licensed physician and surgeon or health care practitioner. [EC 49403].

10. Cancer Prevention Act:

The parents and guardians of pupils admitted or advancing to the sixth grade level are hereby notified that the State of California advises that pupils adhere to current immunization guidelines, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians, regarding full human papilloma virus (HPV) immunization before admission or advancement to the eighth grade level. HPV vaccination can prevent over 90 percent of cancers caused by HPV. HPV vaccines are very safe, and scientific research shows that the benefits of HPV vaccination far outweigh the potential risks. HPV immunization is recommended by the State Department of Public Health at ages 9-12. [EC§48980.4].

"EC" refers to the California Education Code

11. Administration of Medication:

Medication prescribed for a child to be administered during the regular school day may be assisted by a school nurse or other designated school personnel if the school district receives a written detailed statement from the physician and surgeon or physician assistant and a written parental request. Pupils may carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication provided that written orders from the physician and surgeon or physician assistant (including a statement that the pupil is able to self-administer such medication), and written parental consent to the self-administration (including a release allowing a school nurse or other designated school personnel to consult with pupil's health care provider about the medication, and releasing the school district and school personnel from potential civil liability). The District/COE may designate and train one or more volunteers to provide anti-seizure medication to a pupil diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy, upon request. [EC 49423; 49423.1; 49468.2].

12. Continuing Medication:

A pupil is required to inform the District/COE of any medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician, if the pupil is on a continuing medication regimen for a non-episodic condition. The school nurse may communicate with the physician and may counsel with school personnel regarding the possible effects of the drug on the child's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose if provided consent by the pupil's parent or legal guardian. [EC 49480].

13. Synthetic Drugs:

Synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician, such as fentanyl, are dangerous and can be deadly. Parents or guardians are informed of the possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills and social media platforms may be used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl. Additional information may be found on the District's website at www.ltusd.org. [EC 48985.5].

14. Type 2 Diabetes:

Specific information on type 2 diabetes is available at www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/type2diabetes.asp. It is recommended that students possibly suffering from type 2 diabetes or having warning signs should be screened. [EC 49452.7].

15. Health Assessments and Evaluations:

Vision and hearing screening for a pupil by the school nurse or other qualified individual is provided during selected grade levels. A pupil whose first enrollment or entry occurs in grade 4 or 7 shall not be required to be screened in the year immediately following the pupil's first enrollment or entry. Scoliosis screening may be provided to girls in grade 7 and boys in grade 8. By May 31 of the school year, pupils when first enrolled in public schools are required to provide proof of an oral health assessment (within 12 months prior to enrollment) by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. [EC 49452; 49452.5; 49454; 49455].

Any pupil, while enrolled in kindergarten, which includes TK, or while enrolled in first grade if the pupil was not previously enrolled in kindergarten, unless excused, must present proof no later than May 31 of the school year of having received an oral assessment by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. The assessment must be performed no earlier than 12 months prior to initial enrollment of the pupil. Parents/guardians of such pupils will be notified of this assessment requirement [EC 49452.8].

16. Medical and Hospital Services:

The District/COE may provide, or make available, medical and/or hospital services for pupils injured at school or school-sponsored events or while being transported to the same. [EC 49472]. Schools may release pupils, in grades 7 through 12 only, for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian. [EC 46010.1].

17. Student Nutrition Program:

Free meals are available upon request to students. [EC 49501].

18. Fingerprinting:

The District/COE may provide a fingerprinting program for kindergarten or newly enrolled pupils. [EC 32390; 48980(e)].

19. Pupil Records:

Parents have a right to access all records relating to their children. The procedure used by the District/COE regarding the establishment and maintenance, transfer, access, challenge, and modification of pupil records is available to parents upon request. [EC 49063; 49069.7; 49070]. Certain directory information concerning pupils is also available to individuals other than parents. [EC 49073]. (Attachment – 3) Upon written request from the parent, the District/COE will withhold directory information about the student.

20. District/COE Pupil Discipline Rules:

The rules used by the District/COE pertaining to student discipline are available to all parents upon request. [EC 35291]. The rules may require that the parent of a suspended pupil may be required to attend a portion of a school day in the child's classroom. [EC 48900.1].

21. Nondiscrimination:

The District/COE does not discriminate on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, immigration status, actual or potential parental, family, or marital status, pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any of its policies, practices, or procedures, programs, or activities, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and related laws and regulations. [EC 200; 221.51]. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, District/COE programs and activities, including vocational education and applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the District/COE, and all acts of the governing board or body of the District/COE, the superintendent of the school district, and the county superintendent of schools in enacting policies and procedures that govern the District/COE. Inquiries regarding the equal opportunity policies, the filing of grievances or complaints, or to request a copy, free of charge, of the procedures covering discrimination complaints may be directed to the District/County Superintendent of Schools, the District Title IX Coordinator, or the Office of Civil Rights, as appropriate. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to the admission and participation in District/COE programs. The District's Title IX Coordinator may be contacted at John Simons, Director of Human Resources, District Office, 1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Phone (530) 541-2850. Email jsimons@ltusd.org (Attachment – 4).

22. Services to Students Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired, or Deaf-Blind:

Services are provided by the State Special Schools. Assessment services and technical assistance are also offered. For more information about the State Special Schools, please visit the California Department of Education Web site at www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ss/ or ask for more information from members of your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team.

23. Compulsory Education:

Each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years, not exempted under the provisions of Education Code, is subject to compulsory full-time education.

24. Residency Requirements-School Attendance Options:

A pupil complies with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district, if the pupil is any of the following:

A pupil who is a child of a military family pursuant to EC 48204.6;

A pupil placed within the boundaries of that school district in a regularly established licensed children's institution or a licensed foster home as defined in EC 56155.5 or a family home pursuant to a commitment or placement under Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 200 et seq.;

A pupil who is a foster child who remains in their school of origin pursuant to EC 48853.5;

A pupil for whom interdistrict attendance has been approved pursuant to EC 46600 et seq.;

A pupil whose residence is located within the boundaries of that school district and whose parent or legal guardian is relieved of responsibility, control, and authority through emancipation;

A pupil who lives in the home of a caregiving adult that is located within the boundaries of that school district. Execution of an affidavit under penalty of perjury pursuant to Cal. Fam. Code § 6550 by the caregiving adult is a sufficient basis for a determination that the pupil lives in the caregiver's home, unless the school district determines from actual facts that the pupil is not living in the caregiver's home;

A pupil residing in a state hospital located within the boundaries of that school district;

A pupil whose parent or legal guardian resides outside of the boundaries of that school district but is employed and lives with the pupil at the place of their employment within the boundaries of the school district for a minimum of three days during the school week;

A school district may deem a pupil to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district if at least one parent or the legal guardian of the pupil is physically employed within the boundaries of that school district for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week. [EC 48204].

Once a pupil is deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance pursuant to EC 48204 and is enrolled in a school in a school district, the boundaries of which include the location where at least one parent or the legal guardian of a pupil is physically employed, the pupil does not have to reapply in the next school year to attend a school within that school district and the governing board of the school district shall allow the pupil to attend school through grade 12 in that school district if the parent or legal guardian so chooses and if at least one parent or the legal guardian of the pupil continues to be physically employed by an employer situated within the attendance boundaries of the school district, subject to EC 48204 (b)(2) to (7), inclusive.

25. Notice of Alternative Schools:

California law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. [EC 58501]. (Attachment - 5).

26. Excuse from Sexual Health Education, HIV Education, and Related Assessments:

Parents or guardians of a pupil have the right to excuse their child from all or part of comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and assessments related to that education through a passive consent ("opt out") process. A request to excuse your child must be made in writing to the school district. [EC 51938]. You are hereby notified that:

- Educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education are available for inspection.
- Comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education will be taught by school district personnel and/or by outside consultants.
- You have a right to request a copy of EC Part 28, Chapter 5.6 – California Healthy Youth Act.

If the District/COE elects to provide comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education by outside consultants, and/or by holding an assembly to deliver comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education by guest speakers, the notice shall include the date of the instruction, the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker, and information stating the right of the parent or guardian to request a copy of EC 51938, 51933, and 51934.

27. Pregnant and Parenting Students:

The District/COE will not exclude nor deny any pupil from any educational program or activity, including class or extracurricular activity, solely on the basis of the pupil's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom [EC 221.51; 222.5; 46015]. Pregnant and parenting pupils are entitled to the following:

Have their pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and recovery therefrom treated in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disabling condition;

- Provided with eight weeks of parental leave, (or more if medically necessary) which the pupil may take before the birth of the pupil's infant if there is a medical necessity and after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction, in order to protect the health of the pupil who gives or expects to give birth and the infant, and to allow the pregnant or parenting pupil to care for and bond with the infant;
- Return to the school and the course of study in which the student was enrolled before taking parental leave and opportunities to make up work missed during the student's leave, including, but not limited to, makeup work plans and reenrollment in courses;
- Remain enrolled for a fifth year of instruction in the school in which the pupil was previously enrolled when it is necessary in order for the pupil to be able to complete state and any local graduation requirements, unless the District/COE makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the pupil's fourth year of high school;
- Provided with alternative education options should the pupil decide not to return from leave; and
- Not incur an academic penalty as a result of the pupil's use of the accommodations.

A complaint for noncompliance may be filed under the District/COE's Uniform Complain Procedures. [See Paragraph 28].

28. Uniform Complaint Procedures "UCP":

The District/COE maintains a uniform complaint procedure for investigating complaints of: (1) discrimination on the basis of, but not limited to, age, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, pupil parenting or pregnancy and/or childbirth, or mental or physical disability; (2) complaints of violations of the laws and regulations governing consolidated categorical aid programs, Adult Education, Career/Technical Education, Child Development, Special Education and Nutrition services; (3) impermissible pupil fees [EC 49010-49013]; and/or (4) violation of state and/or federal law. Additionally, complaints regarding the educational rights of foster children as provided under EC 48853.5. The District/COE has designated compliance officers to receive and investigate uniform complaints that fall within these categories and ensure compliance with law.

A complaint may also be filed regarding the adoption or approval of the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or curriculum for classroom instruction if the use of the textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or curriculum would subject a pupil to unlawful discrimination pursuant to EC 220.Such a complaint may be filed by any member of the public, including anyone electing to file anonymously, if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation. [EC 244].

Any individual, public agency, or organization may file a written complaint. Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination shall be initiated not later than six months from the date the alleged discrimination occurred, or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination. Copies of the complaint form are available from the school or District/COE office. After filling out the complaint form, it should be directed to the District/COE compliance officer John Simons, Director of Human Resources. The compliance officer will investigate the complaint and provide a written report of the investigation and decision within 60 calendar days.

If dissatisfied with the District's/COE's decision, the complainant may also appeal in writing to the California Department of Education (CDE) within 15 days of receiving the District's/COE's decision.

A complainant may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a state or federal court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders. In a complaint of unlawful discrimination,

complainant may seek civil law remedies no sooner than 60 days from the filing of an appeal with CDE, except that such time limitation does not apply to injunctive relief.

Additionally, any individual, public agency, or organization may file complaints about specified situations pertaining to instructional materials, emergency, or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of pupils or staff, and teacher vacancies or misassignments. Such complaints ("Williams Complaints") are subject to a different complaint procedure. Such a complaint may be filed anonymously and under certain circumstances may be filed directly with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

For more information concerning the filing of uniform complaints, copies of the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations pertaining to these complaint procedures are available upon request at the school or District/COE offices free of charge, or on the District/COE website at www.ltusd.org. [5 CCR 4600 et seq.]. (Attachment – 6)

29. Sexual Harassment Policy:

Reports of alleged pupil sexual harassment in violation of District/COE policy or federal or state law will be handled pursuant to the attached policies and procedures established by the District/COE. The District/COE shall be responsible for providing written procedures regarding the process for reporting, investigating, and resolving such complaints. [EC 48980(f), 212.5, 231.5]. (Attachment - 7)

30. School Accountability Report Card:

On or before February 1 of each year, parents are entitled to an updated hard copy of the School Accountability Report Card, which is available upon request. [EC 35256].

31. Curriculum:

The curriculum, including titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by a public school shall be compiled at least once annually in a prospectus. The prospectus is available for review upon request and for copying at a reasonable charge. [EC 49091.14; 49063(k)].

32. Grants for Advanced Placement Tests:

Needy pupils may be eligible for state grants to cover the costs of advanced placement examinations. Contact the school for eligibility information. [EC 48980(j)].

33. Homeless and Foster Youth:

Information regarding educational options for homeless youth and foster youth is available by contacting the District/COE. [EC 48850 et seq.].

34. Pesticides:

The names of all pesticide products expected to be applied at the school site during the upcoming year are set forth on the attached list. Information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation is available at www.cdpr.ca.gov/healthy-schools-act/. You may register with the school site if you wish to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school site. You have the right to view a copy of the school site plan in the school office or on the District website at www.ltusd.org. [EC 17612, 48980.3]. (District Attachment - 8)

35. Asbestos:

You have the right to obtain an updated Management Plan for asbestos-containing material at your school site [40 CFR 763.93(g)(4); EC 49410 et seq.].

36. Tobacco-Free Campus:

Contact the school for information about the District/COE's tobacco-free campus policy, if any, and enforcement procedures. [H.&S. 104420].

37. Safety Plan

Each District/COE school has a has a Comprehensive School Safety Plan, which includes a disaster preparedness plan and emergency procedures. Copies are available at each school office. Fire, earthquake, and emergency drills are held at each school site pursuant to school policy. [EC § 32280 et seq.].

38. College Admission Requirements, Higher Education Information, and Career Technical Education:

[EC 48980(l); 51229] (District Attachment – 9)

39. Statutory Attendance Options:

California law requires school districts to provide an education to any pupil who resides within the district's attendance area. Although pupils have the right to a free, public education, the law does not guarantee that a pupil can attend the school of choice, or even the neighborhood school.

Existing statutory attendance options include interdistrict transfer, Allen Transfer, Intradistrict Transfer, Open Enrollment, ESSA, and District of Choice. Parents/guardians should contact the District/COE regarding any and all enrollment options.

Interdistrict Transfer

A pupil may attend a school in a district other than the pupil's district of residence pursuant to an interdistrict agreement between the district of residence and district of desired attendance. Each school district has adopted policies regarding interdistrict attendance. Parents/guardians wishing to enroll their pupil at a school district outside of their resident school district may obtain an application for interdistrict attendance transfer from the District/COE. Interdistrict transfer agreements must be approved by both the pupil's school district of residence and the school district to which the pupil seeks to transfer. The agreement may include terms or conditions. It is within the authority of either the school district of residence or the receiving school district to revoke an interdistrict transfer/reciprocal agreement at any time for any reason the school district governing board or school district superintendent deems appropriate. If a request for an interdistrict transfer agreement is denied, the pupil's parents/guardians may file an appeal to the county office of education in the pupil's school district of residence within 30 days of receipt of the official notice of denial of the transfer.

Allen Transfer

Education Code section 48204(b) permits a school district to deem a pupil to have complied with the residency requirements for attendance if at least one parent or the legal guardian of the pupil is physically employed within the boundaries of that school district for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week. School districts within which at least one parent/guardian of a pupil is employed are not required to admit the pupil to its schools. Once admitted the pupil may attend school in the district in which the parent or guardian is employed through grade 12 so long as the parent or guardian continues to be physically employed by an employer situated within the attendance boundaries of the school district, subject to certain conditions specified in EC 48204. As a resident, the pupil does not have to reapply for the transfer to be valid.

Intradistrict Transfer

An intradistrict transfer applies when parents/guardians wish to register/admit/enroll their pupil(s) at a school other than the designated school that is in their attendance area within their school district. Each school district shall adopt rules and regulations establishing a policy of open enrollment within the district for residents of the district. This requirement does not apply to a school district that has only one school or a school district with schools that do not serve any of the same grade levels. EC 35160.5(b) permits parents to indicate a preference for the school that their child will attend, irrespective of the child's place of residence within the school district.

To the extent required and financed by federal law and at the request of the pupil's parent or guardian, each school district shall provide transportation assistance to the pupil. [EC 35160.5(b)(4)].

Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment Act [EC 48350-48361] provides an option to pupils attending low-achieving schools within their "school district of residence" to enroll in schools with higher Academic Performance Indices (API). The Superintendent of Public Instruction creates an annual list of schools subject to the provisions of the Open Enrollment Act. Parents/guardians of pupils attending any of these schools may apply for admission to a higher achieving school by January 1. The receiving school district ("district of enrollment") may adopt specific standards for the acceptance and rejection of applications under this provision. These may include consideration of capacity issues as well as the potential adverse financial impact. While technically remaining law, the CDE has replaced the API.

Every Student Succeeds Act

Districts may provide alternative supports and public school choice.

Parents/guardians who are interested in finding out more about attendance and/or programmatic options should contact the District for more information on the District's policies, procedures, and timelines for applying for transfers. [EC 48980(h)]. (See Attachment – 10 for list of enrollment options available to the pupils within the District)

District of Choice

A school district may elect to operate the school district as a school district of choice and may accept transfers from school districts of residence pursuant to EC 48300 et seq. Please contact the District office to determine applicability.

40. Notice of Teacher Qualifications

LEAs will ensure that all teachers working in a program supported with Title I, Part A funds meet applicable state certification and licensure requirements. At the beginning of each school year, an LEA that receives Title I funds shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving such funds that the parents may request, and the LEA will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including at a minimum, the following: (20 U.S.C. sections 6312[c][6], 6312[e][1][A])

- **a)** Whether the student's teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction. (20 U.S.C. Section 6312[e][1][A][i][I])
- **b)** Whether the student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived. (20 U.S.C. Section 6312[e][1][A][i][II])
- **c)** Whether the student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher. (20 U.S.C. Section 6312[e][1][A][i][III])

d) Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. (20 U.S.C. Section 6312[e][1][A][ii])

41. Cal Grant Grade Point Average Notice:

Pupils enrolled in grade 12 shall be deemed to be a Cal Grant applicant and pupil's grade point average forwarded to the Student Aid Commission unless pupil opts out within 30 days of notice that the school will first send grade point averages to the Commission which has a submission deadline of October 1. [EC 69432.9].

42. Electronic Notification:

This notice may be exclusively provided electronically provided a parent or guardian has so requested. [EC 48981, 48985].

43. State Mandated Testing Waivers:

According to EC section 60615, if parents/guardians do not want their student to take all or part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress System or other similar standardized test, they are required to submit a written request to the principal of their student's school. The principal must have this letter prior to the start of each test. Parents/guardians are required to specify the test name in the letter.

44. Special Education:

Special Education programs are available to all eligible students with disabilities, ages 0–22. If you have any reason to believe your child needs special education, please contact the Division of Special Education at 1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, or school site administration. [EC 56301]. (District Attachment - 11)

45. Foster and Homeless Youth, Pupils of Military Families, Former Juvenile Court School Pupils, Migratory Children, and High Mobility Pupils:

Foster or homeless youth, former juvenile court school pupils, pupils of military families, currently migratory children, and newcomer program participants in their third or fourth year of high school may be exempted from local graduation coursework requirements that are in addition to state graduation requirements unless the District/COE makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the pupil's fourth year of high school. Such pupils shall not be required to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the pupil is otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of higher education, regardless of whether those courses are required for statewide graduation requirements. The District/COE is also required to consult with an eligible pupil and the person holding the pupil's educational rights of the option to remain in school for a 5th year if the local educational agency determines the pupil is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within the pupil's 5th year of high school. If the District/COE makes such a determination, they are required to:

- Consult with the pupil and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil regarding the pupil's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements.
- Consult with the pupil, and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil, about how remaining in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements will affect the pupil's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution.
- Consult with and provide information to the pupil about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.
- Permit the pupil to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements upon agreement with the pupil, if the pupil is 18 years of age or older, or, if the pupil is under 18 years of age, upon agreement with the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil.
- For a pupil in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless child or youth, consult with the pupil, and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil, regarding the pupil's option to remain in the pupil's school of origin, pursuant to EC 48852.7 for a pupil who is a homeless child or youth, or EC 48853.5 for a pupil in foster care.

The District/COE shall exempt an eligible pupil from the local educational agency's graduation requirements and provide the pupil the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide coursework requirements if the District/COE determines that an eligible pupil is not reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within the pupil's fifth year of high school, but is reasonably able to complete the statewide coursework requirements specified in EC 51225.3.

The District/COE shall be required to reevaluate eligibility when a pupil is determined to be not eligible for an exemption and provide written notice to the pupil, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil, and the pupil's social worker or probation officer, if applicable, whether the pupil qualifies for an exemption within the first 30 calendar days of the following academic year. Pupils in foster care may not have their grades lowered due to absences under certain circumstances, like a change in placement or court attendance. Eligible pupils who may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements are entitled to notice of the exemption within 30 calendar days of the date the pupil transfers into a school.

In addition to other requirements, the District/COE is required to accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a pupil in foster care, a pupil who is a homeless child or youth, a former juvenile court school pupil, a pupil who is a child of a military family, a pupil who is a

migratory child, or a pupil participating in a newcomer program while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency even if the pupil did not complete the entire course and shall issue that pupil full or partial credit for the coursework completed. Eligible pupils shall not be required to retake a course if the pupil has satisfactorily completed the entire course in a public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. If the pupil did not complete the entire course, the local educational agency shall not require the pupil to retake the portion of the course the pupil completed unless the local educational agency, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the pupil, finds that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. If partial credit is awarded the eligible pupil shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the pupil may continue and complete the entire course. An eligible pupil shall not be prevented from retaking or taking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California. A complaint for noncompliance may be filed under the District/COE's Uniform Complain Procedures. [See Paragraph ~~25~~28] [EC 51225.1 et seq.]. Eligible students should contact the District/COE regarding specific qualifications and requirements.

46. Immigration, Citizenship Status, and Religious Belief:

Students are afforded an equal right to an education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs. Additional information regarding your rights to an education can be found at oag.ca.gov/immigrant/rights. [EC 234.7]. (*District* Attachment - 12).

47. District/COE Policy Regarding Parent Classroom Visits:

To ensure the safety of students and staff and minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours should be arranged with the principal or designee. When a visit involves a conference with a teacher or the principal, an appointment should be scheduled during non-instructional time. Any person who is not a student or staff member shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session. The principal or designee may provide a visible means of identification for all individuals who are not students or staff members while on school premises. (Board Policy 1250 Attachment -13)

48. Employee-Pupil Code of Conduct:

The Board of Education expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, exhibit professional behavior, follow district policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employee conduct should enhance the integrity of the district, advance the goals of the district's educational programs, and contribute to a positive school climate. (Board Policy 4119.21) The Board of Education believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, going to or coming from school, at school activities, or using district transportation. (Board Policy 5131 Attachment 14).

49. Bullying:

This policy shall apply to all acts constituting bullying related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school, and to all acts of the Governing Board and the Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district. The Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning, and school attendance and desires to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment that protects students from physical, mental, and emotional harm. No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, visual, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel, or retaliate against them for filing a complaint or participating in the complaint resolution process. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for addressing bullying in district schools with the involvement of students, parents/guardians, and staff. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with social services, mental health services, law enforcement, courts, and other agencies and community organizations in the development and implementation of effective strategies to promote safety in schools and the community. Such strategies shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan and, to the extent possible, into the local control and accountability plan and other applicable district and school plans. Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 1312.3. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint. If the Superintendent or designee believes it is in the best interest of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying, as defined in Education Code 48900, the Superintendent or designee shall advise the student's parents/guardians that the student may transfer to another school. If the parents/guardians of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying requests a transfer for the student pursuant to Education Code 46600, the Superintendent or designee shall allow the transfer in accordance with law and district policy on intradistrict or interdistrict transfer, as applicable. District families are encouraged to model respectful behavior, contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment, and monitor potential causes of bullying. Any employee who permits or engages in bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

50. Investing for Future Education:

Parents are advised of the importance of investing for higher education for students and considering appropriate investment options.

51. Earned Income Tax Credit Information Act:

Based on your annual earnings, you may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit from the Federal Government (Federal EITC). The Federal EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The Federal EITC has no effect on certain welfare benefits. In most cases, Federal EITC payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, low-income housing, or most Temporary Assistance for Needy Families payments. Even if you do not owe federal taxes, you must file a federal tax return to receive the Federal EITC. Be sure to fill out the Federal EITC form in the Federal Income Tax Return Booklet. For information regarding your eligibility to receive the Federal EITC, including information on how to obtain the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice 797 or any other necessary forms and instructions, contact the IRS by calling 1-800-829-3676 or through its website at www.irs.gov.

You may also be eligible to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (California EITC) starting with the calendar year 2015 tax year. The California EITC is a refundable state income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The California EITC is treated in the same manner as the Federal EITC and generally will not be used to determine eligibility for welfare benefits under California law. To claim the California EITC, even if you do not owe California taxes, you must file a California income tax return and complete and attach the California EITC Form (FTB 3514). For information on the availability of the credit eligibility requirements and how to obtain the necessary California forms and get help filing, contact the Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-852-5711 or through its website at www.ftb.ca.gov.

52. Mental Health Service:

Parents/guardians may access available pupil mental health services on campus or in the community. (*District* Attachment - 15).

53. Firearm Storage: EC 48986 (*District* Attachment – 16)

54. Local Apprenticeship Programs and Preapprenticeship Programs:

For the parents or guardians of pupils admitted to, or advancing to, grades 11 and 12, information regarding registered program sponsors and contact information may be found on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations website under Apprenticeship Standards at https://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/das/results_aiglist.asp?varCounty=EL+DORADO&varType=%25&Submit=Search.

55. Dual Enrollment

For the parents or guardians of pupils admitted to, or advancing to, grades 7 to 12, please find the below information regarding dual enrollment offered by the District:

Dual enrollment allows student to take college classes while still in high school. Classes are taught by college-approved faculty at South Tahoe High School. Dual enrollment is advantageous to students as it is a cost-efficient way to accumulate college credits and allows them to get a head start on their post-secondary education. Participation in dual enrollment may ease the transition from high school to college by giving students a sense of what college courses are like. Some classes are weighted at a 5.0.

Lake Tahoe Community College's partnership with South Tahoe High School fundamentally supports student success through the Dual Enrollment program. This free program provides local high school students with an opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time. All LTUSD students are welcome to participate in this program, which begins by students registering for and taking Healthy Lifestyle Choices during 9th grade. Like all LTCC students, Dual Enrollment students also receive a high level of personalized support to encourage classroom success and continuation in the program. Dual enrollment is an opportunity for local high school students to get ahead on college credits, fulfill high school graduation requirements, and ultimately save money on education. All dual enrollment courses take place at South Tahoe High School during the regularly scheduled instructional day.

56. Students Convicted of a Violent Felony or Misdemeanor:

A student may be transferred to another district school if he/she is convicted of a violent felony, per Penal Code 667.5(c), or a misdemeanor listed in Penal Code 29805 and is enrolled at the same school as the victim of the crime for which he/she was convicted. (Board Policy 5116.2 Attachment - 17)

57. Bus Rules and Snow Days Information: (District Attachment – 18)

PPRA Model Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires school districts to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure, or use of student information for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys"), and certain physical exams and screenings. Policies regarding these rights may be obtained from the school district/COE.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated under this section may file a complaint with the Family Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20202-5901.

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") the right to access the student's education records. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

Additionally, parents or eligible students, maintain the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student alleges the records contain:

1. inaccuracy, or
2. unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference, or
3. conclusion or inference outside of the observer's area of competence, or
4. data is not based upon the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted, or
5. misleading information/conclusions, or
6. violations of the student's privacy or other rights.

Parents should write the School principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

Parents or eligible students maintain the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception permits disclosure without consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing their tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill their professional responsibility. Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Another exception permits disclosure of appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent unless parents have advised the School to the contrary in accordance with school district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the School to include this type of information from a student's education records in certain school publications (e.g., yearbooks, honor roll lists, sports activity sheets). Directory information, which is information that is not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without prior written consent. In addition, schools are required to provide military recruiters, upon request, with secondary students' names, addresses, and telephone listings unless parents have advised

the school that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior consent.

The School has designated the following information as directory information: student's name, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, address, telephone listing, weight and height of members of athletic teams, e-mail address, photograph, degrees, honors, and awards received, date of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, and the most recent educational agency or institution attended. Directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin, unless consent is obtained prior to release. If parents do not want the School to disclose directory information from their child's education records without prior written consent, they must notify the School in writing. [20 U.S.C. § 7908, 34 C.F.R. § 99.37, EC 49073].

Data may be shared with the California College Guidance Initiative to provide pupils and their families with direct access to online tools and resources for college and career planning, including to enable a pupil to transmit information shared with the California College Guidance Initiative to institutions of higher education for purposes of admissions and academic placement and the Student Aid Commission for purposes of determining eligibility for, and increasing uptake of, student financial aid.

[20 U.S.C. § 1232, EC 51229, 60900].

Parents or eligible students maintain the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Please return this acknowledgment, with the required signature, to your student's school.

PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT ONLY

I have received and read the notice and all included attachments regarding my rights relating to the above courses and activities which might affect my child.

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Print Pupil's Name Grade

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Required Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

ATTACHMENT 1

GRADE REDUCTION

FULL TEXT OF EDUCATION CODE SECTION 48205

((a) Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:
(1) Due to the pupil's illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
(2) Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
(3) For purposes of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic services rendered.
(4) For purposes of attending the funeral services or grieving the death of either a member of the pupil's immediate family, or of a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than five days per incident.
(5) For purposes of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
(6) Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child, for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.
(7) For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an attendance or appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of the pupil's religion, attendance at a religious retreat, attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization, when the pupil's absence is requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board of the school district.
(8) For purposes of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.
(9) For purposes of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Section 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
(10) For purposes of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
(11) For purposes of participating in a cultural ceremony or event.
(12)(A) For purposes of a middle school or high school pupil engaging in a civic or political event, as provided in subparagraph (B), provided that the pupil notifies the school ahead of the absence.
(B)(i) A middle school or high school pupil who is absent pursuant to subparagraph (A) is required to be excused for only one schoolday-long absence per school year.
(ii) A middle school or high school pupil who is absent pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be permitted additional excused absences in the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.
(13)(A) For any of the purposes described in clauses (i) to (iii), inclusive, if an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, has died, so long as the absence is not more than three days per incident.
(i) To access services from a victim services organization or agency.
(ii) To access grief support services.
(iii) To participate in safety planning or to take other actions to increase the safety of the pupil or an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, including, but not limited to, temporary or permanent relocation.
(B) Any absences beyond three days for the reasons described in subparagraph (A) shall be subject to the discretion of the school administrator, or their designee, pursuant to Section 48260.
(14) Due to the pupil's participation in military entrance processing.
(15) Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.
(b) A pupil absent from school pursuant to this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit for those assignments and tests. The teacher of the class from which a pupil is absent shall determine which tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.
(c) For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed one schoolday per semester.
(d) Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state apportionment payments.
(e) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) A “civic or political event” includes, but is not limited to, voting, poll working, strikes, public commenting, candidate speeches, political or civic forums, and town halls.
(2) “Cultural” means relating to the practices, habits, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people.
(3) “Immediate family” means the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the pupil.
(4) “Victim services organization or agency” has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 12945.8 of the Government Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 967, Sec. 2.3. (AB 2499) Effective January 1, 2025.)

ATTACHMENT 2 MINIMUM DAY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR



Board Approved 7/24/25

IMPORTANT DATES 2025	
July 4	**Independence Day Holiday**
August 20	New Teacher Orientation (being held at STHS)
August 21-22	Teacher Work Days (No School)
August 25	First Day of School
September 1	**Labor Day Holiday**
September 2	Minimum Day STMS, Back to school night
September 4	Minimum day Elementary, Back to school night
September 9	Minimum day STHS, Back to school night
October 13-17	Parent Conferences -- Elementary (Student Minimum Days)
October 23-24	Mid-Term Exams -- ST High School
October 24	End of First Semester (First Term - 44 Days)(High School Only)
October 31	Professional Development Day (No School)
November 11	**Veterans Day Holiday - No School**
November 21	End of First Trimester (62 Days) (Elementary & STMS Only)
November 21	Student/Teacher Minimum Day All Schools
November 24-28	**Thanksgiving Recess - No School**
December 19	Student/Teacher Minimum Day All Schools
December 22-31	**Winter Break**

IMPORTANT DATES 2026	
January 1-2	**Winter Break**
January 16	Tentative School Closure Day
January 19	**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday**
January 22-23	First Term Finals -- ST High School (Student Minimum Days)
January 23	End of First Term (90 Days: 44+46 - High School Only)
February 5	Spring Term Welcome STHS (Student/Teacher Minimum Day)
February 16-20	**Presidents' Holiday Break**
March 17-19	Parent Conferences - Elementary (Student Minimum Days)
March 20	End of Second Trimester (63 Days) (Elementary & STMS Only)
March 23	Tentative School Closure Day
April 2-3	ST High School Mid-Term Exams
April 3	End of First Semester (Second Term - 44 Days-High School Only)
April 3	Student/Teacher Minimum Day All Schools
April 6-10	**Spring Break**
April 30	Open House -- STMS (Student/Teacher Minimum Day)
May 1	Tentative School Closure Day
May 25	**Memorial Day Holiday**
May 28	Senior Project -- ST High School (Student Minimum Day)
June 4	Open House -- Elementary (Student/Teacher Minimum Day)
June 12	Graduation Day (Student & STHS Staff Minimum Day)
June 16-17	Semester finals -- ST High School (Student Minimum Day)
June 17	Last Day of School (Student Minimum Day)
	8th Grade Promotion STMS (Student Minimum Day)
	End of Second Term (90 Days: 44+46 - High School Only)
	End of Third Trimester = 55 Days (Elementary & STMS)
June 19	**Juneteenth - Holiday**

LEGEND

	=	Non-School Year
	=	All Schools Closed
	=	Teacher Work/Prep Day/PD Day (no students)
	=	First Day of School
		Last Day of School (student minimum day)
	=	Regular School Day
	=	Tentative School Closure Day (No School unless snow day closure prior to this date)
PD	=	Staff Development Day
	=	Collaboration Wednesdays All Schools/Every Weds (1 hour early release)
M	=	Minimum Days All Schools
E	=	Minimum Days Elementary Schools
M	=	Minimum Days Middle School
H	=	Minimum Days South Tahoe High School

ATTACHMENT 3
PUPIL RECORD INFORMATION
Administrative Regulation 5125

Definitions

Student means any individual who is or has been in attendance at the district and regarding whom the district maintains student records. (34 CFR 99.3)

Attendance includes, but is not limited to, attendance in person or by paper correspondence, videoconference, satellite, Internet, or other electronic information and telecommunication technologies for students who are not physically present in the classroom, and the period during which a person is working under a work-study program. (34 CFR 99.3)

Student records are any items of information (in handwriting, print, tape, film, computer, or other medium) gathered within or outside the district that are directly related to an identifiable student and maintained by the district, required to be maintained by an employee in the performance of the employee's duties, or maintained by a party acting for the district. Any information maintained for the purpose of second-party review is considered a student record. Student records include the student's health record. (Education Code 49061, 49062; 5 CCR 430; 34 CFR 99.3)

Student records do not include: (Education Code 49061, 49062; 34 CFR 99.3)

1. Directory information

2. Informal notes compiled by a school officer or employee which remain in the sole possession of the maker, are used only as a personal memory aid, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute employee

3. Records of the law enforcement unit of the district, subject to 34 CFR 99.8

4. Records created or received by the district after an individual is no longer a student and that are not directly related to the individual's attendance as a student

5. Grades on peer-graded papers before they are collected and recorded by a teacher

Mandatory permanent student records are those records which are maintained in perpetuity and which schools have been directed to compile by state law, regulation, or administrative directive. (5 CCR 430)

Mandatory interim student records are those records which the schools are directed to compile and maintain for specified periods of time and are then destroyed in accordance with state law, regulation, or administrative directive. (5 CCR 430)

Permitted student records are those records having clear importance only to the current educational process of the student. (5 CCR 430)

Disclosure means to permit access to, or the release, transfer, or other communication of, personally identifiable information contained in student records to any party, except the party that provided or created the record, by any means including oral, written, or electronic. (34 CFR 99.3)

Access means a personal inspection and review of a record or an accurate copy of a record, or receipt of an accurate copy of a record or an oral description or communication of a record, and a request to release a copy of any record. (Education Code 49061)

Personally identifiable information includes, but is not limited to: (34 CFR 99.3)

1. The student's name

2. The name of the student's parent/guardian or other family members

3. The address of the student or student's family

4. A personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record (e.g., fingerprints, retina and iris patterns, voiceprints, DNA sequence, facial characteristics, and handwriting)

5. Other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name

6. Other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty

7. Information requested by a person who the district reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the student record relates

Adult student is a person who is or was enrolled in school and who is at least 18 years of age. (5 CCR 430)

Parent/guardian means a natural parent, an adopted parent, legal guardian, surrogate parent, or foster parent. (Education Code 49061, 56050, 56055)

Legitimate educational interest is an interest held by any school official, employee, contractor, or consultant whose official duties, responsibilities, or contractual obligations to the district, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require access to information contained in student records.

School officials and employees are officials or employees, including teachers, whose duties and responsibilities to the district, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require access to student records. (34 CFR 99.31)

Contractor or consultant is anyone with a formal written agreement or contract with the district regarding the provision of services or functions outsourced by the district. Contractor or consultant shall not include a volunteer or other party. (Education Code 49076)

Custodian of records is the employee responsible for the security of student records maintained by the district and for devising procedures for assuring that access to such records is limited to authorized persons. (5 CCR 433)

County placing agency means the county social service department or county probation department. (Education Code 49061)

Persons Granted Absolute Access

In accordance with law, absolute access to any student records shall be granted to:

1. Parents/guardians of students younger than age 18 years, including the parent who is not the student's custodial parent (Education Code 49069.7; Family Code 3025)

2. An adult student, or a student under the age of 18 years who attends a postsecondary institution, in which case the student alone shall exercise rights related to the student's records and grant consent for the release of records (34 CFR 99.3, 99.5)

3. Parents/guardians of an adult student with disabilities who is age 18 years or older and has been declared incompetent under state law (Education Code 56041.5)

Access for Limited Purpose/Legitimate Educational Interest

The following persons or agencies shall have access to those particular records that are relevant to their legitimate educational interest or other legally authorized purpose:

1. Parents/guardians of a student 18 years of age or older who is a dependent child as defined in 26 USC 152 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)

2. Students who are age 16 or older or who have completed the 10th grade (Education Code 49076)

3. School officials and employees, consistent with the definition provided in the section "Definitions" above (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)

4. Members of a school attendance review board (SARB) appointed pursuant to Education Code 48321 who are authorized representatives of the district and any volunteer aide age 18 or older who has been investigated, selected, and trained by the SARB to provide follow-up services to a referred student (Education Code 49076)

5. Officials and employees of other public schools, school systems, or postsecondary institutions where the student intends or is directed to enroll, including local, county, or state correctional facilities where educational programs leading to high school graduation are provided, or where the student is already enrolled, as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)

   Unless the annual parent/guardian notification issued pursuant to Education Code 48980 includes a statement that the district may disclose students' personally identifiable information to officials of another school, school system, or postsecondary institution where the student seeks or intends to enroll, the Superintendent or designee shall, when such a disclosure is made, make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent/guardian or adult student at the last known address, provide a copy of the record that is disclosed, and give the parent/guardian or adult student an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the record. (34 CFR 99.34)

6. The Student Aid Commission, to provide the grade point average (GPA) of all district students in grade 12 and, when required, verification of high school graduation or its equivalent of all students who graduated in the prior academic year, for use in the Cal Grant postsecondary financial aid program. However, such information shall not be submitted when students opt out or are permitted by the rules of the Student Aid Commission to provide test scores in lieu of the GPA. (Education Code 69432.9, 69432.92)

   No later than January 1 each year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify each student in grade 11, and the student's parents/guardians if the student is under age 18 years, that the student's GPA will be forwarded to the Student Aid Commission by October 1 unless the student opts out within a period of time specified in the notice, which shall not be less than 30 days. (Education Code 69432.9)

   Students' social security numbers shall not be included in the submitted information unless the Student Aid Commission deems it necessary to complete the financial aid application and the Superintendent or designee obtains permission from the student's parent/guardian, or from the adult student, to submit the social security number. (Education Code 69432.9)

7. Federal, state, and local officials, as needed for an audit or evaluation of, or compliance with, a state or federally funded education program and in accordance with a written agreement developed pursuant to 34 CFR 99.35 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.3, 99.31, 99.35)

8. Any county placing agency acting as an authorized representative of a state or local educational agency which is required to audit or evaluate a state or federally supported education program pursuant to item #7 above (Education Code 49076)

9. Any person, agency, or organization authorized in compliance with a court order or lawfully issued subpoena (Education Code 49077; 5 CCR 435; 34 CFR 99.31)

Unless otherwise instructed by the court, the Superintendent or designee shall, prior to disclosing a record pursuant to a court order or subpoena, give the parent/guardian or adult student at least three days' notice of the name of the requesting agency and the specific record requested, if lawfully possible within the requirements of the judicial order. (Education Code 49077; 5 CCR 435; 34 CFR 99.31)

10. Any district attorney who is participating in or conducting a truancy mediation program or participating in the presentation of evidence in a truancy petition (Education Code 49076)

11. A district attorney's office for consideration against a parent/guardian for failure to comply with compulsory education laws (Education Code 49076)

12. Any probation officer, district attorney, or counsel of record for a student who is a minor for the purposes of conducting a criminal investigation or an investigation in regards to declaring the minor a ward of the court or involving a violation of a condition of probation, subject to evidentiary rules specified in Welfare and Institutions Code 701 (Education Code 49076)

    When disclosing records for these purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain written certification from the recipient of the records that the information will not be disclosed to another party without prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian or the holder of the student's educational rights, unless specifically authorized by state or federal law. (Education Code 49076)

13. Any judge or probation officer for the purpose of conducting a truancy mediation program for a student or for the purpose of presenting evidence in a truancy petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 681 (Education Code 49076)

    In such cases, the judge or probation officer shall certify in writing to the Superintendent or designee that the information will be used only for truancy purposes. Upon releasing student information to a judge or probation officer, the Superintendent or designee shall inform, or provide written notification to, the student's parent/guardian within 24 hours. (Education Code 49076)

14. A foster family agency with jurisdiction over a currently enrolled or former student; short-term residential treatment program staff responsible for the education or case management of a student; or a caregiver who has direct responsibility for the care of a student, including a certified or licensed foster parent, an approved relative or non related extended family member, or a resource family, as defined (Education Code 49076)

    Such individuals shall have access to the student's current or most recent records of grades, transcripts, attendance, discipline, online communication on platforms established by schools for students and parents/guardians, and any individualized education program or Section 504 plan developed and maintained by the district (Education Code 49069.3)

15. A student age 14 years or older who is both a homeless student and an unaccompanied minor as defined in 42 USC 11434a (Education Code 49076)

16. An individual who completes items #1-4 of the caregiver's authorization affidavit pursuant to Family Code 6552 and signs the affidavit for the purpose of enrolling a minor in school (Education Code 49076)

17. A caseworker or other representative of a state or local child welfare agency or tribal organization that has legal responsibility in accordance with state or tribal law for the care and protection of a student, provided that the individual is authorized by the agency or organization to receive the records and the information requested is directly related to providing assistance to address the student's educational needs (Education Code 49076; 20 USC 1232(g))

18. Appropriate law enforcement authorities, in circumstances where Education Code 48902 requires that the district provide special education and disciplinary records of a student with disabilities who is suspended or expelled for committing an act violating Penal Code 245 (Education Code 48902, 49076)

When disclosing such records, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain written certification by the recipient of the records as described in item #12 above. (Education Code 49076)

19. Designated peace officers or law enforcement agencies in cases where the district is authorized by law to assist law enforcement in investigations of suspected criminal conduct or kidnapping and a written parental consent, lawfully issued subpoena, or court order is submitted to the district, or information is provided to it indicating that an emergency exists in which the student's information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals (Education Code 49076.5)

    In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall provide information about the identity and location of the student as it relates to the transfer of that student's records to another public school district in California or any other state or to a California private school. (Education Code 49076.5)

When disclosing records for the above purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain the necessary documentation to verify that the person, agency, or organization is a person, agency, or organization that is permitted to receive such records.

Any person, agency, or organization granted access is prohibited from releasing information to another person, agency, or organization without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student unless specifically allowed by state law or the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. (Education Code 49076)

In addition, the parent/guardian or adult student may provide written consent for access to be granted to persons, agencies, or organizations not afforded access rights by law. The written consent shall specify the records to be released and the party or parties to whom they may be released. (Education Code 49061, 49075)

Only a parent/guardian having legal custody of the student may consent to the release of records to others. Either parent/guardian may grant consent if both parents/guardians notify the district, in writing, that such an agreement has been made. (Education Code 49061)

Discretionary Access

At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, information may be released from a student's records to the following:

1. Appropriate persons, including parents/guardians of a student, in an emergency if the health and safety of the student or other persons are at stake (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31, 99.32, 99.36)

   When releasing information to any such appropriate person, the Superintendent or designee shall record information about the threat to the health or safety of the student or any other person that formed the basis for the disclosure and the person(s) to whom the disclosure was made. (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.32)

   Unless it would further endanger the health or safety of the student or other persons, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian or adult student within one week of the disclosure that the disclosure was made, of the articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of the student or other individuals that formed the basis for the disclosure, and of the parties to whom the disclosure was made.

2. Accrediting associations in order to carry out their accrediting functions (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)

3. Under the conditions specified in Education Code 49076 and 34 CFR 99.31, organizations conducting studies on behalf of educational institutions or agencies for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, or improving instruction, provided that: (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)

a. The study is conducted in a manner that does not permit personal identification of students or parents/guardians by individuals other than representatives of the organization who have legitimate interests in the information.

b. The information is destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study is conducted.

c. The district enters into a written agreement with the organization that complies with 34 CFR 99.31.

4. Officials and employees of private schools or school systems where the student is enrolled or intends to enroll, subject to the rights of parents/guardians as provided in Education Code 49068 and in compliance with 34 CFR 99.34 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31, 99.34)

5. Local health departments operating countywide or regional immunization information and reminder systems and the California Department of Public Health, unless the parent/guardian has requested that no disclosures of this type be made (Health and Safety Code 120440)

6. Contractors and consultants having a legitimate educational interest based on services or functions which have been outsourced to them through a formal written agreement or contract with the district, excluding volunteers or other parties (Education Code 49076)

7. Agencies or organizations in connection with the student's application for or receipt of financial aid, provided that information permitting the personal identification of a student or the student's parents/guardians for these purposes is disclosed only as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of the student for financial aid, determine the amount of financial aid, determine the conditions which will be imposed regarding the financial aid, or enforce the terms or conditions of the financial aid (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)

8. County elections officials for the purpose of identifying students eligible to register to vote or offering such students an opportunity to register, subject to the limits set by 34 CFR 99.37 and under the condition that any information provided on this basis shall not be used for any other purpose or transferred to any other person or agency (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.37)

When disclosing records for the above purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain the necessary documentation to verify that the person, agency, or organization is a person, agency, or organization that is permitted to receive such records.

Any person, agency, or organization granted access is prohibited from releasing information to another person, agency, or organization without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student unless specifically allowed by state law or the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. (Education Code 49076)

De-identification of Records

When authorized by law for any program audit, educational research, or other purpose, the Superintendent or designee may release information from a student record without prior consent of the parent/guardian or adult student after the removal of all personally identifiable information. Prior to releasing such information, the Superintendent or designee shall make a reasonable determination that the student's identity is not personally identifiable, whether through single or multiple releases and taking into account other reasonably available information. (Education Code 49074, 49076; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.31)

Process for Providing Access to Records

Student records shall be maintained in a central file at the school attended by the student or, when records are maintained at different locations, a notation shall be placed in the central file indicating where other records may be found. Parents/guardians and adult students shall be notified of the location of student records if not centrally located. (Education Code 49069; 5 CCR 433)

The custodian of records shall be responsible for the security of student records and shall ensure that access is limited to authorized persons. (5 CCR 433)

The custodian of records shall develop reasonable methods, including physical, technological, and administrative policy controls, to ensure that school officials and employees obtain access to only those student records in which they have legitimate educational interests. (34 CFR 99.31)

To inspect, review, or obtain copies of student records, authorized persons shall submit a request to the custodian of records. Prior to granting the request, the custodian of records shall authenticate the individual's identity. For any individual granted access based on a legitimate educational interest, the request shall specify the interest involved.

When required by law, a student's parent/guardian or an adult student shall provide written, signed, and dated consent before the district discloses the student record. Such consent may be given through electronic means in those cases where it can be authenticated. The district's consent form shall specify the records that may be disclosed, state the purpose of the disclosure, and identify the party or class of parties to whom the disclosure may be made. Upon request by the parent/guardian or adult student, the district shall provide a copy of the records disclosed. (34 CFR 99.30)

If the parent/guardian or adult student refuses to provide written consent for the release of student information, the Superintendent or designee shall not release the information, unless it is otherwise subject to release based on a court order or a lawful subpoena.

Within five business days following the date of request, the authorized person shall be granted access to inspect, review, and obtain copies of student records during regular school hours. (Education Code 49069)

Qualified certificated personnel shall be available to interpret records when requested. (Education Code 49069)

The custodian of records or the Superintendent or designee shall prevent the alteration, damage, or loss of records during inspection. (5 CCR 435)

Access Log

A log shall be maintained for each student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate educational interest of the requester. (Education Code 49064)

In every instance of inspection by persons who do not have assigned educational responsibility, the custodian of records shall make an entry in the log indicating the record inspected, the name of the person granted access, the reason access was granted, and the time and circumstances of inspection. (5 CCR 435)

The custodian of records shall also make an entry in the log regarding any request for record(s) that was denied and the reason for the denial.

The log shall include requests for access to records by:

1. Parents/guardians or adult students

2. Students who are 16 years of age or older or who have completed the 10th grade

3. Parties obtaining district-approved directory information

4. Parties who provide written parental consent, in which case the consent notice shall be filed with the record pursuant to Education Code 49075

5. School officials and employees who have a legitimate educational interest

6. Law enforcement personnel seeking to enforce immigration laws

The log shall be open to inspection only by the parent/guardian, adult student, dependent adult student, custodian of records, and certain state or federal officials specified in Education Code 49064. (Education Code 49064; 5 CCR 432)

Duplication of Student Records

To provide copies of any student record, the district may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual cost of providing the copies. No charge shall be made for providing up to two transcripts or up to two verifications of various records for any former student. No charge shall be made to locate or retrieve any student record. (Education Code 49065)

Changes to Student Records

Only a parent/guardian having legal custody of a student or a student who is 18 years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education may challenge the content of a record or offer a written response to a record. (Education Code 49061)

No addition or change shall be made to a student's record after high school graduation or permanent departure, other than routine updating, unless required by law or with prior consent of the parent/guardian or adult student. (Education Code 49070; 5 CCR 437)

Any request to change a student's legal name in the student's mandatory permanent student record shall be accompanied with appropriate documentation.

Any challenge to the content of a student's record shall be filed in accordance with the process specified in AR 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records. (Education Code 49070)

Retention and Destruction of Student Records

All anecdotal information and assessment reports maintained as student records shall be dated and signed by the individual who originated the data. (5 CCR 431)

The following mandatory permanent student records shall be kept indefinitely: (5 CCR 432, 437)

1. Legal name of student
2. Date and place of birth and method of verifying birth date
3. Sex of student
4. Name and address of parent/guardian of minor student
    a. Address of minor student if different from the above
    b. Annual verification of parent/guardian's name and address and student's residence
5. Entrance and departure dates of each school year and for any summer session or other extra session
6. Subjects taken during each year, half-year, summer session, or quarter, and marks or credits given towards graduation
7. Verification of or exemption from required immunizations
8. Date of high school graduation or equivalent

Mandatory interim student records, unless forwarded to another district, shall be maintained subject to destruction during the third school year after the school year in which they originated, following a determination that their usefulness has ceased or the student has left the district. These records include: (Education Code 48918, 51747; 5 CCR 432, 437, 16027)

1. Expulsion orders and the causes therefor
2. A log identifying persons or organizations who request or receive information from the student record
3. Health information, including verification or waiver of the health screening for school entry
4. Information on participation in special education programs, including required tests, case studies, authorizations, and actions necessary to establish eligibility for admission or discharge
5. Language training records
6. Progress slips/notices required by Education Code 49066 and 49067
7. Parental restrictions/stipulations regarding access to directory information
8. Parent/guardian or adult student rejoinders to challenged records and to disciplinary action
9. Parent/guardian authorization or prohibition of student participation in specific programs
10. Results of standardized tests administered within the past three years
11. Written findings resulting from an evaluation conducted after a specified number of missed assignments to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study

Permitted student records may be destroyed six months after the student completes or withdraws from the educational program and their usefulness ceases, including: (5 CCR 432, 437)

1. Objective counselor and/or teacher ratings
2. Standardized test results older than three years
3. Routine disciplinary data
4. Verified reports of relevant behavioral patterns
5. All disciplinary notices
6. Supplementary attendance records

Records shall be destroyed in a way that assures they will not be available to possible public inspection in the process of destruction. (5 CCR 437)

Transfer of Student Records

When a student transfers into this district from any other school district or a private school, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the student's parent/guardian of rights regarding student records, including a parent/guardian's right to review, challenge, and receive a copy of student records. (Education Code 49068; 5 CCR 438)

When a student transfers into this district from another district, the Superintendent or designee shall request that the student's previous district provide any records, either maintained by that district in the ordinary course of business or received from a law enforcement agency, regarding acts committed by the transferring student that resulted in the student's suspension or expulsion. (Education Code 48201)

When a student transfers from this district to another school district or to a private school, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the student's mandatory permanent record within 10 school days of the district's receipt of the request for the student's records. The original record or a copy shall be retained permanently by this district. If the transfer is to another California public school, the student's entire mandatory interim record shall also be forwarded. If the transfer is out of state or to a private school, the mandatory interim record may be forwarded. Permitted student records may be forwarded to any other district or private school. (Education Code 48918, 49068; 5 CCR 438)

Upon receiving a request from a county placing agency to transfer a student in foster care out of a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall transfer the student's records to the next educational placement within two business days. (Education Code 49069.5)

All student records shall be updated before they are transferred. (5 CCR 438)

Student records shall not be withheld from the requesting district because of any charges or fees owed by the student or parent/guardian. (5 CCR 438)

If the district is withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts from the student because of damage or loss of school property, this information shall be sent to the requesting district along with the student's records.

Notification of Parents/Guardians

Upon any student's initial enrollment, and at the beginning of each school year thereafter, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians and eligible students, in writing, of their rights related to student records. If 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in the district speak a single primary language other than English, then the district shall provide these notices in that language. Otherwise, the district shall provide these notices in the student's home language insofar as practicable. The district shall effectively notify parents/guardians or eligible students with disabilities. (Education Code 48985, 49063; 34 CFR 99.7)

The notice shall include: (Education Code 49063; 34 CFR 99.7, 99.34)

1. The types of student records kept by the district and the information contained therein

2. The title(s) of the official(s) responsible for maintaining each type of record

3. The location of the log identifying those who request information from the records

4. District criteria for defining school officials and employees and for determining legitimate educational interest

5. District policies for reviewing and expunging student records

6. The right to inspect and review student records and the procedures for doing so

7. The right to challenge and the procedures for challenging the content of a student record that the parent/guardian or student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights

8. The cost, if any, charged for duplicating copies of records

9. The categories of information defined as directory information pursuant to Education Code 49073

10. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's records except when disclosure without consent is authorized by law

11. Availability of the curriculum prospectus developed pursuant to Education Code 49091.14 containing the titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by the school

12. Any other rights and requirements set forth in Education Code 49060-49085, and the right of parents/guardians to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the district to comply with 20 USC 1232g

13. A statement that the district forwards education records to other agencies or institutions that request the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment

In addition, the annual parental notification shall include a statement that a student's citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin will not be released without parental consent or a court order.

Updating Name and/or Gender of Former Students

When a former student submits a state-issued driver's license, birth certificate, passport, social security card, court order, or other government-issued documentation demonstrating that the former student's legal name and/or gender has changed, the district shall update the former student's records to include the updated legal name and/or gender. Upon request by the former student, the district shall reissue any documents conferred upon the former student, including, but not limited to, a transcript, a high school diploma, a high school equivalency certificate, or other similar documents. (Education Code 49062.5)

If the former student's name or gender is changed and the requested records are reissued, a new document shall be added to the former student's file that includes all of the following information: (Education Code 49062.5)

1. The date of the request

2. The date the requested records were reissued to the former student

3. A list of the records that were requested by and reissued to the former student

4. The type of documentation, if any, provided by the former student to demonstrate a legal change to the student's name and/or gender

5. The name of the employee who completed the request

6. The current and former names and/or genders of the student

Any former student who submits a request to change the legal name and/or gender on the student's records but is unable to provide any government-issued documentation demonstrating the legal name or gender change, may request a name or gender change through the process described in Education Code 49070 and AR 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records. (Education Code 49062.5)

Student Records from Social Media

For the purpose of gathering and maintaining records of students' social media activity, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 49073.6)

1. Gather or maintain only information that pertains directly to school safety or student safety

2. Provide a student with access to any information that the district obtained from his/her social media activity and an opportunity to correct or delete such information

3. Destroy information gathered from social media and maintained in student records within one year after a student turns 18 years of age or within one year after the student is no longer enrolled in the district, whichever occurs first
4. Notify each parent/guardian that the student's information is being gathered from social media and that any information maintained in the student's records shall be destroyed as provided in item #3 above. The notification shall also include, but is not limited to, an explanation of the process by which a student or his/her parent/guardian may access the student's records for examination of the information gathered or maintained and the process by which removal of the information may be requested or corrections to the information may be made. The notification may be provided as part of the annual parental notification required pursuant to Education Code 48980.

5. If the district contracts with a third party to gather information on a student from social media, ensure that the contract:

    a. Prohibits the third party from using the information for purposes other than those specified in the contract or from selling or sharing the information with any person or entity other than the district, the student, or his/her parent/guardian

    b. Requires the third party to destroy the information immediately upon satisfying the terms of the contract, or when the district notifies the third party that the student has turned 18 years of age or is no longer enrolled in the district, whichever occurs first.

BOARD POLICIES RELATED TO DIRECTORY INFORMATION,

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEBSITES AND DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA

Pursuant to LTSUD Board Policy 5125.1 (exhibit), Directory Information is information that is not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the district to include this type of information in certain school and/or district publications. It may also be disclosed to outside organizations for purposes such as yearbook design companies; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs and recognition; a playbill showing your child's role in a drama or music program; local media for athletics, visual and performing arts, and scholastic activities and achievements; Straight A Ski Pass Program with Sierra-at-Tahoe; Ski school program with Heavenly; Gold Star Student Program with El Dorado County; El Dorado County Office of Education who visits our schools to photograph or film students during various activities; Operation School Bell charity program; and school photography company for purposes of school pictures.

The district has designated the following information as directory information:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
5. Date of birth
6. Major field of study
7. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
8. Weight and height of athletic team members
9. Dates of attendance

10. Degrees and awards received
11. Most recent previous school attended

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEBSITES AND DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA

Because of the wide accessibility of the Internet and potential risk to students, photographs of individual students shall not be published with their names or personally identifiable information without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian. Photographs of groups of students, such as at a school event, may be published provided that students' names are not included (BP 1113 & 1114).

MILITARY RECRUITERS AND COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

LTUSD receives funds from the federal government under the Local Control Funding Formula. The law requires that districts receiving these funds must, upon request, provide to military recruiters, colleges and universities, access to the names, addresses and telephone listings of secondary students. I am aware the district will provide this information upon request, unless I require that such information not be given to the following groups without prior written parental consent.

OPT-OUT: If you do not want the district to release directory information without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing by October 1st of each school year by completing an opt-out form available at www.ltusd.org under "Parents – Annual Notifications" or at the District Office located at 1021 Al Tahoe Blvd. Please deliver the completed form to your child's school site.

ATTACHMENT 4

TITLE IX

Board Policy, Administrative Regulation 5145.3
Administrative Regulation 5145.7

BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment

This policy shall apply to all acts constituting unlawful discrimination or harassment related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school, and to all acts of the Governing Board and the Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district.

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

Unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may result from physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on any of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also occurs when 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.

Because unlawful discrimination could occur when disciplining students, including suspension and expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff enforce discipline rules fairly, consistently and in a non-discriminatory manner, as specified in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144 - Discipline, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, and Administrative Regulation 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities).

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

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the district's policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying and other required information on the district's website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students, in accordance with law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 234.1, 234.6; 34 CFR 106.8)

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

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

Students who engage in unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, in violation of law,

Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion when the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900.4. Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

When a student has been suspended, or other means of correction have been implemented against the student for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation, the principal or designee shall engage both the victim and perpetrator in a restorative justice practice suitable to the needs of the students. The principal or designee shall also require the perpetrator to engage in a culturally sensitive program that promotes racial justice and equity and combats racism and ignorance and shall regularly check on the victim to ensure that the victim is not in danger of suffering from any long-lasting mental health issues. (Education Code 48900.5)

When appropriate based on the severity or pervasiveness of the bullying, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators and may contact law enforcement.

Allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be brought, investigated, and resolved in accordance with Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, when required by law. However, complaints alleging sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in 34 CFR 106.44 and 106.45 and Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Record-Keeping

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

AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district's efforts to comply with applicable state and federal civil rights laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The individual(s) shall also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination targeting a student, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other legally protected status or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at: (Education Code 234.1; 5 CCR 4621)

Director of Human Resources
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jsimons@ltusd.org

Measures to Prevent Discrimination

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

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

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

parents/guardians and students (Education Code 234.6)

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

4. Post in a prominent location on the district web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students information regarding Title IX prohibitions against discrimination based on a student's sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, and parental status, including the following: (Education Code 221.6, 221.61, 234.6)

a. The name and contact information of the district's Title IX Coordinator, including the phone number and email address

b. The rights of students and the public and the responsibilities of the district under Title IX, including a list of rights as specified in Education Code 221.8 and web links to information about those rights and responsibilities located on the web sites of the Office for Equal Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

c. A description of how to file a complaint of noncompliance under Title IX, which shall include:

i. An explanation of the statute of limitations within which a complaint must be filed after an alleged incident of discrimination has occurred and how a complaint may be filed beyond the statute of limitations

ii. An explanation of how the complaint will be investigated and how the complainant may further pursue the complaint, including web links to this information on the OCR's web site

iii. A web link to the OCR complaints form and the contact information for the office, including the phone number and email address for the office

d. A link to the Title IX information included on the California Department of Education's (CDE) web site

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

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

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

8. Ensure that students and parents/guardians, including those with limited English proficiency, are notified of how to access the relevant information provided in the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, notices, and forms in a language they can understand.

If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's

policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning nondiscrimination shall be translated into that language in accordance with Education Code 234.1 and 48985. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

9. Provide to students, employees, volunteers, and parents/guardians age-appropriate training and/or information regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy; what constitutes prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying; how and to whom a report of an incident should be made; and how to guard against segregating or stereotyping students when providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to them. Such training and information shall include details of guidelines the district may use to provide a discrimination-free environment for all district students.

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

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

Enforcement of District Policy

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

1. Removing vulgar or offending graffiti

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

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

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

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

Process for Initiating and Responding to Complaints

Students who feel that they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination described above or in district policy are strongly encouraged to immediately contact the compliance officer, principal, or any other staff member. In addition, students who observe any such incident are strongly encouraged to report the incident to the compliance officer or principal, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

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

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

When a report of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, is made to or received by the principal or compliance officer, the principal or compliance officer shall notify the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal complaint in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures or, for complaints of sexual harassment that meet the federal Title

IX definition, AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Once notified verbally or in writing, the compliance officer shall begin the investigation and shall implement immediate measures necessary to stop the discrimination and ensure that all students have access to the educational program and a safe school environment. Any interim measures adopted to address unlawful discrimination shall, to the extent possible, not disadvantage the complainant or a student who is the victim of the alleged unlawful discrimination.

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

Issues Unique to Intersex, Nonbinary, Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students

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

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

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

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

Intersex student means a student with natural bodily variations in anatomy, hormones, chromosomes, and other traits that differ from expectations generally associated with female and male bodies.

Nonbinary student means a student whose gender identity falls outside of the traditional conception of strictly either female or male, regardless of whether or not the student identifies as transgender, was born with intersex traits, uses gender-neutral pronouns, or uses agender, genderqueer, pangender, gender nonconforming, gender variant, or such other more specific term to describe their gender.

Transgender student means a student whose gender identity is different from the gender assigned at birth.

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

1. Refusing to address a student by a name and the pronouns consistent with the student's gender identity

2. Disciplining or disparaging a student or excluding the student from participating in activities, for behavior or appearance that is consistent with the student's gender identity or that does not conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity, as applicable

3. Blocking a student's entry to the restroom that corresponds to the student's gender identity

4. Taunting a student because the student participates in an athletic activity more typically favored by a student of the other sex

5. Revealing a student's gender identity to individuals who do not have a legitimate need for the information, without the student's consent

6. Using gender-specific slurs

7. Physically assaulting a student motivated by hostility toward the student because of the student's gender, gender identity, or gender expression

The district's uniform complaint procedures (AR 1312.3) or Title IX sexual harassment procedures (AR 5145.71), as applicable, shall be used

to report and resolve complaints alleging discrimination against intersex, nonbinary, transgender, and gender-nonconforming students.

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

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

1. Right to privacy: A student's intersex, nonbinary, transgender, or gender-nonconforming status is the student's private information. The district shall develop strategies to prevent unauthorized disclosure of students' private information. Such strategies may include, but are not limited to, collecting or maintaining information about student gender only when relevant to the educational program or activity, protecting or revealing a student's gender identity as necessary to protect the health or safety of the student, and keeping a student's unofficial record separate from the official record.

   The district shall only disclose the information to others with the student's prior written consent, except when the disclosure is otherwise required by law or when the district has compelling evidence that disclosure is necessary to preserve the student's physical or mental well-being. In any case, the district shall only allow disclosure of a student's personally identifiable information to employees with a legitimate educational interest as determined by the district pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31. Any district employee to whom a student's intersex, nonbinary, transgender, or gender-nonconforming status is disclosed shall keep the student's information confidential. When disclosure of a student's gender identity is made to a district employee by a student, the employee shall seek the student's permission to notify the compliance officer. If the student refuses to give permission, the employee shall keep the student's information confidential, unless the employee is required to disclose or report the student's information pursuant to this administrative regulation, and shall inform the student that honoring the student's request may limit the district's ability to meet the student's needs related to the student's status as an intersex, nonbinary, transgender, or gender-nonconforming student. If the student permits the employee to notify the compliance officer, the employee shall do so within three school days.

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

2. Determining a Student's Gender Identity: The compliance officer shall accept the student's assertion of gender identity and begin to treat the student consistent with that gender identity unless district personnel present a credible and supportable basis for believing that the student's assertion is for an improper purpose.

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

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

5. Student Records: Upon each student's enrollment, the district is required to maintain a mandatory permanent student record (official record) that includes the student's gender and legal name.

   A student's legal name as entered on the mandatory student record required pursuant to 5 CCR 432 shall only be changed with proper documentation. A student's gender as entered on the student's official record required pursuant to 5 CCR 432 shall only be changed with written authorization of a parent/guardian having legal custody of the student. (Education Code 49061)

   However, when proper documentation or authorization, as applicable, is not submitted with a request to change a student's legal name or gender, any change to the student's record shall be limited to the student's unofficial records such as attendance sheets, report cards, and school identification.

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

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

AR 5145.7 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment

Definitions

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, 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.

Any prohibited conduct that occurs off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored programs or activities will be regarded as sexual harassment in violation of district policy if it has a continuing effect on or creates a hostile school environment for the complainant or victim of the conduct.

For purposes of applying the complaint procedures specified in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sexual harassment is defined as any of the following forms of conduct that occurs in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent: (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on the student's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a student equal access to the district's education program or activity
3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

Examples of Sexual Harassment

Examples of types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute sexual harassment under state and/or federal law, in accordance with the definitions above, 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
12. Electronic communications containing comments, words, or images described above

Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer

The district designates the following individual(s) as the responsible employee(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in accordance with AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, as well as to oversee investigate, and/or resolve sexual harassment complaints processed under AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. The Title IX Coordinator(s) may be contacted at:

Director of Human Resources
1021 Al Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
Tel: (530)-541-2850
Email: jsimons@ltusd.org

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex as required by Title IX and that inquiries about the application of Title IX to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator and/or to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. (34 CFR 106.8)

The district shall notify students and parents/guardians of the name or title, office address, email address, and telephone number of the district's Title IX Coordinator. (34 CFR 106.8)

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)
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 (Education Code 231.5)
3. Be summarized on a poster which shall be prominently and conspicuously displayed in each bathroom and locker room at each school. The poster may be displayed in public areas that are accessible to and frequented by students, including, but not limited to,

classrooms, hallways, gymnasiums, auditoriums, and cafeterias. The poster shall display the rules and procedures for reporting a charge of sexual harassment; the name, phone number, and email address of an appropriate school employee to contact to report a charge of sexual harassment; the rights of the reporting student, the complainant, and the respondent; and the responsibilities of the school. (Education Code 231.6)

4. Be posted, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 236; 34 CFR 106.8)
5. Be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new and continuing students at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or summer session (Education Code 231.5)
6. 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)
7. Be included, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in any handbook provided to students or parents/guardians (34 CFR 106.8)

The Superintendent or designee shall also post the definition of sex discrimination and harassment as described in Education Code 230, including the rights set forth in Education Code 221.8, in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

Reporting Complaints

A student or parent/guardian who believes that the student has been subjected to sexual harassment by another student, an employee, or a third party or who has witnessed sexual harassment is strongly encouraged to report the incident to a teacher, the principal, the district's Title IX Coordinator, or any other available school employee. Within one school day of receiving such a report, the principal or other school employee shall forward the report to the district's Title IX Coordinator. Any school employee who observes an incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall, within one school day, report the observation to the principal or Title IX Coordinator. The report shall be made regardless of whether the alleged victim files a formal complaint or requests confidentiality.

When a report or complaint of sexual harassment involves off-campus conduct, the Title IX Coordinator shall assess whether the conduct may create or contribute to the creation of a hostile school environment. If the Title IX Coordinator determines that a hostile environment may be created, the complaint shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as if the prohibited conduct occurred at school.

When a verbal or informal report of sexual harassment is submitted, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with applicable district complaint procedures.

Complaint Procedures

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment by and against students shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures. The Title IX Coordinator shall review the allegations to determine the applicable procedure for responding to the complaint. All complaints that meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Other sexual harassment complaints shall be investigated and resolved pursuant to BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

If sexual harassment is found following an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator, or designee in consultation with the Coordinator, shall take prompt action to stop the sexual harassment, prevent recurrence, implement remedies, and address any continuing effects.

ATTACHMENT 5

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

"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 which is operated in a manner designed to:

(a) Maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility, and joy.

(b) Recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of his desire to learn.

(c) Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his own time to follow his own interests. These interests may be conceived by him totally and independently or may result in whole or in part from a presentation by his teachers of choices of learning projects.

(d) Maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous permanent process.

(e) Maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers, and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including but not limited to the community in which the school is located.

In the event any parent, pupil, or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, the county superintendent of schools, the administrative office of this district, and the principal's office in each attendance unit have copies of the law available for your information. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs in each district."

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The Lake Tahoe Unified School District has two alternative schools:

Mt. Tallac High Continuation High School (Grades 9-12) is located at the Alternative Education Center. Mt. Tallac serves at-risk students between 16-18 years of age who are deficient in credits but want to earn a high school diploma and improve their lives. In addition, Mt. Tallac offers a program to support young pregnant and parenting youth through support services and parenting education. Students are encouraged to attend college or trade school and or develop a viable plan to secure a skilled occupation through a school to career development program.

Independent Learning Academy/Online Learning Program: (Grades K-5) The Independent Learning Academy (ILA) program, offered through Elevated Digital Learning Academy, is a home-based and/or blended campus/home based program which offers standards-based, student-focused, academic options to all students in the community. The ILA provides weekly appointments with a teacher to collaborate and assess work. Flexible scheduling to accommodate traveling or athletics.

ATTACHMENT 6
UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURE
Board Policy, Administrative Regulation 1312.3

Board Policy 1312.3

The Governing Board recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Board encourages the early resolution of complaints whenever possible. To resolve complaints which may require a more formal process, the Board adopts the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation.

Complaints Subject to UCP

The district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve complaints regarding the following programs and activities:

1. Accommodations for pregnant and parenting students (Education Code 46015)

2. Adult education programs (Education Code 8500-8538, 52334.7, 52500-52617)

3. After School Education and Safety programs (Education Code 8482-8484.65)

4. Agricultural career technical education (Education Code 52460-52462)

5. Career technical and technical education and career technical and technical training programs (Education Code 52300-52462)

6. Child care and development programs (Education Code 8200-8488)

7. Compensatory education (Education Code 54400)

8. Consolidated categorical aid programs (Education Code 33315; 34 CFR 299.10-299.12)

9. Course periods without educational content (Education Code 51228.1-51228.3)

10. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities, including in those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on a person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, physical or mental disability, medical condition, or genetic information; any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55; or based on the person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610)

    Discrimination includes, but is not limited to, the Board's refusal to approve the use or prohibit the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library, on the basis that it includes a study of the role and contributions of any individual or group consistent with the requirements of Education Code 51204.5 and 60040, unless such study would violate Education Code 51501 or 60044. Additionally, discrimination includes, but is not limited to, the Board's adoption or approval of use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library if the use would subject a student to unlawful discrimination pursuant to Education Code 220. A complaint alleging such unlawful discrimination may, in addition to or in lieu of being filed with the district, be directly filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). (Education Code 243, 244)

    The UCP shall not be used to investigate and resolve employment discrimination complaints. (5 CCR 4611)

11. Educational and graduation requirements for students in foster care, students experiencing homelessness, students from military families, students formerly in a juvenile court school, students who are migratory, and newcomer students (Education Code 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

12. Every Student Succeeds Act (Education Code 52059.5; 20 USC 6301 et seq.)

13. Local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)

14. Migrant education (Education Code 54440-54445

15. Physical education instructional minutes (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223)

16. Student fees (Education Code 49010-49013)

17. Reasonable accommodations to a lactating student (Education Code 222)

18. Regional occupational centers and programs (Education Code 52300-52334.7)

19. School plans for student achievement as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 64001)

20. School site councils as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 65000)

21. State preschool programs (Education Code 8207-8225)

22. State preschool health and safety issues in license-exempt programs (Education Code 8212)

23. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy

24. Any other state or federal educational program the SPI or designee deems appropriate

The Board recognizes that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) can, depending on the nature of the allegations, offer a process for resolving a complaint in a manner that is acceptable to all parties. An ADR process such as mediation may be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the use of ADR is consistent with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The district shall protect all complainants from retaliation. In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved shall be protected as required by law. For any complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the Superintendent or designee shall keep the identity of the complainant, and/or the subject of the complaint if different from the complainant, confidential when appropriate and as long as the integrity of the complaint process is maintained.

When an allegation that is not subject to UCP is included in a UCP complaint, the district shall refer the non-UCP allegation to the appropriate staff or agency and shall investigate and, if appropriate, resolve the UCP-related allegation(s) through the district's UCP.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to district staff to ensure awareness and knowledge of current law and requirements related to UCP, including the steps and timelines specified in this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including steps taken during the

investigation and all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

Non-UCP Complaints

The following complaints shall not be subject to the district's UCP but shall be investigated and resolved by the specified agency or through an alternative process:

1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services Protective Services Division or the appropriate law enforcement agency (5 CCR 4611)

2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to Department of Social Services (5 CCR 4611)

3. Any complaint alleging that a student, while in an education program or activity, was subjected to conduct known to the district that may reasonably constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, as defined in 34 CFR 106.2

   Discrimination on the basis of sex includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; sexual orientation; gender; gender identity; gender expression; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status. Such a complaint shall be addressed through the federal Title IX complaint procedures adopted pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44-106.45, as specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures. (34 CFR 106.2, 106.10, 106.11, 106.44)

4. Except for complaints alleging sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, any complaint alleging employment discrimination or harassment shall be investigated and resolved by the district in accordance with the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, including the right to file the complaint with the California Civil Rights Department

   Employment complaints alleging sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, shall be investigated and resolved as specified in 34 CFR 106.44 and 106.45 and Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

5. Any complaint alleging a violation of a state or federal law or regulation related to special education, a settlement agreement related to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE), failure or refusal to implement a due process hearing order to which the district is subject, or a physical safety concern that interferes with the district's provision of FAPE shall be submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) in accordance with Administrative Regulation 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education (5 CCR 3200-3205)

6. Any complaint alleging noncompliance of the district's food service program with laws regarding meal counting and claiming, reimbursable meals, eligibility of children or adults, or use of cafeteria funds and allowable expenses shall be filed with or referred to CDE in accordance with Board Policy 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance (5 CCR 15580-15584)

7. Any allegation of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in the district's food service program shall be filed with or referred to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in accordance with Board Policy 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance (5 CCR 15582)

8. Any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or teacher vacancies and misassignments shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with Administrative Regulation 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (Education Code 35186)

Except as may otherwise be specifically provided in other district policies, these uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve only the complaints specified in the accompanying Board policy.

Compliance Officers

The district designates the individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) identified below as responsible for receiving, coordinating, and investigating complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws. The individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment responsible for handling complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and in Administrative Regulation 5145.7 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment for handling complaints regarding sex discrimination and sex-based harassment.

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The compliance officer who receives a complaint may assign another compliance officer to investigate and resolve the complaint. The compliance officer shall promptly notify the complainant and respondent if another compliance officer is assigned to the complaint.

In no instance shall a compliance officer be assigned to a complaint in which the compliance officer has a bias or conflict of interest that would prohibit the fair investigation or resolution of the complaint. Any complaint against a compliance officer or that raises a concern about the compliance officer's ability to investigate the complaint fairly and without bias shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees assigned to investigate and resolve complaints receive training and are knowledgeable about the laws and programs at issue in the complaints to which they are assigned. Training provided to such employees shall cover current state and federal laws and regulations governing the program; applicable processes for investigating and resolving complaints, including those alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying; applicable standards for reaching decisions on complaints; and appropriate corrective measures. Assigned employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The compliance officer or, if necessary, an appropriate administrator shall determine whether interim measures are necessary during an investigation and while the result is pending. If interim measures are determined to be necessary, the compliance officer or the administrator shall consult with the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or, if appropriate, the site principal to implement one or more interim measures. The interim measures shall remain in place until the compliance officer determines that they are no longer necessary or until the district issues its final written decision, whichever occurs first.

Notifications

The district's UCP policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. (Education Code 234.1)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's UCP to students, employees, parents/guardians of district students, district advisory committee members, school advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 4622)

The notice shall include:

1. A statement that the district is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to prohibition of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group, and a list of all programs and activities that are subject to UCP as identified in "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy

2. The title of the position responsible for processing complaints, the identity of the person(s) currently occupying that position if known, and a statement that such persons will be knowledgeable about the laws and programs that they are assigned to investigate

3. A statement that a UCP complaint, except a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, must be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred

4. A statement that a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must be filed no later than six months from the date of the alleged conduct or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged conduct

5. A statement that a student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities

6. A statement that a complaint regarding student fees or the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint

7. A statement that the district will post a standardized notice of the educational and graduation requirements of foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, children of military families, former juvenile court school students now enrolled in the district, students who are migratory, and newcomer students as specified in Education Code 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2, and the complaint process

8. A statement that complaints will be investigated in accordance with the district's UCP and a written decision will be sent to the complainant within 60 days from the receipt of the complaint, unless this time period is extended by written agreement of the complainant

9. A statement that, for programs within the scope of the UCP as specified in the accompanying Board policy, the complainant has a right to appeal the district's investigation report to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal, including a copy of the original complaint and the district's decision, within 30 calendar days of receiving the district's decision

10. A statement advising the complainant of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal laws prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, if applicable

11. A statement that copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge

The annual notification, complete contact information of the compliance officer(s), and information related to Title IX as required pursuant to Education Code 221.61 and 34 CFR 106.8 shall be posted on the district and district school websites, published in handbooks, catalogs, announcements, bulletins, and application forms, and may be provided through district-supported social media, if available.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians, including students and parents/guardians with limited English proficiency, have access to the relevant information provided in the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning the UCP.

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

Filing of Complaints

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 site administrator not designated as a compliance officer receives a complaint, the site administrator shall notify the compliance officer.

All complaints, except for those that allege sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, shall be filed in writing and signed by the

complainant. If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist in the filing of the complaint. (5 CCR 4600; 34 CFR 106.2)

Complaints shall also be filed in accordance with the following rules, as applicable:

1. A complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing the programs specified in the accompanying Board policy may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization (5 CCR 4600)

2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance

   A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent or designee.

3. A UCP complaint, except for a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred (5 CCR 4630)

   For complaints related to the LCAP, the date of the alleged violation is the date when the County Superintendent of Schools approves the LCAP that was adopted by the Governing Board. (5 CCR 4630)

4. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying may be filed only by a person who alleges having personally suffered unlawful discrimination, a person who believes that any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination, or a duly authorized representative who alleges that an individual student has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying (5 CCR 4630)

5. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall be initiated no later than six months from the date that the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date that the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination (5 CCR 4630)

   The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)

6. When a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying is filed anonymously, the compliance officer shall pursue an investigation or other response as appropriate, depending on the specificity and reliability of the information provided and the seriousness of the allegation

7. When a complainant of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or the alleged victim, when not the complainant, requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform the complainant or victim that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the conduct or take other necessary action

   When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district shall nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and resolve/respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

Mediation

Within three business days after receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with all the parties the possibility of using mediation to resolve the complaint. Mediation shall be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. If the parties agree to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to permit the mediator access to all relevant confidential information. The compliance officer shall also notify all parties of the right to end the informal process at any time.

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with an investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. If mediation is successful and the complaint is withdrawn, then the district shall take only the actions agreed upon through the mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the district shall then continue with subsequent steps specified in this administrative regulation.

Investigation of Complaint

The compliance officer shall begin an investigation into the complaint within 10 business days of receiving the complaint.

Within one business day of initiating the investigation, the compliance officer shall provide the complainant and/or the complainant's representative with the opportunity to present the information contained in the complaint to the compliance officer and shall notify the complainant and/or representative of the opportunity to present the compliance officer with any evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegations in the complaint. Such evidence or information may be presented at any time during the investigation.

In conducting the investigation, the compliance officer shall collect all available documents and review all available records, notes, or statements related to the complaint, including any additional evidence or information received from the parties during the course of the investigation. The compliance officer shall individually interview all available witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint, and may visit any reasonably accessible location where the relevant actions are alleged to have taken place. At appropriate intervals, the compliance officer shall inform the parties of the status of the investigation.

To investigate a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the compliance officer shall interview the alleged victim(s), any alleged offender(s), and other relevant witnesses privately, separately, and in a confidential manner. As necessary, additional staff or legal counsel may conduct or support the investigation.

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. Refusal by the district to provide the investigator with access to records and/or information related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or any other obstruction of the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

Timeline for Investigation Report

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the investigation report shall be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint.

Within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report, as described in the section "Investigation Report" below. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, the complainant may, within five business days, file the complaint in writing with the Board.

The Board may consider the matter at its next regular Board meeting or at a special Board meeting convened in order to meet the 60-day time limit within which the complaint must be answered. When required by law, the matter shall be considered in closed session. The Board may decide not to hear the complaint, in which case the compliance officer's decision shall be final.

If the Board hears the complaint, the compliance officer shall send the Board's decision to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's initial receipt of the complaint or within the time period that has been specified in a written agreement with the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

For any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the respondent shall be informed of any extension of

the timeline agreed to by the complainant, and, in the same manner as the complainant, may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the decision

Investigation Report

For all complaints, the district's investigation report shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered

2. A conclusion providing a clear determination for each allegation as to whether the district is in compliance with the relevant law

3. Corrective action(s) whenever the district finds merit in the complaint, including, when required by law, a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians and, for a student fees complaint, a remedy that complies with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600

4. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's investigation report to CDE, except when the district has used the UCP to address a complaint not specified in 5 CCR 4610

5. Procedures to be followed for initiating an appeal to CDE

The investigation report may also include follow-up procedures to prevent recurrence or retaliation and for reporting any subsequent problems.

In consultation with district legal counsel, information about the relevant part of an investigation report may be communicated to a victim who is not the complainant and to other parties who may be involved in implementing the investigation report or are affected by the complaint, so long as the privacy of the parties is protected. In a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, notice of the investigation report to the alleged victim shall include information about any sanction to be imposed upon the respondent that relates directly to the alleged victim.

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient (LEP) student or parent/guardian, then the district's response, if requested by the complainant, and the investigation report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on state law, the investigation report shall also include a notice to the complainant that:

1. The complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders or other remedies or orders, 60 calendar days after the filing of an appeal with CDE (Education Code 262.3)

2. The 60 days moratorium does not apply to complaints seeking injunctive relief in state courts or to discrimination complaints based on federal law (Education Code 262.3)

3. Complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender, disability, or age may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights at www.ed.gov/ocr within 180 days of the alleged discrimination

Corrective Actions

When a complaint is found to have merit, the compliance officer shall adopt any appropriate corrective action permitted by law. Appropriate corrective actions that focus on the larger school or district environment may include, but are not limited to, actions to reinforce district policies; training for faculty, staff, and students; updates to school policies; or school climate surveys.

For complaints involving retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, appropriate remedies that may be offered to the victim but not communicated to the respondent may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Counseling

2. Academic support

3. Health services

4. Assignment of an escort to allow the victim to move safely about campus

5. Information regarding available resources and how to report similar incidents or retaliation

6. Separation of the victim from any other individuals involved, provided the separation does not penalize the victim

7. Restorative justice

8. Follow-up inquiries to ensure that the conduct has stopped and there has been no retaliation

For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving a student as the respondent, appropriate corrective actions that may be provided to the student include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law

2. Parent/guardian conference

3. Education regarding the impact of the conduct on others

4. Positive behavior support

5. Referral to a student success team

6. Denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges as permitted by law

7. Disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, as permitted by law

When an employee is found to have committed retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the district shall take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with applicable law and collective bargaining agreement.

The district may also consider training and other interventions for the larger school community to ensure that students, staff, and parents/guardians understand the types of behavior that constitute unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, that the district does not tolerate it, and how to report and respond to it.

When a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy shall be provided to the complainant or other affected person.

However, if a complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges, physical education instructional minutes, courses without educational content, or any requirement related to the LCAP is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education. (Education Code 49013, 51222, 51223, 51228.3, 52075)

For complaints alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees, the district, by engaging in reasonable efforts, shall attempt in good faith to identify and fully reimburse all affected students and parents/guardians who paid the unlawful student fees within one year prior to the filing of the complaint. (Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4600)

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's investigation report on a complaint regarding any specified federal or state educational program subject to UCP may file an appeal in writing with CDE within 30 calendar days of receiving the district's investigation report. (5 CCR 4632)

The appeal shall be sent to CDE with a copy of the original locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's investigation report for that complaint. The complainant shall specify and explain the basis for the appeal, including at least one of the following: (5 CCR 4632)

1. The district failed to follow its complaint procedures

2. Relative to the allegations of the complaint, the district's investigation report lacks material findings of fact necessary to reach a conclusion of law

3. The material findings of fact in the district's investigation report are not supported by substantial evidence

4. The legal conclusion in the district's investigation report is inconsistent with the law

5. In a case in which the district found noncompliance, the corrective actions fail to provide a proper remedy

Upon notification by CDE that the district's investigation report has been appealed, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to CDE within 10 days of the date of notification: (5 CCR 4633)

1. A copy of the original complaint

2. A copy of the district's investigation report

3. 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

4. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint

5. A copy of the district's UCP

6. Other relevant information requested by CDE

If notified by CDE that the district's investigation report failed to address allegation(s) raised by the complaint, the district shall, within 20 days of the notification, provide CDE and the appellant with an amended investigation report that addresses the allegation(s) that were not addressed in the original investigation report. The amended report shall also inform the appellant of the right to separately appeal the amended report with respect to the allegation(s) that were not addressed in the original report. (5 CCR 4632)

Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs

Any complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) shall be addressed through the procedures described in 5 CCR 4690-4694.

In order to identify appropriate subjects of CSPP health and safety issues pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, a notice shall be posted in each license-exempt CSPP classroom in the district notifying parents/guardians, students, and teachers of the health and safety requirements of Title 5 regulations that apply to CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925 and the location at which to obtain a form to file any complaint alleging noncompliance with those requirements. For this purpose, the Superintendent or designee may

download and post a notice available from the CDE website. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4691)

The district's annual UCP notification distributed pursuant to 5 CCR 4622 shall clearly indicate which of its CSPP programs are operating as exempt from licensing and which CSPP programs are operating pursuant to requirements under Title 22 of the Code of Regulations. (5 CCR 4691)

Any complaint regarding specified health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall be filed with the preschool program administrator or designee, and may be filed anonymously. The complaint form shall specify the location for filing the complaint, contain a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to the complaint, and allow a complainant to add as much text as desired to explain the complaint. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4690)

If it is determined that the complaint is beyond the authority of the preschool program administrator, the matter shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, not to exceed 10 working days, for resolution. The preschool administrator or the Superintendent or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any complaint within their authority. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

Investigation of a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall begin within 10 days of receipt of the complaint. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

The preschool administrator or designee shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form a desire to receive a response to the complaint, the preschool administrator or Superintendent's designee shall, within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint, report the resolution of the complaint to the complainant and CDE's assigned field consultant. If the preschool administrator makes this report, the information shall be reported at the same time to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

If a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program involves an LEP student or parent/guardian, then the district's response, if requested by the complainant, and the investigation report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, the complainant has the right to describe the complaint to the Board at a regularly scheduled hearing and, within 30 days of the date of the written report, may file a written appeal of the district's decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4693, 4694)

All complaints and responses are public records. (5 CCR 4690)

On a quarterly basis, the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all CSPP health and safety complaints, including the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints, to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting and to the County Superintendent. (5 CCR 4693)

ATTACHMENT 7
SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY
Board Policy 5145.7

The Governing Board is committed to maintaining a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. The Board prohibits at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sex discrimination and sex-based harassment, as defined in the accompanying administrative regulation, targeted at any student, based on the student's actual or perceived sex; sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; sexual orientation; gender; gender identity; gender expression; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and, parental, marital, and family status.

Additionally, the Board prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who complains or testifies about conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, reports such conduct, or otherwise participates or refuses to participate in the complaint process established for the purpose of this policy. (Education Code 220.1; 34 CFR 106.71)

The district strongly encourages students who feel that they are being or have experienced sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or off-campus when the conduct has a continuing effect on campus, to immediately contact their teacher, the principal, the district's Title IX Coordinator, or any other available school employee.

Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, by or against a student in a district education program or activity shall report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator within one workday.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure the complaint or allegation is addressed through Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

The Title IX Coordinator shall offer and coordinate supportive measures to be provided to the complainant and, if the district has begun grievance procedures or offered an informal resolution process to the respondent, offer and coordinate supportive measures to be provided to the respondent as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district staff are trained regarding the district's sex discrimination and sex-based harassment policy, and that all employees receive training related to their duties under Title IX as specified in Administrative Regulation 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment. (34 CFR 106.8)

Instruction/Information

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

1. What acts and behavior constitute sex discrimination and sex-based harassment, including the fact that sex discrimination and sex-based 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 sex discrimination or sex-based harassment under any circumstance

3. Encouragement to report observed incidents of sex discrimination and sex-based harassment even when the alleged victim of the discrimination or harassment has not complained

4. A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sex discrimination or sex-based harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sex discrimination or sex-based harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved

5. A clear message that, regardless of a complainant's noncompliance with the writing, timeline, or other formal filing requirements, every sex discrimination and sex-based harassment allegation that involves a student, whether as the complainant, respondent, or victim of the discrimination or harassment, shall be investigated and action shall be taken to respond to harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students

6. Information about the district's procedures for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sex discrimination and/or sex-based harassment should be made

7. Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable, including the right to file a civil or criminal complaint while the district investigation of a sex discrimination or sex-based harassment complaint continues

8. A clear message that, when needed, the district will implement supportive measures to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sex discrimination or sex-based harassment and/or other students during an investigation

Disciplinary Actions

Upon completion of an investigation of sex discrimination and/or sex-based harassment, any student found to have engaged in sex discrimination, and/or sex-based harassment or sexual violence, in violation of this policy, 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.

Upon investigation of sex discrimination and/or sex-based harassment, any employee found to have engaged in sex discrimination against, and/or sex-based harassment or sexual violence toward, any student, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records in accordance with law, including in accordance with 34 CFR 106.8 as specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures, and district policies and regulations, of all reported cases of sex-based harassment to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in district schools.

ATTACHMENT 8
LIST OF PESTICIDES

The Lake Tahoe Unified School District Integrated Pest Management Plan is available on the District website at www.ltusd.org under District, Department, Maintenance of Operations, Pesticide Application Notification Process.

ATTACHMENT 9
COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND
HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION

University of California and California State University Subjects Requirement (a-g) (Ed. Code §66204)
To qualify for admission to the UC or CSU systems, high school students must meet the Subject Requirements; better known as the a-g requirements. For more information please visit the UC (www.universityofcalifornia.edu) or CSU (www.calstate.edu) websites or your student's counseling office. Information is also available at parent orientations or directly from your student's counselor.

High School Curriculum Notification (AB 428): UC/CSU College Admission Requirements
To determine the subjects that meet the following college admission courses as certified by the University of California (UC), please visit **https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements.**
To determine CSU admission requirements, please visit
https://www.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/getting_into_the_csu/pages/admission-requirements.aspx
History/Social Science, 2 years required: 2 years of history/social science to include 1 year of U.S. history or 1/2 year of U.S. history and 1/2 year of civics or American government; and 1 year of world history, cultures, and geography.

English, 4 years required: 4 years of college-preparatory English composition and literature required, which include frequent writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. Not more than one year of ESL-type (English as a Second Language) courses can be used to meet this requirement. Not more than 2 semesters of 9th grade English can be used to meet this requirement.

Mathematics, 3 years required, 4 years recommended: 3 years of college-preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. A geometry course or an integrated math course with a sufficient amount of geometry content must be completed. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement, as may math courses taken in the 7th and 8thgrades if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

Laboratory Science, 2 years required, 3 years recommended: 2 years of college-preparatory science, including or integrating topics that provide fundamental knowledge in 2 of these 3 subjects: biology, chemistry, or physics. One year of approved interdisciplinary or earth and space sciences coursework can meet 1 year of the requirement. Computer Science, Engineering, Applied Science courses can be used as an additional science (i.e., third year and beyond). Not more than 1 year of grade 9 laboratory science can be used to meet this requirement.

Foreign Language, 2 years required, 3 years recommended: 2 years, or equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction, of the same language other than English are required. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. American Sign Language and classical languages, such as Latin and Greek, are acceptable. Courses taken in the 7th and 8th grades may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

Visual and Performing Arts, 1 year required: 1 year college-preparatory visual and performing arts: art, dance, drama/ theater, music, interdisciplinary arts, or visual art – or 2 semesters from the same discipline is also acceptable.

College Preparatory Elective, 1 year required: 1 year in addition to those required in *"a–f"* above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory

science, and languages other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or 2 years of another language).

All LTUSD comprehensive schools offer courses that meet these requirements. Please refer to the Course Directory for individual course titles and descriptions. This course directory also provides additional websites that will assist students and their parents with college admission requirements.

Career Technical Education (CTE)

Career technical education is A program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. Visit **http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/** to learn more about CTE.

Career Technical Education (CTE) courses are offered to count toward graduation. For more information, please contact our academic advisors/counselors at each school site.

Choosing the Right Courses

Students are encouraged to contact their school counselor to assist with creating a strategic plan that best meets the student's individual course needs, meeting college admissions requirements and/or enrolling in career technical education courses, and for information and resources on college and workforce preparation.

Resources about college admissions requirements are available on the CaliforniaColleges.edu platform at https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/.

ATTACHMENT 10
PROGRAMMATIC/SPECIAL PROGRAMMATIC OPTIONS
EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

Programmatic options offered within district attendance areas are as follows:

Title I: This federally-funded program is designed to help qualified students remediate problems that students may be having in the areas of reading, language arts, and math. Parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher.

Counseling and Guidance: Any time there are concerns regarding your child's academic progress and/or social- emotional adjustment, please contact your school's counselor/psychologist. They welcome the opportunity to discuss your concerns and help to resolve issues.

Structured English Immersion (SEI) Program: A language acquisition program for English learners in which nearly all classroom instruction is provided in English, but with curriculum and a presentation designed for pupils who are learning English. At minimum, students are offered English Language Development and access to grade level academic subject matter content. *Education Code (EC)* sections 305(a)(2) and 306(c)(3).

Dual-Language Immersion (DLI) Program (English/Spanish]): Also referred to as **Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI).** A language acquisition program that provides language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding. For elementary grades, this program is offered at Bijou Community School for grades K-5, and continues to twelfth grade. *EC* Section 306(c)(1).
Instruction is provided in Spanish for a significant portion of the school day. The unique feature of this type of dual language instruction is that the TWBI program enrolls an equal number of native English speakers and native Spanish speakers and they are integrated for all or most of the school day. All students have the opportunity to be both first language models and second language learners, and TWBI creates an additive bilingual environment for all students since the first language is maintained while the second language is acquired. LTUSD's TWBI program strives to promote bilingualism and bi-literacy, grade-level academic achievement, and positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors in all students. (www.bijou.ltusd.org)

Heritage Language Program (English/Spanish): Language acquisition program for English learners that provides instruction to pupils utilizing English and a pupil's native language for literacy and academic instruction, enabling non-English speakers or students who have weak literacy skills in their native language to achieve language proficiency and meet academic achievement goals. This program is designed for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

Home/Hospital Program: This service is available to any student who is temporarily confined to their home due to injury or illness for 15 consecutive school days or more. A physician's written recommendation is required. For further information, call Student Services at (530) 541-2850 Ext. 1053. If your child will be absent for five days or more, an Independent Study contract can be issued. Contact your school principal for further information.

Elevated Digital Learning Academy (Grades 1-12):
Elevated Digital Learning Academy offers fully online learning to District students in grades 1-12. Elevated students use the same standards-aligned, Board-approved curriculum as traditional District schools with instruction delivered in a structured, online classroom setting by District teachers.

Independent Learning Academy (Grades K-12): The Independent Learning Academy (ILA) is an alternative online, or blended workbook/online program within the Lake Tahoe Unified School District. The goal is to offer a standards-based, student-focused, academic option to all students in our community. We are committed to providing individual academic plans to ensure success for all K-12 students. This flexible scheduling is conducive to accommodating

parents who home-school their children and want additional support, extended family traveling schedules, or athletics. Elementary students are able to participate in enrichment activities at their home school (art program, music, field trips, assemblies, leadership, spelling bee). Middle school students have the opportunity to take coursework at South Tahoe Middle School that is not offered through independent study (language, music, lab science). Participation in athletics and extracurricular activities (dances, assemblies) is welcome at the high school. Students can blend classes through Independent Study, South Tahoe High School and Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) to achieve credit status necessary to graduate. Participation in athletics, drama department, and all extracurricular activities is welcome. Math tutoring/preparation is available through a math tutoring program at LTCC.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK). The District offers TK for children who turn four by September 1. Parents who are interested may contact Tahoe Valley Elementary School or Bijou Elementary School, our two schools offering TK.

Fair Share Athletic Donation Program: STHS and STMS students participate in the Fair Share Athletic Donation Program. Donations will be applied to the District athletic budget. STHS athletes are asked to donate $115 per sport with an annual maximum of $250. STMS athletes are asked to donate $55 per sport with an annual maximum of $120 if they participate in multiple sports. Scholarship forms are available from the coach and should be completed and returned to the coach.

Special Education Programs: Special classes are provided for students with exceptional needs. Classes are available for pupils who are communicatively handicapped, learning handicapped, physically handicapped, and severely handicapped. Special Day Classes (SDC), Resource Specialist Programs (RSP), and Designated Instruction and Services (DIS) are available if the student is eligible based on an identified disability. Special Education Services including educational instruction and/or services and due process procedures shall be provided with parental consent to each pupil identified eligible for such services at no cost to their parents (EC 56040 et. seq.) The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in writing of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation and review, including the district's procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals who need special education services. For additional information, contact your school principal.

The student-to-aide ratio is 1/14. A handbook, which describes the program in detail, is available at all schools and the Education Center. Afterschool care is available through the Boys and Girls Club (530) 542-0838).

Special programmatic options available on both an inter-district and intra-district basis are as follows:

Intra-district Open Enrollment (BP 5116.1): The parents/guardians of any student who resides within district boundaries may apply to enroll their child in any district school, regardless of the location of residence within the district.
Enrollment Priorities: Priority for attendance outside a student's attendance area shall be given as follows:

1. Schools identified for program improvement, and all students enrolled in those schools shall be provided an option to transfer to another district school.
2. If while on school grounds a student becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, as defined by the State Board of Education, or attends a school designated by the California Department of Education as persistently dangerous, he/she shall be provided an option to transfer to another district school or charter school.
3. The Superintendent or designee may approve a student's transfer to a district school that is at capacity and otherwise closed to transfers upon finding that special circumstances exist that might be harmful or dangerous to the student in the current attendance area, including, but not limited to, threats of bodily harm or threats to the emotional stability of the student. Priority may be given to siblings of students already in attendance in that school with an approved transfer.

4. Priority shall be given to students whose parent/guardian is an employee of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District.

5. Priority shall be given to students not currently enrolled in the District (private/home-schooled students).

6. Priority shall be given to students whose before- or after-school child care center is located close to the school of choice.

7. Priority shall be given to homeless students (as defined under Education Code 1981.2).

8. For all other applications for enrollment outside a school's attendance area, the Superintendent or designee shall use a random, unbiased selection process to determine who shall be admitted whenever a school receives admission requests that are in excess of the school's capacity. Enrollment decisions shall not be based on a student's academic or athletic performance, except that existing entrance criteria for specialized schools or programs may be used provided that the criteria are uniformly applied to all applicants. Academic performance may be used to determine eligibility for, or placement in, programs for gifted and talented students. No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area.

ATTACHMENT 11

§ 56031. SPECIAL EDUCATION

(a) "Special education," in accordance with Section 1401(29) of Title 20 of the United States Code, means specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of individuals with exceptional needs, including instruction conducted in the classroom, in the home, in hospitals and institutions, and other settings, and instruction in physical education.

(b) In accordance with Section 300.39 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, special education includes each of the following, if the services otherwise meet the requirements of subdivision (a):

(1) Speech-language pathology services, or any other designated instruction and service or related service, pursuant to Section 56363, if the service is considered special education rather than a designated instruction and service or related service under state standards.

(2) Travel training.

(3) Vocational education.

(c) Transition services for individuals with exceptional needs may be special education, in accordance with Section 300.43(b) of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, if provided as specially designed instruction, or a related service, if required to assist an individual with exceptional needs to benefit from special education.

(d) Individuals with exceptional needs shall be grouped for instructional purposes according to their instructional needs.

ATTACHMENT 12

IMMIGRATION STATUS
"Know Your Rights"

Your Child has the Right to a Free Public Education

- All children in the United States have a Constitutional right to equal access to free public education, regardless of immigration status and regardless of the immigration status of the students' parents or guardians.
    - In California: All children have the right to a free public education.
    - All children ages 6 to 18 years must be enrolled in school.
    - All students and staff have the right to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools.
    - All students have a right to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.
    - All students have equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity offered by the school, and cannot be discriminated against based on their race, nationality, gender, religion, or immigration status, among other characteristics.

Information Required for School Enrollment

- When enrolling a child, schools must accept a variety of documents from the student's parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child's age or residency.
- You never have to provide information about citizenship/immigration status to have your child enrolled in school. In addition, you never have to provide a Social Security number to have your child enrolled in school.

Confidentiality of Personal Information

- Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools get written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.
- Some schools collect and provide publicly basic student "directory information." If they do, then each year, your child's school district must provide parents/guardians with written notice of the school's directory information policy, and let you know of your option to refuse release of your child's information in the directory.

Family Safety Plans if You Are Detained or Deported

- You have the option to provide your child's school with emergency contact information, including the information of secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for your child in the event you are detained or deported.
- You have the option to complete a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person, which may enable a trusted adult the authority to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

ATTACHMENT 13
VISITORS/OUTSIDERS
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1250

BOARD POLICY 1250

The Governing Board believes that it is important for parents/guardians and community members to take an active interest in the issues affecting district schools and students. Therefore, the Board encourages interested parents/guardians and community members to visit the schools and participate in the educational program consistent with this Board policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and any procedures established by the Superintendent or designee.

To ensure the safety of students and staff and minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours shall be arranged with the principal or designee. When a visit involves a conference with a teacher or the principal, an appointment should be scheduled during noninstructional time.

Any person who is not a student or staff member shall register immediately as a visitor upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session.
The principal or designee shall provide a visible means of identification for all individuals who are not students or staff members while on school premises.

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by any person in a classroom without the teacher's and principal's permission. (Education Code 51512)

Any visitor who is in a school building or on school grounds when school is in session shall behave in an orderly manner while on school grounds and by utilizing the district's complaint process if they have concerns with any district program or employee. In accordance with Penal Code 626.7 and Administrative Regulation 3515.2 - Disruptions, the principal or designee shall request that any individual who is causing a disruption, including exhibiting volatile, hostile, aggressive, or offensive behavior, immediately leave school grounds.

Presence of Sex Offender on Campus

Any person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290, including a parent/guardian of a district student, shall request written permission from the principal before entering the school campus or grounds, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification. The principal shall report to the Superintendent or designee anytime such a request is received and notify the Superintendent or designee if permission is granted or denied. As necessary, the principal shall consult with local law enforcement authorities before allowing the presence of any such person at school or other school activity.

The principal shall indicate on the written permission the date(s) and times for which permission has been granted. (Penal Code 626.81)

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 1250

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 while they are on school grounds.

Any person who is not a student or staff member shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session. (Education Code 35160)

Registration Procedure

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

1. Name, address, and occupation
2. Age, if less than 21
3. 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 visitor if the principal or designee 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 may revoke any visitor's registration if there is 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)

When a visitor fails to register, or when the principal or designee denies or revokes a visitor's registration privileges, the principal or designee shall request that the individual promptly leave school grounds. If a visitor is shown reasonable cause to believe that the visitor is willfully disrupting the orderly operation of a school the principal or designee may issue a "Stay Away Letter" in accordance with Penal Code 626.4.

When a visitor is directed to leave, the principal or designee shall inform the visitor that if the visitor reenters the school within seven days the visitor 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 either of these determinations by submitting, within five days after the person's departure from school, a written request for a hearing to either the Superintendent or the principal of the school at which the registration was denied or revoked. This request must state why the person 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)

ATTACHMENT 14
EMPLOYEE – PUPIL CODE OF CONDUCT
Board Policies 4119.21, 5131

BP 4119.21 (Professional Standards – Personnel)
The Board of Education expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, behave professionally, follow district policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employees shall engage in conduct that enhances the integrity of the district, advances the goals of the district's educational programs, and contributes to a positive school climate.

The Board encourages district employees to accept as guiding principles the professional standards and codes of ethics adopted by educational or professional associations to which they may belong.
Each employee is expected to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill his/her responsibilities and to contribute to the learning and achievement of district students.

Inappropriate Conduct
Inappropriate employee conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, threats of violence, or possession of a firearm or other weapon
2. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed
3. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child
4. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student
5. Possessing or viewing any pornography on school grounds, or possessing or viewing child pornography or other imagery portraying children in a sexualized manner at any time
6. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members
7. Willfully disrupting district or school operations by loud or unreasonable noise or other action
8. Using tobacco, alcohol, or an illegal or unauthorized substance, or possessing or distributing any controlled substance, while in the workplace, on district property, or at a school-sponsored activity
9. Being dishonest with students, parents/guardians, staff, or members of the public, including, but not limited to, falsifying information in employment records or other school records
10. Divulging confidential information about students, district employees, or district operations to persons or entities not authorized to receive the information
11. Using district equipment or other district resources for the employee's own commercial purposes or for political activities
12. Using district equipment or communications devices for personal purposes while on duty, except in an emergency, during scheduled work breaks, or for personal necessity

Employees shall be notified that computer files and all electronic communications, including, but not limited to, email and voice mail, are not private. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technological resources at any time without the employee's consent.

13. Causing damage to or engaging in theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district
14. Wearing inappropriate attire

Reports of Misconduct
An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of or suspects child abuse or neglect shall file a report pursuant to the district's child abuse reporting procedures as detailed in AR 5141.4

- Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

Any reports of employee misconduct shall be promptly investigated. Any employee who is found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct in violation of law or Board policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and, in the case of a certificated employee, may be subject to a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

An employee who has knowledge of but fails to report inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.
The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

Notifications
The section(s) of the district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

BP 5131 (Student Conduct)

The Board of Education believes that all students have the right to be educated in a safe and positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, going to or coming from school, at school activities, or using district transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with Board policies and administrative regulations. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of district and school rules related to conduct.

Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, possession of a firearm or other weapon, and terrorist threats
2. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students or staff, including sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, cyberbullying, hazing or initiation activity, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause violence, bodily harm, or substantial disruption to the school program
3. Conduct that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment
4. Willful defiance of staff's authority
5. Damage to or theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district
6. Obscene acts or use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language
7. Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited substances
8. Possession or use of a laser pointer, unless for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose with prior permission of the principal or designee (Penal Code 417.27)
9. Use of a cell phone, smart watch, pager, or other mobile communication device during instructional time or in an unauthorized manner in violation of district policy
10. Plagiarism or dishonesty on school work or tests
11. Wearing of any attire that violates district or school dress codes, including gang-related apparel
12. Tardiness or unexcused absence from school
13. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules

Employees are expected to enforce standards of conduct and, when they observe or receive a report of a violation of these standards, to appropriately intervene or seek assistance. As necessary, the employee shall refer the matter to a supervisor or the principal or designee.

When a school employee suspects that a search of a student or a student's belongings will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure.

When a student uses any prohibited device, or uses a permitted device in an unauthorized manner, a district employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

Students who violate district or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, referral to a student success team or counseling services, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

Students also may be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, for any off-campus conduct during nonschool hours which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property, or substantially disrupts school activities.

ATTACHMENT 15
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Lake Tahoe Unified School District understands that social-emotional well-being is an important part of a child's overall health. Within our commitment to support all students, several resources are in place to address the need for mental health services. Following are the contacts at each school site for mental health and intervention services and referrals:

Meyers Elementary School	(530) 543-2371	1401	Nurse
Sierra House Elementary	(530) 543-2327	1551	Nurse
Tahoe Valley Elementary	(530) 542-2350	1636	Nurse
South Tahoe Middle School	(530) 541-6404	1792	Nurse
	(530) 541-6404	1783	Counselor A-L
	(530) 541-6404	1790	Counselor M-Z
South Tahoe High School	(530) 541-4111	1833	Nurse
	(530) 541-4111	1841	School Counseling Office
Mt. Tallac Continuation High School	(530) 543-2310	1100	Counselor
LTUSD District Office	(530) 541-2850	0	Homeless and Foster Youth Advocate

LTUSD is committed to its ongoing partnership with the Behavioral Health Network (BHN) of South Lake Tahoe as a means to better serve our community. BHN is comprise of over twenty organizations across the south shore who share a common goal to enhance the way individuals and families can access programs and services – a community-wide effort to improve access to mental health, substance use prevention, and targeted social services so anyone needing help can find assistance where and when they need it.

ATTACHMENT 16
FIREARMS STORAGE

EC 48986
To: Parents and Guardians of Students in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District
From: Todd Cutler, Ed.D., Superintendent
Subject: California Law Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms
The purpose of this memorandum is to inform and to remind parents and legal guardians of all students in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District of their responsibilities for keeping firearms out of the hands of children as required by California law. There have been many news reports of children bringing firearms to school. In many instances, the child obtained the firearm(s) from his or her home. These incidents can be easily prevented by storing firearms in a safe and secure manner, including keeping them locked up when not in use and storing them separately from ammunition.
To help everyone understand their legal responsibilities, this memorandum spells out California law regarding the storage of firearms. Please take some time to review this memorandum and evaluate your own personal practices to assure that you and your family are in compliance with California law.

- With very limited exceptions, California makes a person criminally liable for keeping any firearm, loaded or unloaded, within any premises that are under their custody and control where that person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, and the child obtains access to the firearm and thereby (1) causes death or injury to the child or any other person; (2) carries the firearm off the premises or to a public place, including to any preschool or school grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, or to any school-sponsored event, activity, or performance; or (3) unlawfully brandishes the firearm to others.[1]
    - Note: The criminal penalty may be significantly greater if someone dies or suffers great bodily injury as a result of the child gaining access to the firearm.
- With very limited exceptions, California also makes it a crime for a person to negligently store or leave any firearm, loaded or unloaded, on their premises in a location where the person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to it without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, unless reasonable action is taken to secure the firearm against access by the child, even where a minor never actually accesses the firearm.[2]
- In addition to potential fines and terms of imprisonment, as of January 1, 2020, a gun owner found criminally liable under these California laws faces prohibitions from possessing, controlling, owning, receiving, or purchasing a firearm for 10 years.[3]
- Finally, a parent or guardian may also be civilly liable for damages resulting from the discharge of a firearm by that person's child or ward.[4]

Note: Your county or city may have additional restrictions regarding the safe storage of firearms.
Thank you for helping to keep our children and schools safe. Remember that the easiest and safest way to comply with the law is to keep firearms in a locked container or secured with a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable.
Sincerely,
Dr. Todd Cutler
Superintendent

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California Department of Education

[1] See California Penal Code sections 25100 through 25125 and 25200 through 25220.
[2] *See* California Penal Code section 25100(c).
[3] *See* California Civil Code Section 29805.
[4] *See* California Civil Code Section 1714.3.

ATTACHMENT 17

STUDENTS – INVOLUNTARY STUDENT TRANSFERS
Board Policy 5116.2 Involuntary Student Transfers

The Board of Education desires to enroll students in the school of their choice, but recognizes that circumstances sometimes necessitate the involuntary transfer of some students to another school or program in the district. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to facilitate the transition of such students into their new school of enrollment.

As applicable, when determining the best placement for a student who is subject to involuntary transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall review all educational options for which the student is eligible, the student's academic progress and needs, the enrollment capacity at district schools, and the availability of support services and other resources.

Whenever a student is involuntarily transferred, the Superintendent or designee shall provide timely written notification to the student and his/her parent/guardian and an opportunity for the student and parent/guardian to meet with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the transfer.

Students Convicted of Violent Felony or Misdemeanor

A student may be transferred to another district school if he/she is convicted of a violent felony, as defined in Penal Code 667.5(c), or a misdemeanor listed in Penal Code 29805 and is enrolled at the same school as the victim of the crime for which he/she was convicted. (Education Code 48929)

Before transferring such a student, the Superintendent or designee shall attempt to resolve the conflict using restorative justice, counseling, or other such services. He/she shall also notify the student and his/her parents/guardians of the right to request a meeting with the principal or designee. (Education Code 48929)

Participation of the victim in any conflict resolution program shall be voluntary, and he/she shall not be subjected to any disciplinary action for his/her refusal to participate in conflict resolution.

The principal or designee shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a recommendation as to whether or not the student should be transferred. If the Superintendent or designee determines that a transfer would be in the best interest of the students involved, he/she shall submit such recommendation to the Board for approval.

The Board shall deliberate in closed session to maintain the confidentiality of student information, unless the parent/guardian or adult student submits a written request that the matter be addressed in open session and doing so would not violate the privacy rights of any other student. The Board's decision shall be final.

The decision to transfer a student shall be subject to periodic review by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians of the district's policy authorizing the transfer of a student pursuant to Education Code 48929. (Education Code 48980)

Other Involuntary Transfers

Students may be involuntarily transferred under either of the following circumstances:

1. If a high school student commits an act enumerated in Education Code 48900 or is habitually truant or irregular in school attendance, he/she may be transferred to a continuation school. (Education Code 48432.5) (cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
2. If a student is expelled from school for any reason, is probation-referred pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300 or 602, or is referred by a school attendance review board or another formal district process, he/she may be transferred to a community day school. (Education Code 48662)

ATTACHMENT 18

LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS, SNOW DAYS

LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Bus Rules and Regulations

Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display good conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.

Use of electronic devices is not allowed on the bus. Electronic devices may include, but not be limited to, laser pointers, net books, and Cell Phones.

Students may only ride to and from school at their designated bus stop.

Exceptions will be made with a note from a parent or school administrator.

A partial list of Bus rules is posted in all buses.

Students not following the rules will be disciplined by use of verbal warnings, followed by our written citation process. Camera systems are installed on most buses that record behavior, both audio and visual.

Students may be removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year for serious or continued misbehavior.

If a parent wishes to view their child's behavior on the bus, via video, please contact your school site principal/vice-principal to set up a meeting.

Any questions may be directed to Coral Lathrop, Transportation Supervisor
Email: alathrop@ltusd.org
Phone: (530) 543-2218

CLOSING OF SCHOOLS
There will be times during the year when, under existing conditions, City, County and State Road Departments cannot clear the roads in time to start school. In addition, when power failures occur, school cannot be held because all our heating systems require electricity.

During storms, our maintenance crews are normally plowing school areas by 4:00 am. In addition, Transportation travels the roads throughout the District between 4:00 am and 5:00 am. A decision will usually be made by 5:45 am as to whether or not buses will be able to safely travel bus routes.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS
Snow day information will be updated on the LTUSD web site by 6:00 a.m.
We will use the Notification system in Aeries Portal, to update each home in the district by telephone, text or email if schools will be CLOSED, or any other urgent school information.

It is seldom practical to notify you on the previous night, often what looks hopeless at midnight is plowed by morning, and sometimes what looks good at midnight is hopeless by morning!

VARIATION IN WEATHER CONDITIONS
There will be times when school will be closed, though your area appears clear. Snow conditions vary widely throughout the District. Our decision must be based on the overall condition of the District, which must be operated as a unit for legal reasons. We assure you that school will be held whenever possible; it is highly inconvenient and costly to the District not to conduct classes. You control how you want to be notified in your Aeries Parent Portal notification.

EARLY DISMISSAL

There may be days when school must be dismissed early because of weather conditions or power failure. **We will use Aeries Communications to update each home in the District. Please update your information, if necessary, to ensure you will be notified.**

School buses will take children to the regular stops on these days, UNLESS YOU ARE NOTIFIED OF EXCEPTIONS BY Aeries Communications. (Please make plans in advance for such days if you cannot be at home, and discuss these plans with your children so that they know what to do and where to go.)

If you feel it is necessary to pick up your child on these days, please do not block the normal bus loading zones. Park in the regular vehicle parking spaces; rather than at the bus loading curb.

BUS ROUTES

On occasion, stalled vehicles or other temporary conditions will make the following of normal routes impossible, even though things may have been clear earlier in the day. When this occurs on the trip home, students will be dropped off as near to the regular bus stop as is possible.

On days when school is held and snow conditions are heavy, please ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR BUS DELAYS due to road conditions.

PARENTS WHO TAKE PUPILS TO SCHOOL

If you normally take your child to school, please be sure that SCHOOL IS BEING HELD before delivering your child to school. A child dropped off at the corner to walk even a short distance to a closed school is exposed unnecessarily to danger.

CONDUCT

Student behavior on school buses is usually very good. However, there are times when standards slip. Throwing snowballs in or from the school buses is EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS and can jeopardize the safety of other students. Please emphasize to your children the dangers to themselves, the busload of children, and other individuals or vehicles of throwing anything while on a school bus.

SNOW DAY MAKE UP

If you have questions, please contact:

Meyers Elementary: (530) 543-2371
Bijou Community School: (530) 543-2337
Sierra House Elementary: (530) 543-2327
Tahoe Valley Elementary: (530) 543-2350
South Tahoe Middle School: (530) 541-6404
South Tahoe High School: (530) 541-4111

There are three (3) snow days built into the calendar. Please refer to the 2025-2026 calendar for possible make up days.