BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF MINOR PUPILS

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Acceptable Use of Technology Bellflower Unified School District (BUSD) advances the use of technology to enhance student learning. Access to BUSD technology is a privilege, not a right, and students enrolled in District programs or activities must follow District guidelines and procedures regarding acceptable use of technology. All BUSD students and their parents/guardians shall sign the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement prior to using District technological resources. BUSD shall make a diligent effort to filter the inappropriate or harmful matter accessible through the Internet, and students shall also take responsibility not to initiate access to inappropriate or harmful matter while using District technology. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action and the loss of the privilege to use the technology and/or civil or criminal liability.

Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate 48980(j) (9-12) Eligible high school students may receive financial assistance to cover the costs of the advanced placement examination fees or the International Baccalaureate examination fees, or both. Please contact the assistant principal at the high school in charge of curriculum for information.

Asbestos Management Plan – 40 CFR 763.93 Bellflower Unified School District maintains and annually updates its management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings. For a copy of the asbestos management plan, please contact Maintenance and Operation at (562) 804-6500.

Attendance Definitions: Compulsory Education, Tardy, Truancy, Chronic Absenteeism and Consequences - EC 48200, 48260, 48260.5 48262, 48263, 48263.6, 48263, 48264, 48263, 48267, 48268, 48269, 60901; WIC 236, 601, 601.3,653.5, 654, and 651.5

Compulsory Education- EC 48200

Each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years is subject to compulsory full-time education. Each person shall attend the public full-time day school or continuation school or classes and for the full time designated as the length of the school day by the governing board of the school district in which the residency of either the parent or legal guardian is located and each parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the pupil shall send the pupil to the public full-time day school or continuation school or classes and for the full time designated as the length of the school day by the governing board of the school district in which the residence of either the parent or legal guardian is located. A pupil shall not be enrolled for less than the minimum school day established by law. Exceptions are for persons enrolled in charter school, home school or other private school enrollments, and other online charter school options. Regular school attendance is essential for student learning, academic success, and social development. Students who attend school consistently are more likely to achieve higher academic outcomes, stay engaged in learning, graduate on time and avoid the need for academic or legal interventions. Parents/guardians are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly and on time. The school is committed to supporting students and families in improving attendance. When attendance concerns occur, the school may offer attendance conferences, counseling or support services, academic interventions, referrals to school or community resources, and other support.

Tardiness – EC 48260 (a)

Children should be encouraged to be prompt as part of developing good habits. They are expected to be at school on time. A student is considered tardy when they are not present in their assigned classroom or instructional area at the scheduled start time of the school day or class period. If a child is late, the child should bring a note from home to the school office. Excessive tardiness disrupts instruction and impacts student learning.

Truancy Definitions – EC 48260, 48262 and 48263.6

A student is considered truant after three full-day absences without a valid excuse or three tardies of more than a 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. Examples of truancy include missing an entire school day without an excuse, leaving school without permission or excessive unexcused tardiness. Repeated unexcused absences may lead to parent notification, attendance conferences, referrals to a School Attendance Review Team (or similar intervention), and additional actions by the district.

After a student has been reported as a truant three or more times in a school year and the district has made a conscientious effort to meet with the family, the student is considered a habitual truant.

A student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for 10% or more of the schooldays in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, is considered a chronic truant. Unexcused absences are all absences that do not fall within EC 48205. For questions regarding attendance policies, please contact: the Director of Student Support Services at (562) 866-9011 x7412

Arrest of Truants/School Attendance Review Boards – EC 48263 and 48264

The school attendance supervisor, administrator or designee, a peace officer, or probation officer may arrest or assume temporary custody during school hours of any minor who is found away from his/her home and who is absent from school without valid excuse within the county, city, or school district. A student who is a habitual truant may be referred to a School Attendance and Review Board (SARB).

Truant Consequences – EC 48260.5, 48263, 48267, 48268, and 48269; WIC 236, 601, 601.3,653.5, 654, and 651.5

Any student who is identified as "Truant" may be assigned as a ward of the court, if the available community resources do not resolve the students' continued problem of truancy, by a Probation Officer or Deputy District Attorney. Parents must be notified if their child is identified as a truant. Parents are obligated to compel their child to attend school. District staff will offer to meet with the parents to discuss solutions and offer alternative educational options to help address the truancy. In addition, school personnel are available to meet with the pupil and family to develop strategies to support the pupil's attendance at school and offer available mental health and supportive services. Research shows that missing 10 percent of school for any reason can translate into pupils having difficulty learning to read by third grade, achieving in middle school, and graduating from high school.

Chronic Absenteeism – EC 60901
A student is considered a chronic absentee when he/she is absent on 10% or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date. Chronic absenteeism includes all absences – excused, unexcused and suspensions – and is an important measure because excessive absences negatively impact academic achievement and student engagement.

Attendance: Residency and Alternative Enrollment Options – EC 35160.5(b), 46600, 48980(g)

Residency*:* A pupil may alternatively comply with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district, if he or she is any of the following: placed in a foster home or licensed children's institution within the boundaries of the school district; a pupil who is placed in foster care may remain in his or her school of origin; an emancipated pupil who resides within the boundaries of the school district; a pupil who lives in the home of a caregiving adult that is located within the boundaries of the school district; a pupil residing in a state hospital located within the boundaries of the school district; or a pupil whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state while on active duty pursuant to an official military order. Students in military and migrant families may remain in their school of origin and shall have waived residency restrictions due to the frequency of movement of their families. Connect with the Child Welfare and Attendance Office at 562-866-9011 ext. 7410 for more information on the protections afforded these students per California laws.

Alternative Enrollment Options:
Interdistrict: The parent or legal guardian of a pupil may seek release from the school district of residence to attend a school in any other school district. Families seeking an interdistrict transfer must submit an on-line application through the Bellflower Unified School District, typically around the start of the calendar year. Both the releasing and receiving districts must approve the transfer before a student may enroll. Approval is based on factors such as available space, program capacity, and district policies, and is not guaranteed. Once approved, an interdistrict agreement is signed by both the releasing and accepting districts and is subject to an annual review.

A student who has completed grade 10 by June 30, may remain enrolled within the district of enrollment through grades 11 and 12 without any revocation from the desired district, and must be treated the same as any other resident student.

The school district of residence cannot prohibit the transfer of a pupil who is a child of an active military duty parent to a school district of proposed enrollment if that district approved the application for transfer. For active military families, pending transfer orders, may have ten days to produce documents after the family has relocated. Once orders are in writing, they may be forwarded to the intended resident district or charter to start the enrollment process and avoid delays. Coursework and graduation requirements are exempted for children of active military.

A school district may not prohibit an interdistrict permit release when no intradistrict permit options are available to a victim of bullying. "Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal communication made in writing or by means of an electronic act directed toward one or more pupils that results in placing a reasonable person in fear of harm to self or property. It may cause a substantially detrimental effect on physical or mental health, interfere with academic performance or the ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school, and may be done in person or online. Bullying may be exhibited in the creation or transmission of bullying online, on or off the school site, by telephone or other device in a message, text, sound, video, or image in a post on a social network internet website or burn page that creates a credible impersonation of another student knowingly and without consent for the purpose of bullying. Sharing or forwarding messages contributes to the act of bullying. A "victim of an act of bullying" means a pupil that has been determined to have been a victim of bullying by an investigation pursuant to the complaint process described in Section 234.1 and the bullying was committed by any pupil in the school district of residence, and the parent of the pupil has filed a written complaint regarding the bullying with the school, school district personnel, or a local law enforcement agency. The receiving district is not obligated to accept the student. A pupil who has been determined by personnel of either the school district of residence or the district of proposed enrollment to have been the victim of an act of bullying, as defined in EC 48900(r), shall, at the request of the parent or legal guardian, be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, be given additional consideration for the creation of an interdistrict attendance agreement.

Parents/guardians will be notified by the Student Support Services Office of the district's decision to approve or deny permit acceptance. Within 30 calendar days of the request for an interdistrict permit, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of a student who is denied interdistrict permit attendance regarding the process for appeal to the BUSD and the Los Angeles County Board of Education. The process for appeal can be located at the Student Support Services Office. The County appeal process may take up to a maximum of sixty calendar days based on certain factors. A student who is appealing a denial for an interdistrict permit approval through the district or the County Office of Education may be eligible for provisional admission by the desired district in grades TK through 12, while continuing through the process of appeal, if space is made available by the desired district, not to exceed two months. Each school district shall post their interdistrict policy agreements and local district caps on their district and/or school websites. Reasons for approval and denial of interdistrict transfer requests must be updated on the district website according to board policies. For questions about the interdistrict permit process, please contact the district office at 562-866-9011. You can find more information about the county appeal process and submit an appeal online here:
https://www.lacoe.edu/services/student-support/engagement/appeals-transfers-expulsions

Intradistrict: Residents of the school district may apply to other schools that serve the same grade levels within the district. Students who reside within BUSD attendance boundaries and desire to attend a BUSD school other than their school of residence, must apply using the online application found on the Bellflower Unified School District website. Approval is subject to space availability in the district and enrollment status may change until the third week of school. Permit students may be reassigned during the first three weeks of school due to impacted enrollment at a site. No pupil who currently resides in the attendance area of a school can be displaced by pupils transferring from outside the attendance area. Students who are a victim of bullying shall be allowed an intradistrict permit to transfer if space is available at the same grade level. If there is no "intradistrict" space to attend, the student may seek an "interdistrict" permit to another district without any delay in release from the home

district, but it does not guarantee entrance to an outside district. The process to enter another school district will be according to the desired district's transfer policies. A "victim of an act of bullying" means a pupil that has been determined to have been a victim of bullying by an investigation pursuant to the complaint process described in Section 234.1 and the bullying was committed by any pupil in the school district of residence, and the parent of the pupil has filed a written complaint regarding the bullying with the school, school district personnel, or a local law enforcement agency. "Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal communication made in writing or by means of an electronic act directed toward one or more pupils that results in placing a reasonable person in fear of harm to self or property. It may cause a substantially detrimental effect on physical or mental health, interfere with academic performance or the ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school, and may be done in person or online. Bullying may be exhibited in the creation or transmission of bullying online, on or off the school site, by telephone or other device in a message, text, sound, video, or image in a post on a social network internet website or burn page that creates a credible impersonation of another student knowingly and without consent for the purpose of bullying. Sharing or forwarding messages contributes to the act of bullying. For questions regarding enrollment options, please contact the district office at (562) 866-9011.

Attendance Options/Permits: Employment in Lieu of Residency – EC 48204(b)(1) Some school districts may choose to accept employment in lieu of residency. A school district may opt to allow a student to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the district if at least one parent/guardian of the pupil is physically employed within the boundaries of that district for a minimum of ten hours during the school week. Once admitted to residency, the pupil's transfer may be revoked only if the parent ceases to be employed within the boundaries of the district. As a resident, the student does not have to reapply for the transfer to be valid.

Athletics, Safety, and Civil Rights - CIF Bylaw 210C, EC 221.8, 230, 32050, 32051, 35179.4, HSC 124238.5, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, PC 245.6 The Bellflower Unified School District is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all student athletes. Participation in athletic programs is provided without regard to actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Per California law, any incident of racial discrimination, harassment, or "hate-motivated behavior" occurring at an athletic event must be reported. A standardized Sporting Event/Game Incident Report is available on the BUSD website. Violations of non-discrimination policies in athletics may be filed under the LEAs Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP).

Hazing of any kind—defined as any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or team that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical or mental harm—is strictly prohibited. Students found in violation of the anti-hazing policy will face immediate disciplinary action, including possible expulsion and removal from all athletic programs. Students who witness hazing but do not report it may also face disciplinary consequences.

To ensure the safety of our students during practice and competition, BUSD has implemented the following: Written Emergency Action Plans are posted at every athletic venue (gyms, fields, and courts). These plans outline the location of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), emergency exits, and procedures for medical emergencies. Before participating, parents and students must review and sign the annual Athletic Safety Packet, which includes specific information on:

- Concussion Protocols: "When in doubt, sit them out."
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA): Warning signs and the importance of immediate AED use.
- Exertional Heat Illness: Standards for hydration and cooling.

Bellflower Unified follows the CIF "Pursuing Victory with Honor" principles. Please be advised:

- Any spectator who physically assaults a game official (referee, umpire, etc.) during or after an event will be permanently banned from attending any CIF-sanctioned athletic contest.
- Spectators are expected to model sportsmanship. Taunting, profanity, or harassment of players, coaches, or officials may result in immediate removal from the facility.

By participating in interscholastic athletics, the student-athlete and parent/guardian agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids or any dietary supplement on the banned substance list without a written prescription from a licensed healthcare practitioner to treat a medical condition.

Availability of Prospectus – EC 49063 and 49091.14 Each school must annually compile a prospectus of the curriculum to include titles, descriptions and instructional goals for every course offered by the school. Please contact the school administrator for a copy of the prospectus.

Behavioral Restraints Posted Annually in Report - EC 49006 The BUSD annually posts the report on the BUSD website.

Bilingual Education – EC 52173; 5 CCR 11303 Bilingual education serves pupils in grades TK-8th grade at the Intensive Learning Center and Mayfair Middle School. Parents must give permission for their child to participate. For more information, please contact our State, Federal, and Student Programs Office at (562) 866-9011 x2010.

California College Guidance Initiative – EC 60900.5 The California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) is part of California's efforts to close the gaps between systems and ensure that all California students, especially those who have been underrepresented in higher education, can move seamlessly from K-12 to college and career. CCGI provides a set of college and career planning tools designed to help students plan for and apply to California public colleges and universities. To support these efforts, CCGI receives enrollment data for all public-school students enrolled in grades six through twelve through California Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). CALPADS is a longitudinal data system used to maintain individual-level data including student demographics, course data, discipline, assessments, staff assignments, and other data for state and federal reporting. The shared data will be used to provide students and families with direct access to online tools and resources and will enable the student

to transmit information shared with the CCGI to both of the following: 1. Postsecondary educational institutions for the purpose of admissions and academic placement. 2. The Student Aid Commission for purposes of admissions and academic placement.

Cal Grant Program – EC 69432.9 (9-12) A Cal Grant is money for college that does not have to be paid back. To qualify, a student must meet the eligibility and financial requirements as well as any minimum grade point average (GPA) requirements. Cal Grants can be used at any University of California, California State University or California Community College. Some independent and career colleges or technical schools in California also take Cal Grants.

In order to assist students in applying for financial aid, all students in grade 12 are automatically considered a Cal Grant applicant and each grade 12 student's GPA will be submitted by the October 1 deadline to the California Student Aid Commission (CASC) electronically by a school or school district official. A student, or the parent or guardian of a student under 18 years of age, may complete a form to indicate that he or she does not wish for the school to electronically send CASC the student's GPA. Until a student turns 18 years of age, only the parent or guardian may opt out the student. Once a student turns 18 years of age, only the student may opt himself or herself out, and can opt in if the parent or guardian had previously decided to opt the student out. Notification regarding CASC and the opportunity to opt out of being automatically deemed a Cal Grant applicant will be provided to all students and their parents or guardians by January 1 of the students' 11th grade year.

California Healthy Youth Act – EC 51930-51939 The California Healthy Youth Act requires school districts to provide pupils with integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school. Course instruction and materials must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults about human sexuality. It is intended to ensure that pupils in grades 7-12 are provided with the knowledge and skills necessary to: 1) protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, and unintended pregnancy and menstrual health; 2) develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family; 3) promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development; 4) ensure students receive integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention instruction and provide educators with clear tools and guidance; 5) provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors.

Parents or legal guardians have the right to:
1. Inspect the written and audiovisual educational materials used in the comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education.
2. Request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education.
3. Request a copy of Education Codes 51930 through 51939, the California Healthy Youth Act.
4. Be informed whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants.
5. Receive notice by mail or another commonly used method of notification no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered if arrangements for the instruction are made after the beginning of the school year.
6. When the district chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to teach comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, be informed of: a) the date of the instruction, and b) the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker.

The instruction will be provided by Bellflower Unified School District certificated teachers and if you do not want your student to participate in comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, please contact your child's middle/high school.

The District may administer to pupils in grades 7 through 12 anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure pupils' health behavior and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys, containing age-appropriate questions about their attitudes or practices relating to sex. Parents or legal guardians will be notified in writing about the administration of, the right to review, and the right to excuse their child from any test, questionnaire, or survey.

California Proficiency Program– 5 CCR 11523 (9-12) The California Proficiency Program (CPP) is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills taught in public schools. Eligible pupils who pass the CPP are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the State Board of Education. A pupil who receives a Certificate of Proficiency may, with verified approval from the parent or legal guardian, leave high school early. The Certificate of Proficiency is equivalent to a high school diploma; however, it is not equivalent to completing all course work required for regular graduation from high school. Pupils planning to continue his or her studies in a college or university should contact the admissions office of the institution to find out if the Certificate of Proficiency will meet admission requirements.

A pupil is eligible to take the CPP only if he or she meets one of the following requirements on the test date: 1) is at least 16 years old; 2) has been enrolled in the tenth grade for one academic year or longer; or 3) will complete one academic year of enrollment in the tenth grade at the end of the semester during which the CPP regular administration will be conducted. A fee for each examination application shall not be charged to a student experiencing homelessness or placed in foster care who is under the age of 25. For more information, including administration dates and registration deadlines, visit the following website: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/cp.asp.

Camera Surveillance on School Property – PC 647(j) For the safety of our students, staff and visitors, the School District employs camera surveillance equipment for security purposes. This equipment may or may not be monitored at any time.

Surveillance cameras will generally be utilized only in public areas where there is no "reasonable expectation of privacy." Public areas may include school buses; building entrances; hallways; parking lots; front offices where students, employees, and parents come and go; gymnasiums during public activities; cafeterias; and supply rooms. However, it is not possible for surveillance cameras to cover all public areas of District buildings or all District activities.

District surveillance cameras will not be installed in "private" areas, such as restrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, private offices (unless consent by the office owner is given), or classrooms.

Career Counseling & Course Selection – EC 221.5(d) Commencing grade 7, school personnel shall assist pupils with course selection or career counseling, affirmatively exploring the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers based on the interest and ability of the pupil and not on the pupil's gender. Parents or legal guardians are notified so that they may participate in such counseling sessions and decisions.

Child Abuse Prevention: Pupil Safety: School Employee Misconduct: EC 32280-32282, 44010, 44242.5, 44830.1, 44939.5, and 51950 The Bellflower Unified School District is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment for all pupils and has adopted policies and procedures to prevent child abuse, address school employee misconduct, and promote safe school environments. The School/District maintains written policies that clearly define appropriate interactions and professional boundaries between pupils and all adults on campus, including school employees,volunteers, contractors, and governing board members. These policies are intended to protect pupils and staff and to prevent misconduct, abuse, and grooming behaviors.

The Bellflower Unified School District's policies limit and regulate electronic, text, and social media communications between pupils and adults. Communications must be professional, school related, age-appropriate, and transparent. Private or inappropriate electronic communications with pupils, especially those excluding parents/guardians, are prohibited (BP 4119.21).

Under California law, all school employees, volunteers, contractors, and governing board members who work with pupils are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect. Mandated reporters are required to report known or reasonably suspected abuse to the appropriate authorities. The BUSD provides annual mandated reporter training, including recognizing abuse, grooming behaviors, reporting duties, and professional boundaries (BP 5141.4).

The BUSD provides age-appropriate child abuse and neglect prevention education to pupils, including instruction on recognizing inappropriate behaviors and accessing help or reporting concerns. Parents/guardians will be notified of this instruction and may exercise opt-out rights as allowed by law (BP 6142.1).

Any pupil, parent/guardian, employee, or community member who has concerns regarding misconduct, boundary violations, or suspected child abuse is encouraged to report concerns promptly to school administration or through appropriate reporting channels.

Policies regarding professional boundaries, supervision, mandated reporting, and pupil safety are available upon request at the school office and on the Bellflower Unified School District Website. These policies have been adopted by July 1, 2026, and reviewed annually (BP 5141.4)

Child Find System – EC 56301; 20 USC 1404(3); 1412(a)(3); 34 CFR 300.111(c)(d) Under state law, each public school system is responsible to find children with disabilities in its area. All students with disabilities are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) designed to meet their individual educational needs. Special education and related services are provided at no cost to parents/guardians and are based on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) developed by a team that includes the parent/guardian.

The school has an obligation to identify, locate, and evaluate students who may have disabilities and who may be in need of special education and related services. Parents/guardians may request an assessment at any time by submitting a written request to the school. If a student is found eligible for special education, an IEP meeting will be held to develop an individualized plan. Parents/guardians are members of the IEP team and have the right to: participate in IEP meetings, receive notice of meetings, provide input regarding their child's educational needs and consent to or decline proposed services, as permitted by law. Students with disabilities are educated in the least restrictive environment (LRE) appropriate to their needs and, to the maximum extent appropriate, with peers who do not have disabilities. Services and supports are determined by the IEP team and are based on the student's unique needs. Parents/guardians of students with disabilities have rights known as procedural safeguards, which include the right to receive prior written notice of proposed actions, review educational records, independent educational evaluations (IEEs), when applicable, and the right to resolve disagreements through IEP meetings, mediation, due process hearings and state complaint procedures.

A copy of the Special Education Procedural Safeguards Notice is provided at required times and is available upon request. Parental consent is required before an initial special education assessment is conducted or special education services are provided for the first time. Consent may be withdrawn in writing, consistent with applicable law. When a student with an IEP reaches 18 years of age, educational decision-making rights transfer to the student unless a legal exception applies. Parents/guardians will be notified prior to this transfer of rights.

Civility on School Grounds – CC 1708.9, EC 32210 Any person who willfully disturbs any public school or any public school meeting is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500). It is unlawful for any person, except a parent/guardian acting toward his/her minor child, to intentionally injure, or to attempt to injure, intimidate, interfere by force, threat of force, physical obstruction, or nonviolent physical obstruction with any person attempting to enter or exit any public or private school grounds.

College & Career Technical Education – EC 51229 (9-12) and EC 48980(l) Career Technical Education (CTE) courses are offered to count toward graduation. The CTE courses that are offered at our schools satisfy the a-g for CSU/UC requirements for admission. For more information, please contact your student's academic advisors/counselors.

College And Career Fairs - EC 52770 The BUSD will notify local community college districts of planned college and career fairs. Notifications are provided via email with the planned date, time, and location.

Competitive Athletics – EC 221.9 Schools shall make the following information publicly available: the total enrollment of the school, classified by gender, the number of pupils enrolled at the school who participate in competitive athletics, classified by gender, the number of boys' and girls' teams, classified by sport and by competition level, by posting it on the school's website. "Competitive athletics" means sports where the activity has coaches, a governing organization, and practices, and competes during a defined season, and has competition as its primary goal.

Concussion and Head Injuries – EC 49475 A concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. A school district, charter school, or private school that elects to offer an athletic program must immediately remove from a school-sponsored athletic activity for the remainder of the day an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during that activity. The athlete may not return to that activity until he or she is evaluated by, and receives written clearance from, a licensed healthcare provider. If the licensed health care provider determines the athlete has a concussion or head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than 7 days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. This requirement does not apply to an athlete engaging in an athletic activity during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course.

Confidential Medical Services – EC 46010.1 School authorities may excuse any pupil in grades 7-12 from the school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian. When excusing students for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, staff will not ask the purpose of such appointments but may contact a medical office to confirm the time of the appointment. Staff will not notify a parent when a student leaves school to obtain confidential medical services.

Competitive Athletes Seeking Higher Education Athletic Programs - EC 67455 (9-12) Under state law, students who witness or are the victim of any wrongdoing condoned by the higher education athletic organization, have a right to make a report, file, or otherwise assist the reporting of any violation of student athlete rights involving the program, participants, or staff. This right to make such reports is guaranteed by the "Student Athlete Bill of Rights" and may not result in retribution or removal of any benefits if the report has been made in good faith and truthfulness.

Confidentiality of Medical Information Act: School-Linked Services Coordinators – CC 56.10 School linked service coordinators will have access to health care information, which complies with federal health insurance requirements. The coordinator must be credentialed and serve with confidentiality requirements per licensed school nurses, marriage and family therapists, educational psychologists, and clinical counselors.

Controlled Substances: Opioids – EC 49476 School authorities must provide facts regarding the risks and side effects of opioid use each school year to athletes. Parents and student athletes must sign acknowledgement of receipt of the document annually.

Courses Offered: Dual Enrollment and International Baccalaureate, Grades 7-12 - EC 48980.6 For students in grades 7 to 12, the district offers dual enrollment opportunities. More information on these offerings can be found in the high school course catalogues.

Coursework and Graduation: Military – EC 51225.1 and 51225.2 If you are a military family, your child may qualify to be exempted from local graduation coursework requirements that are beyond the California state requirements. Please make an appointment with the school counselor to review your child's options for graduation. All coursework that was completed at another school outside of the Bellflower Unified School District will be issued full or partial credit. You may reach a school counselor by contacting the school site.

Custody Issues Custody disputes must be handled by the courts. The school has no legal jurisdiction to refuse a biological parent access to his/her child and/or school records. The only exception is when signed restraining orders or proper divorce papers, specifically stating visitation limitations, are on file in the school office. Any student release situation, which leaves the student's welfare in question will be handled at the discretion of the site administrator or designee. Should any such situation become a disruption to the school, law enforcement will be contacted, and an officer requested to intervene. Parents are asked to make every attempt not to involve school sites in custody matters. The school will make every attempt to reach the custodial parent when a parent or any other person not listed on the emergency card attempts to pick up a child.

Directory Information – EC 49073 "Directory Information" includes one or more of the following items: student's name, address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent public or private school attended by the student. The District has determined that no information may be released to private profit-making entities other than employers, prospective employers and representatives of the news media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations. Directory information may be disclosed without prior consent from the parent or legal guardian, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written notice to the school to deny access to his/her pupil's directory information. Directory information regarding a pupil identified as experiencing homelessness shall not be released unless a parent, or eligible pupil, has provided written consent that directory information may be released (Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5125.1). The parent of a student experiencing homelessness must opt-in for the student's information to be shared. Exception to this practice: A student experiencing homelessness may be automatically included in directory information only to facilitate free oral and vision health screenings. If a parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth is not interested in their student's information being shared for free oral and vision health screening, the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth must provide written notification that they do not consent to this release.

Disclosure of Student Information for Marketing Purposes – 20 USC 1232(h) Parents and guardians are to be informed of the dates and times that marketing or selling of personal information is scheduled for organizations. Our district anticipates the schedule to be: **Fall of 2026**. If you do not

want to have personal information released, you may indicate so in writing. You will have an option to opt out, included in your enrollment packet each school year.

Dress Code/Uniforms – EC 35183 The Bellflower Unified School District subscribes to the philosophy that students will be provided with a quality education in a safe, appropriate environment. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard, or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process. Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of each school year, and whenever these standards are revised. The responsibility for determining and enforcing the dress and grooming code rests with the school administration and staff on each campus. Violators of this policy shall be subject to the appropriate school and district discipline procedures.

Education of Foster Youth: EC 42238.01, 47605, 47605.6, 48204, 48432.5, 48850, 48853, 48853.5, 48911, 48911.1, 48915.5, 48918.1, 49069.5, 51215.1 and 51225.2 Students supervised by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and placed in licensed foster homes, Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs [STRTP, (formerly referred to as group homes), with relatives, or residing with biological parent(s) have additional rights and enrollment protections that promote school stability. Students who are the subject of a DCFS voluntary placement agreement or Department of Probation (in certain circumstances) are also included within the definition of students in foster care. In addition, a dependent child of the court of an Indian tribe, consortium or tribes, or tribal organization is afforded the same guarantee of rights as the foster children identified through the county court systems.

Every LEA is required to designate a staff person as the educational liaison for foster children to: ensure that foster youth are:

1. Entitled to stable school placements in the least restrictive education programs, with access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular activities that are available to all pupils. This includes the right to remain in the school of origin and the right to matriculate with his or her peers.
2. Students in foster care must be immediately enrolled in school regardless of the availability of school records, immunization records, school uniforms, or the existence of fines from a previous school. Educators, school personnel, social workers, probation officers, caregivers, and other interested parties shall work together to serve the educational needs of students in foster care.
3. Proper and timely transfer between schools. This includes the coordination between the local educational agency and the county placing agency, and the transfer of educational information and records of the foster youth to the next educational placement.
4. Students in foster care have the right to attend their school of origin and, if applicable, matriculate in the secondary school in the same attendance area even when the student is placed with a family who resides in a different attendance area. The school district serving the student in foster care shall allow the youth to continue their education in the school of origin while the student is identified as a foster youth. If the jurisdiction of the court terminates prior to the end of an academic year, the student in foster care shall be allowed to continue their education in the school of origin for the duration of the academic school year, unless the student attends high school as they have the right to attend until they graduate.
5. If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the school must immediately enroll the student in the school where enrollment is sought. During the Dispute Resolution process, the student is to maintain enrollment in the school sought pending the final resolution of the dispute.
6. No lowering of grades if the foster youth is absent from school due to a decision by a court or placing agency to change his or her placement, or due to a verified court appearance or related court ordered activity.
7. Issuance and acceptance of partial credits for courses that have been satisfactorily completed by the foster youth. The foster youth shall not be required to retake the portion of the course already completed unless it has been determined that he or she is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school.
8. Not required to retake a course the pupil has satisfactorily completed.
9. Students in foster care may qualify for an exemption from local graduation requirements. Designated school staff shall notify students and their parent/legal guardian of their eligibility to be exempt from coursework and other requirements adopted by the Bellflower Unified School District in addition to the statewide coursework requirements. To qualify the student must be in foster care and have transferred schools after what would have been their second year of high school, the student cannot reasonably complete the additional local LEA graduation requirements within four (4) years, and the educational rights holder must determine that the graduation exemption is in the student's best interest.
10. If these criteria are satisfied, the student may be offered the exemption to complete the state graduation requirements of 130 credits in specific course work within the four years and be offered a fifth year if needed.
11. Once a student is found eligible for this exemption, their eligibility continues even if the student's foster care case closes or the student transfers to another school. It is unlawful for a school, student, educational rights holder, social worker, or probation officer to request or require a school transfer for the purpose of making a student eligible for an exemption from local requirements.
12. Parents/legal guardians, foster caregivers, social workers and/or probation officers should notify the school district as soon as they become aware that a student is changing school placements so that partial credits may be calculated, if applicable, and school records can be transferred in a timely manner. For students experiencing a change in residence, a Best Interest Determination meeting should be held with the educational rights holder to determine whether the student will remain in the school of origin and if transportation is needed.
13. If a student in foster care is issued a suspension (including in-school suspension), recommended for expulsion, scheduled for a manifestation determination meeting, or involuntarily transferred to a continuation school, notification must be made to the foster child's attorney and social worker, and, for the child's tribal social worker, if applicable, and county social worker. Attorneys and social workers have the same rights as parents during these processes, such as requests for meetings and the ability to inspect all documents.
14. If these rights are not followed, a complaint of noncompliance may be filed with the local educational agency under the Uniform Complaint Procedures. For information regarding the rights of foster youth, contact the Director of Student Support Services Child Welfare at (562) 866-9011 x7410.

Education of Homeless Youth: 42 USC 11432; EC 48551, 48852.5, 48853, 48857, 51225.1, 51225.2 The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for Homeless Children and Youth entitles all school-age children experiencing homelessness to access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to students who have permanent housing. Every LEA is required to appoint a homeless liaison to ensure parents and students experiencing homelessness are informed of educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children. A student experiencing homelessness is defined as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence who may live:

- In an emergency or transitional shelter;
- In substandard housing, car, garage, or other places not designed as a regular sleeping
- accommodation for human beings;
- In another family's house or apartment due to a loss of housing or as a result of economic
- hardship (doubled or tripled-up);
- In a hotel or motel as a result of economic hardship;
- Temporarily in a trailer, recreational vehicle (RV), motor home, or campsite;
- Temporarily with an adult who is not their parent/legal guardian, known as an unaccompanied
- youth experiencing homelessness.

Unaccompanied youth, such as teen parents not living with their parent/guardian or students that have run away or have been pushed out of their homes, have access to these same rights. The Student Housing Questionnaire (SHQ) is distributed annually at the beginning of each school year by all schools along with other required enrollment/registration forms to all students. The SHQ allows parents/legal guardians, unaccompanied youth, or caregivers to self-identify their current living situation. At any time during the school year, students, parents/legal guardians, or caregivers may use the SHQ to self-identify. The SHQ shall be available in the primary language of the family. A paper version needs to be provided, upon request. The SHQ must include information on the educational rights for students experiencing homelessness. Students experiencing homelessness are expected to attend school regularly and have the right to:

1. Immediate enrollment in school of origin or school where currently residing without proof of residency, immunization records or tuberculosis skin-test results, school records, or legal guardianship papers. It is the responsibility of the enrolling school to request all necessary documents from the previous school(s).
2. Education and other services (e.g., to participate fully in all school activities and programs for which a student is eligible, to qualify automatically for nutrition programs, to receive transportation services, and to contact liaison to resolve disputes that arise during enrollment).
3. Be notified of the possibility of graduating within four years with reduced state requirements, and the ability to remain for a fifth year to graduate with reduced state or full LEA requirements, if the student experiencing homelessness transferred after the second year of high school, is credit deficient, and will not be able to graduate on time with local district requirements.
4. For the district to accept and issue partial credits for courses that have been satisfactorily completed by the student experiencing homelessness.
5. Enrollment protections that promote school stability, including the right to attend their school of origin and, if applicable, matriculate to the secondary school in the same attendance area even if they no longer live within the attendance boundaries of those schools. Students experiencing homelessness have the right to attend their school of residence or their school of origin, which includes the school at which the youth was last enrolled or that the student attended in the last 15 months to which they have a connection.
6. At the request of the parent/legal guardian, unaccompanied youth, or caregiver, the LEA shall ensure that transportation is provided as appropriate and feasible to and from the school of origin.
7. Refer parents/legal guardians and unaccompanied youth to applicable programs and services.

Referrals may include but are not limited to community-based organizations, special education services, tutoring, preschool programs, before and after school enrichment programs, and any other appropriate educationally related services. If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the school must immediately enroll the student in the school where enrollment is sought. During the Dispute Resolution process, the student is to maintain enrollment in the school sought pending the final resolution of the dispute. For further information on the Dispute Resolution process, please contact the Department of School Support Services at (562) 866-9011.

Students experiencing homelessness may qualify for an exemption from local graduation requirements. Designated school staff shall notify students and their parent/legal guardian of their eligibility to be exempt from coursework and other requirements adopted by the Bellflower Unified School District in addition to the statewide coursework requirements. To qualify the student must be identified as experiencing homelessness, have transferred schools after what would have been their second year of high school, the student cannot reasonably complete the additional local LEA graduation requirements within four (4) years, and the educational rights holder (or unaccompanied youth) must determine that the graduation exemption is in the student's best interest. If these criteria are satisfied, the student may be offered the exemption to complete the state graduation requirements of 130 credits in specific course work within the four years and be offered a fifth year if needed. Once a student is found eligible for this exemption, their eligibility continues even if the student's homeless status changes or the student transfers to another school. It is unlawful for a school, student, or educational rights holder to request or require a school transfer for the purpose of making a student eligible for an exemption from local requirements. Students experiencing homelessness shall be issued partial or full credits for coursework completed while attending another school. The Bellflower Unified School District Homeless Liaison must be notified if a student experiencing homelessness is referred for expulsion for a discretionary act and invited to any IEP meetings where a manifestation determination is to be made. For further information on the rights of students experiencing homelessness, please contact the Director of Student Support Services at (562) 866-9011 x7410.

Education of Homeless Youth: Right to Apply for Financial Aid - EC 69432.7, 69519, 69731, 69956, 70032, 78220, and 88931 Students experiencing homelessness have a right to apply for financial aid to seek education beyond high school. Every district must appoint a homeless liaison to assist

students and families. Please contact Child Welfare and Attendance at (562) 866-9011 ext. 7410 for more information of services and policies related to homeless education rights.

Educational Equity: Government Instruction Conferences - EC 224 The Sex Equity in Education Act exempts any discrimination based on male or female identity for pupils who seek to participate in state or national conferences, therefore, furthering California's goal of providing an equal educational opportunity to all students by prohibiting the use of public resources when a program discriminates based on gender.

Educational Equity: Immigration and Citizenship Status - EC 200, 220, and 234.1, *adding Article 5.7 to EC 234.7, EC 66251, 66260.6, 66270, and 66270.3* All students have the right to a free public education regardless of immigration, citizenship status, or religious beliefs. Parents/legal guardians have the option to provide the school with emergency contact information, including secondary contacts to identify a trusted adult who can care for a minor student in the event the parent/legal guardian is detained or deported. Parents/legal guardians have the option to complete the Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit or other documents which may enable a trusted adult with authority to make educational and medical decisions for a minor student. Students have the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint with the Bellflower Unified School District if they are discriminated against, harassed, intimidated, and/or bullied based on actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status. Please see Uniform Complaint Procedures for more information. The California Attorney General's website provides "Know Your Rights" resources for immigrant students and family members at: http://www.oag.ca.gov/immigrant.

Educational Equity: Discrimination: Antisemitism Prevention- EC 244, 262.3, 280, 33800, 48980, 51500, 51501, 60151 & 60152 Bellflower Unified School District is committed to maintaining a learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, and bias. All instructional materials, textbooks, and teacher-led discussions must be factually accurate and free from content that promotes unlawful discrimination. This includes specific protections against antisemitism, Islamophobia, and bias based on shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics. BUSD is required to ensure that all curriculum aligns with state standards and does not subject students to a hostile environment. Any materials found to be discriminatory or factually inaccurate regarding protected groups will be removed from the classroom. If you believe your student has experienced discrimination or that instructional materials violate these standards, you have the right to file a uniform complaint with the UCP Coordinator and provide evidence that supports the allegations. The district will investigate and respond to all formal complaints within 60 days. If BUSD fails to meet this timeline or if you are unsatisfied with the local resolution, you have the right to appeal directly to the California Department of Education (CDE).
To report a concern or request more information about our anti-discrimination policies, please contact the division of School Support Services at (562) 866-9011. Link to the BUSD UCP Form.

Electronic Listening or Recording Device – EC 51512 The use by any person, including a pupil, of any electronic listening or recording device in any classroom without the prior consent of the teacher and the principal is prohibited, as it disrupts and impairs the teaching process and discipline in the schools. Any person, other than a pupil, willfully in violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any pupil in violation shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (e-cigarettes) – PC 308 BUSD prohibits the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) such as e-cigarettes, hookah pens, cigarillos, and other vapor-emitting devices, with or without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products on all district property and in district vehicles at all times. ENDS are often made to look like cigarettes, cigars and pipes, but can also be made to look like everyday items such as pens, asthma inhalers and beverage containers. These devices are not limited to vaporizing nicotine; they can be used to vaporize other drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and heroin. Students using, in possession of, or offering, arranging or negotiating to sell ENDS can be subject to disciplinary action, particularly because ENDS are considered drug paraphernalia, as defined by 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Section 308 of the Penal Code also states that every person under 18 years of age who purchases, receives, or possesses any tobacco, cigarette, or cigarette papers, or any other preparation of tobacco, or any other instrument or paraphernalia that is designed for the smoking of tobacco, tobacco products, or any controlled substance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of seventy-five dollars ($75) or 30 hours of community service work.

Electronic Signaling Devices – EC 48901.5 The use by any person, including a pupil, of any electronic signaling device in any classroom without the prior consent of the teacher and the principal is prohibited as it disrupts and impairs the teaching process and discipline in the schools. The only allowable use would be acceptable if it is determined by a licensed physician that the pupil must use it for the health and safety of a pupil. Any pupil in violation shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Smartphone use may be prohibited by districts, charter schools, and county schools while a student is at a school site and under supervision and control of staff. There are health and special education limits or usage that may differ from the general student population but must be in writing and kept on file in student records for confidential record keeping and reasons.

English Learners Identification Notice - EC 313.2 State law requires that parents of English learners are to be notified annually if they are identified as one of the following: Long-term English learner or English learner at risk of becoming a Long-term English learner. The District sends these notices at the beginning of each year.

Emergency Treatment for Anaphylaxis – EC 49414 Epinephrine auto-injectors will be provided to school nurses and trained personnel, and authorizes them to use epinephrine auto-injectors for any student who may be experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of known history. Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors must be stored in an accessible location along with a copy of written training material upon need for emergency use. Notice of location must be publicly posted. Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can occur after encountering an allergic trigger, such as food, medicine, an insect bite, latex or exercise. Symptoms include narrowing of the airways, rashes or hives, nausea or vomiting, a weak pulse and dizziness. It is estimated that approximately 25% of the anaphylactic reactions occur during school

hours to students who had not previously been diagnosed with a food or other allergy. Without immediate administration of epinephrine followed by calling emergency medical services, death can occur. Being able to recognize and treat it quickly can save lives.

Entrance Health Screening – HSC 124085, 124100, and 124105 (K-8) State law recommends that the parent or legal guardian of each pupil provide the school within 90 days after entrance to first grade documentary proof that the pupil has received a health screening examination by a doctor within the prior 18 months. Free health screening is available for eligible students through the Child Health Disabilities Prevention Program.

Excused Absences – EC 46014, 48205 Bellflower Unified School District urges parents to make sure their children attend school regularly and to schedule medical, dental, counseling, and other appointments after school, on the weekend if possible or during school holidays. The district also asks that travel or other absences be avoided during the time that school is in session. The higher the district's daily attendance rate, the more a student will learn and the greater the amount of classroom instruction and academic programs. The school calendar is designed to minimize issues for families who plan vacations around traditional holiday periods and thereby minimize student absences. Following an absence, a student is required to bring a written note from home when returning to school. Illnesses, and doctor and dental appointments are considered excused absences. Absences without a written excuse are recorded as unexcused.

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 the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
4. For the purpose 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 the purpose 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 appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, 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. Please note: attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed one school day per semester.
8. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.
9. For the purpose 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 to a combat zone or combat support position. 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 the purpose of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
11. For the purpose of participating in a cultural ceremony or event. Please note: "Cultural" means relating to the practices, habits, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people.
12. (a) For the purpose 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. Please note: 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.
    (b) (i) A middle school or high school pupil who is absent pursuant to subparagraph (A) is required to be excused for only one school day-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) 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. Please note: "Victim services organization or agency" means an agency or organization that has a documented record of providing services to victims.
    (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. Please note: "Immediate family" means the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the pupil. Any absences beyond three days for the reasons described in 13(A) above shall be subject to the discretion of the school administrator, or their designee. Extensions are based on the administrator's assessment of the necessity of the absence.
14. Due to pupils' participation in military entrance processing.
15. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.

A pupil with an excused absence 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. 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.

Expanded Learning Programs (Before School, After School, Summer and Intersession Programs)– EC 8420 – 8428; 8482 – 8484.65; 8484.7-8484.9; and 46120 The Bellflower Expanded Learning Program provided with ASES and ELOP funding serves pupils in grades TK-12 at all school sites. Programs that charge family fees shall not charge any fees for pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals, a child who is experiencing homelessness or placed in foster care. These students are also moved to the top of the waiting list. To request priority enrollment, please contact the State, Federal, and Student Programs office at (562) 866-9011 x2010.

Extended School Year – Migrant Education – ESSA, Title I, Part C, EC 41601.6 Students who are identified as a "migrant child" in grades TK-6 may be allowed to enroll in two public schools during summer, winter, or other intersessions – both the school in which they last attended and the next intended school to be entered upon the migration with parents from one agricultural work site to another.

Federal Student Aid or California Dream Act – EC 51225.8 (9-12), EC 51225.7 BUSD ensures that students prior to entering 12th grade are entitled to information on how to properly complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application as well as the ability to opt out of these opportunities. This information should be available in a timely manner as financial aid is awarded in order of submission according to deadlines, on a first-come, first served basis. All family and student personal information will be protected according to state and federal privacy laws and regulations. Student lists will be matched to FAFSA applications for the purpose of ensuring that either the FAFSA is completed or an opt out form is completed to maintain the students' ability to graduate. BUSD provides federal student aid information to high school students in grades 9-12 through family information sessions, in-class and individual student counseling sessions, and through high school counseling websites, among additional methods of communication. All family and student personal information will be protected according to state and federal privacy laws and regulations.

Free and Reduced-price Meals – EC 49510 et seq. The District's Nutrition Services Department offers healthy meals every school day because children need healthy meals to learn. The Bellflower Unified School District provides TK-12 students with two meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day to students requesting a meal, regardless of their free- or reduced-price meal eligibility. Charter Schools and Districts will still require eligible parents to submit an application in order to remain in compliance for accounting purposes only. Schools serving grades 1-6 will serve breakfast or a morning snack to non-school-aged children with a guardian present.

Gun Safety – EC 48986, and EC 49390, 48391, and 49392 This is a reminder that firearms are to be safely stored away from children and teens. The accidental shooting of children and youth is the third leading cause of death following accidents and suicide. California public schools are mandated to remind families to keep their home safe from such potential dangers. If there is a threat or perceived threat, then the public schools will cooperate with local law enforcement to conduct an immediate threat assessment.

Harm or Destruction of Animals – EC 32255 et seq. Any pupil with a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying an animal, or any part thereof, must inform his or her teacher of the objection. Objections must be substantiated by a note from the pupil's parent or guardian. A pupil who chooses to refrain from participation in an education project involving the harmful or destructive use of an animal may receive an alternative education project, if the teacher believes that an adequate alternative education project is possible. The teacher may work with the pupil to develop and agree upon an alternative education project so that the pupil may obtain the knowledge, information, or experience required by the course of study in question.

Health Care Coverage – EC 49452.9 Your child and family may be eligible for free or low-cost health coverage. For information about health care coverage options and enrollment assistance, contact your school site's Community Service Worker or go to www.CoveredCA.com. Additionally, California law allows all low-income children under 19 years old, regardless of immigration status, to enroll in Medi-Cal at any time in the year. Families can apply in person at their local county human services office, over the phone, online, with a mail-in application, or at a local health center. For more information about Medi-Cal enrollment, visit www.health4allkids.org.

Health Insurance Coverage for Athletes – EC 32221.5 (9-12) Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that all members of school athletic teams have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. This insurance requirement can be met by the school district offering insurance or other health benefits that cover medical and hospital expenses. Some pupils may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs. Information about these programs may be obtained by calling Covered California at 800-300-1506.

Human Trafficking Prevention (grade 6-12) – EC 49380, 49381 Bellflower Unified School District is committed to maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. California law requires schools to provide age appropriate instruction and information designed to prevent human trafficking, including sexual exploitation and labor trafficking. Age-appropriate human trafficking prevention information may be provided to students as part of health education, safety instruction, or other school-based programs. Instruction is designed to help students recognize unsafe or exploitative situations, understand how traffickers may target or recruit youth, develop strategies to seek help from trusted adults and know how to access local and national support resources. Students and families are encouraged to report concerns related to human trafficking, exploitation, or unsafe situations. Support and resources include:

- School staff, including administrators, counselors, or teachers
- Local law enforcement or child welfare agencies, if there is immediate danger
- Connecting to the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888, Text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733 or online at https://humantraffickinghotline.org

Reports to the hotline may be made confidentially, and support is available 24 hours a day.

Immigration Enforcement: School Site Notification and Educational Equity - EC 234.7, FC 6550 & 6552, HSC 1597.640 & ProC 1502 & 2105 All children in the Bellflower Unified School District have a right to a free public education, regardless of their immigration status, or the immigration

status of their parents or guardians. This school district will not deny enrollment to any child based on immigration status. Bellflower Unified School District is committed to providing a safe, welcoming environment for all students. Our schools are "Safe Zones," where learning is protected. We will not allow immigration enforcement officers to enter any school site, or access student records, without a valid judicial warrant, court order, or subpoena. School personnel will not solicit, collect, or retain information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members. We do not disclose student records to immigration authorities (such as ICE) without parent/guardian consent, a court order, or a subpoena. If an
immigration enforcement officer enters a school campus, our staff will:

- Immediately notify the Principal/Superintendent.
- Verify the officer's identification and credentials.
- Ask for a valid, signed judicial warrant or subpoena.
- Ensure that no students are interviewed or removed from campus without legal justification and parent notification, if allowed by law.

In the event that an immigration enforcement action occurs at or near a school site, the BUSD will promptly notify parents/guardians, to the extent possible under law and consistent with the safety of students and staff. The District strictly prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status, national origin, or ethnicity. Students or parents who experience such actions are encouraged to report them to the site principal or through our Uniform Complaint Procedures. We encourage families to ensure that emergency contact information is updated, identifying a trusted adult who can care for their child in the event a parent is detained or deported.

Immunizations – EC 49403, 48216; HSC 120325, 120335, 120365, 120370, and 120375 Students must be immunized against certain communicable diseases. Students are prohibited from attending school unless immunization requirements are met for age and grade. The school district shall cooperate with local health officials in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in school age children. The district may use any funds, property, or personnel and may permit any person licensed as a physician or registered nurse to administer an immunizing agent to any student whose parents have consented in writing.

Beginning January 1, 2016, parents of students in any school will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently required vaccine. A personal beliefs exemption on file at school prior to January 1, 2016 will continue to be valid until the student enters the next grade span at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

Students are not required to have immunizations if they attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. However, parents must continue to provide immunization records for these students to their schools. The immunization requirements do not prohibit students from accessing special education and related services required by their individualized education programs.

A student not fully immunized may be temporarily excluded from a school or other institution when that child has been exposed to a specified disease and whose documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against one of the communicable diseases described above.

State law requires the following immunizations before a child may attend school:
(a) All new students, in transitional kindergarten through grade 12 to the Bellflower School District must provide proof of polio, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, and mumps, rubella, and varicella immunizations.
(b) All transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students must also provide proof of vaccination against Hepatitis B.
(c) All seventh-grade students must also provide proof of a second measles-containing vaccine, and a Pertussis booster vaccine.

Please call Thuy Phan, District of Health Services for information.

Information about a medical exemption from immunizations for your student is available at CAIR ME. For more information on medical exemptions, please visit the following website: *https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home*.

Immunizations: HPV: Cancer Prevention - EC 48980.4, 1367.66, HSC 120390, 120336, 120390.6, IC 10123.8 The Bellflower Unified School District believes in the health and safety of every student. Pupils in the state are advised to 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 papillomavirus (HPV) immunization before admission or advancement to the eighth grade level of any private or public elementary or secondary school. Per HSC 120336, "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."

Independent Study – EC 51744, 51745, 51745.5, 51746, 51747, 51747.5, 51749, 51749.5 and 51749.6, and 56026 Independent Study (IS) is by choice and may not be mandated. BUSD policies for independent study courses or curriculum equivalent time to complete work expectations are equal to what is offered in person. In addition, the short-term (15 school days or less) and long-term (16 school days or more) will require the IS engagement defined per the policies adopted by the local governing board. The IS agreement must be signed anytime during the school year for short term IS or prior to beginning long term IS. IS agreements must include expectations of students, parents and supervising teachers, and must be updated to include equitable access to students with disabilities based upon individual student needs. For more information on how BUSD offers IS options, please contact the school administrator.

Instruction for Pupils with Temporary Disabilities – EC 48206.3, 48207 and 48208 A pupil with a temporary disability which makes attendance in the regular day classes or the alternative educational program in which the pupil is enrolled impossible or inadvisable may receive individualized instruction provided in the pupil's home for one hour a day. Please contact the office of Special Education and Student Support at 562-866-9011 ext. 2020 for further information.

A pupil with a temporary disability, who is in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding a state hospital, may be deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district in which the hospital is located.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify the school district in which the hospital or other residential health facility is located of the presence of a pupil with a temporary disability. Upon receipt of the notification, the district will within five working days determine whether the pupil will be able to receive individualized instruction pursuant to EC 48206.3 and, if so, provide the instruction within five working days or less.

A pupil with a temporary disability may remain enrolled in the district of residence or charter school and may attend regular classes when not confined to the hospital setting, the total days of instruction may not exceed the maximum of five days with both school settings and attendance may not be duplicated. If necessary, the district of residence may provide instruction in the home for the days not receiving instruction in the hospital setting, depending upon the temporary doctor orders. The supervisor of attendance shall ensure that absences from the regular school program are excused until the pupil is able to return to the regular school program.

An honorary high school diploma which is clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation may be awarded to a pupil who is terminally ill, from the resident governing school board, a county office of education or a charter school.

Involuntary Transfer – EC 48980(m), 48929 A school administrator may recommend an involuntary transfer of a student if convicted of a violent crime and the victim attends the same school. Parents must be notified in writing and have the right to a meeting with the administration. The school will first attempt to resolve any conflict prior to transferring. Periodic reviews will be considered for returning to the school site if there is no on-going danger to either student or others on campus. The school board makes the final decision.

Juvenile Court School Pupils: Graduation Requirements and Continued Education Options – EC 48645.3, 48645.7, and 49076 A juvenile court school student has the right to a diploma issued by the school district of residence if he or she completed the graduation requirements while being detained. The school district of residence shall issue to the pupil a diploma from the school the pupil last attended before detention or in the alternative, the county superintendent of schools may issue the diploma. Please contact the County Office of Education with any questions regarding graduation requirements if your child is placed in a court school as a ward of the court.

Language Acquisition Program – EC 310; 5 CCR 11309, 5 CCR 11309 Language acquisition programs are educational programs designed to ensure English acquisition occurs as rapidly and effectively as possible, and provides instruction to English learners based on the state-adopted academic content standards, including English language development (ELD) standards. (20 U.S.C. Section 6312[e][3][A][iii,[v]); *EC* Section 306[c]) A description of the language acquisition programs provided in the Bellflower Unified School District are listed below:

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 ELD and access to grade level academic subject matter content.

Dual-Language Immersion (DLI) Program: Also referred to as **Two-Way Immersion**. 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. This program begins in Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten (TK/K) and continues to build students skills towards bi-literacy each year.

Parents/guardians may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child. Schools in which the parents or legal guardians of 30 pupils or more per school or the parents or legal guardians of 20 pupils or more in any grade request a language acquisition program that is designed to provide language instruction shall be required to offer such a program to the extent possible. (20 U.S.C. Section 6312[e][3][A][viii][III]); *EC* Section 310[a]).

Parents may provide input regarding language acquisition programs during the development of the Local Control Accountability Plan. (*EC* Section 52062) If interested in a different program from those listed above, please contact State, Federal, and Student Programs at 562-866-9011 to ask about the process.

Parents of English learners have a right to decline or opt their children out of the school district's language acquisition program or opt out of particular English learner service(s) within a language acquisition program. (20 U.S.C Section 6312[e][3][A][viii]) However, schools remain obligated to provide the student meaningful instruction until the student exits the program, inform the parent when progress is not made, and offer the parent programs and services to consider at that time. (5 California Code of Regulations Section 11302)

Medical or Hospital Service – EC 49472 Medical and hospital services for pupils injured at school or school-sponsored events or while being transported are not covered by district insurance. Information for individual coverage is available from the site principals.

Medication Regimen – EC 49423, 49480 The parent or legal guardian of any pupil taking medication on a regular basis must inform the school nurse or the school's health office of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With the consent of the

parent or legal guardian, the school nurse may communicate with the physician and may counsel with the school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the pupil.

Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed by a physician may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school personnel if the school district receives both a written statement of instructions from the physician detailing the method, amount and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken requesting the school nurse to assist the pupil with prescribed medication as set forth in the physician statement. Students may carry and self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication if the school district receives both a written statement of instructions from the physician detailing the method, amount and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken and a written statement from the parent or guardian requesting that the student self-administer. All requests are to be approved by the school nurse prior to use.

Menstrual Products – EC 35292.6 ***(applicable grades 3-12)*** The Bellflower School District supports period equity and now provides free and accessible menstrual products, in all women's restrooms and all-gender restrooms, and in at least one men's restroom at schools serving grades 3 to 12. Notice of this service is required to be posted in a prominent and conspicuous location in every restroom where menstrual products, available and accessible, free of cost, are required to be stocked. The posted notice will contain the name, email and phone number of the person responsible for maintaining this supply at this school site.

Mental Health - EC 49428 In order to initiate access to available pupil mental health services, you may contact the school site directly or Caring Connections at (562) 866-9011. Our school district will notify parents at least twice per year. This is one time through our Annual Notifications, we will also notify you again a second time each school year, by the following means: District website and pamphlet.

Migrant and Newly Arrived Immigrant Pupils: Graduation Requirements and Continued Education Options – EC 48204.7, 51225.1, 51225.2 and 54444.2 A student identified as a migratory youth who transfers between schools any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school or as a newcomer student and is enrolled in what should have been his or her third or fourth year of high school may be eligible to graduate under the state reduced graduation requirements if certain criteria are met. Qualifying students may be able to graduate with their four-year cohort with the state reduced graduation requirements of 130 credits or have the option to remain for a fifth year in order to graduate with the state or the full LEA graduation requirements. A student who graduates with the reduced requirements will have limited access to higher education and other post-secondary opportunities.

A student who graduates under the local LEA graduation requirements may expand their post-secondary opportunities and be eligible to submit applications to the UC or CSU systems. Contact our counseling office to determine eligibility. Students and parents of migratory children shall not request a transfer solely to qualify for this exemption.

In addition, as a public school that receives migrant education funds, our school is actively looking for parent involvement in the planning, operation, and evaluation of our programs. The parents have the authority to decide who may participate on the oversight council. If you are interested, or if you know other parents of migratory students who are interested in this council, please contact the office of State and Federal Programs at 562-866-9011 x2010.

Minimum & Pupil-free Staff Development Days – EC 48980(c) Notification shall be sent to parents and guardians, no later than one month prior to the district scheduled minimum days and pupil-free staff development days.

Nondiscrimination Statement – EC 221.8 BUSD is committed to providing a safe school environment where all individuals in education are afforded equal access and opportunities. The District's academic and other educational support programs, services and activities shall be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any individual based on the person's actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Specifically, state law prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in enrollment, counseling, and the availability of physical education, athletic activities, and sports. Transgender students shall be permitted to participate in gender-segregated school programs and activities (e.g., athletic teams, sports competitions, and field trips) and to use facilities consistent with their gender identity. The District assures that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission or participation in District programs. Complaints of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying are investigated through the Uniform Complaint Process. Such complaints must be filed no later than six months after knowledge of the alleged discrimination was first obtained. For a complaint form or additional information, contact Human Resources at (562) 866-9011.

Notice of Alternative Schools – EC 58501 California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Education Code 58500 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/her desire to learn.
(c) Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his/her own time to follow his/her own interests. These interests may be conceived by him/her totally and independently or may result in whole or in part from a presentation by his/her 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 area 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.

Open Meetings: Public Comments: Translation – GC 54954.3 As a parent, you have a right to participate in open meetings with the school district. If you require a translator, one will be provided to you with the time allotment doubled to allow for both English and primary language translation.

Oral Health Assessment – EC 49452.8 (K-8) Record of a dental assessment done by a dental professional is required for all kindergarteners and first graders attending public school for the first time. Dental assessments must be completed in the 12 months prior to entry or by May 31st of the pupil's first school year.

Parent Engagement- School Accountability – EC 11500, 11501, 11502, 11503 To participate in the district offerings of parent education and to provide parental input to the local training programs for parents, please contact the State, Federal, and Student Programs Office at (562) 866-9011 x2010 for more information on how you may contribute.

Parent Participation in School Meetings and Conferences - LC 230.8 If the parent's employer has 25 or more employees, the parent must be allowed to attend school meetings and events for your children, up to a maximum of 40 hours each year without discrimination or fear of job loss. Purposes to attend child-related activities include: enrollment in grades 1-12, to address child care or school emergencies, behavior or discipline problems that require immediate parent attention, sudden school closure, or natural disaster. ("Parent" means a parent, guardian, stepparent, foster parent, or grandparent of, or a person who stands in.) If an employer discharges, threatens to discharge, demotes, suspends or otherwise discriminates against the parent, the employee may be entitled to reinstatement and reimbursement for lost income or benefits. See Labor Code 230.8 for more details.

Pesticide Products – EC 17612 and 48980.3 To obtain a copy of all pesticide products and expected use at the school facility during the year, and to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school at least 72 hours before the application, please contact Maintenance and Operations at 562-804-6500. The notice will identify the active ingredient(s) in each pesticide product, the intended date of application, an Internet address on pesticide use and reduction, and the Internet address where the school site integrated pest management plan may be found if the school site has posted the plan.

Physical Examination – EC 49451; 20 USC 1232h A parent or guardian may file annually with the school principal a written statement, signed by the parent or legal guardian, withholding consent to a physical examination of the pupil. However, whenever there is good reason to believe that the pupil is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the pupil shall be sent home and shall not be permitted to return until school authorities are satisfied that the contagious or infectious disease no longer exists.

Pregnant and Parenting Pupils – EC 221.51, 222.5, 46015, 48205, and 48980 (9-12) The governing board of BUSD will treat both the pregnant teen mother and the teen father with the same accommodations, regardless of sex. The teen parents may not be excluded from any class or extracurricular activities, solely on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or postpartum recovery. Physical and emotional ability to continue may only be determined by physician or nurse practitioner. Pregnant or parenting pupils may not be required to participate in pregnant minor programs or alternative programs, with the exception of personal choice.

Parental rights will be an option available in annual notifications or at semester term periods, welcome packets, orientation, online or in print, or in independent study packets as provided to all regular students from school districts or charter schools.

Parental leave for eight weeks for preparation of birth of infant, postpartum for mental and physical health needs of the teen parents and to bond with infants, or any additional medically approved time to protect the infant or parents is allowed. Any additional time due if deemed medically necessary, as prescribed by physician or nurse practitioner. The pregnant and parenting teens are not required to take all or part of the leave to which they are entitled. Leave will be approved by the district supervisor of attendance, as excused absence, with a unique code similar to independent study. However, no work is required during the leave. Upon return, the parenting teens are entitled to return to the school courses that they were enrolled in before taking leave. Make up plans and re-enrollment will be collaborated with the school counselor or administrator to achieve an opportunity to fully participate in all activities, as before leave. If needed, a parenting teen may enroll for a fifth year of instruction if on course for graduation requirements. If parenting teens were enrolled in an alternative school setting, a return to that environment is to be available as needed to achieve graduation. A pupil shall not incur any academic penalties due to using these available accommodations.

An illness for a sick child does not require a doctor note for the custodial parenting teens; the mother or father will be excused by the attendance supervisor.

Property Damage – EC 48904 Parents or guardians may be held financially liable if their child willfully damages school property or fails to return school property loaned to the child. The school may further withhold the grades, diploma, and transcript of the pupil until restitution is paid.

Pupil Health: Emergency Medical Care: Epinephrine Delivery Systems - EC 48985.5 EC 49414 requires school districts to provide emergency epinephrine delivery systems to school nurses and trained personnel and authorizes them to use epinephrine delivery systems for any student

who may be experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of known history. Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors must be stored in an accessible location along with a copy of written training material upon need for emergency use. Notice of location must be publicly posted.

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can occur after encountering an allergic trigger, such as food, medicine, an insect bite, latex, or exercise. Symptoms may include narrowing of the airways, rashes or hives, nausea, or vomiting. a weak pulse and dizziness. It is estimated that approximately 25% of the anaphylactic reactions occur during school hours in students who had not previously been diagnosed with a food or other allergy. Without immediate administration of epinephrine followed by calling emergency medical services, death can occur. Being able to recognize and treat it quickly can save lives.

Pupil Health: Opioid Overdose Prevention and Treatment: Melanie's Law - EC 32282, 47605, 47605.6, 49414.3, 49414.4 and 49428.16 School Districts may provide schools, grades 7-12, stock emergency naloxone or another opioid antagonist to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose.

Pupil Records Obtained from Social Media – EC 49073.6 Other than the school newspaper and yearbook, the school may gather information in the forms of video, photograph, blog, texts, and emails, to maintain school and student safety. All social media information gathered will be destroyed within one year after the student turns 18 years old or one year after the student is no longer enrolled, whichever comes first.

Pupil Records – EC 49063, 49069.7, 49070 and 20 USC 1232g A cumulative record, whether recorded by handwriting, print, tapes, film, microfilm or other means, must be maintained on the history of a pupil's development and educational progress. The LEA will protect the privacy of such records. Parents/guardians have the right to 1) inspect and review the student's educational record maintained by the school, 2) request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading, and 3) have some control over the disclosure of information from educational records. The LEA shall disclose educational records without parental consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests, federal, state, or local education authorities and upon request from officials of another school district in which a pupil seeks or intends to enroll. Parents' request to access their pupil's educational records must be submitted in a written form to the school site secretary, and the school will have five (5) business days from the day of receipt of the request to provide access to the records. Copies of pupil records are available to parents for a fee of .20 cents per page.

Any challenge to school records must be submitted in writing to the office of Educational Services. A parent challenging school records must show that the records are 1) inaccurate, 2) an unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference, 3) a conclusion or inference outside the observer's area of competence, 4) not based on the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted, 5) misleading, or 6) in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student. Parents have the right to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the District to comply with the provisions of the United States Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by writing to: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.

Pupil Safety: parental notification: synthetic drugs - EC 48980, 48985.5 BUSD is committed to the safety of all our students. Although the long-term effects of many synthetic drugs on physical and mental health are not yet known, immediate effects on a student's education, family, and life could be long-lasting. A synthetic drug is a drug with properties and effects similar to a known hallucinogen or narcotic but with a slightly altered chemical structure created to evade existing restrictions against illegal substances. These drugs may include synthetic cannabinoids, methamphetamines, bath salts, and fentanyl. Illicit fentanyl can be added to other drugs to make them cheaper, more powerful, and more addictive and has been found in heroin, methamphetamine, counterfeit pills, cocaine and other drugs. Fentanyl mixed with any drug increases the likelihood of a fatal overdose. Unless tested, it is difficult to tell if drugs have been laced with fentanyl because it cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. In addition, various social media platforms may be used to market and sell synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl. Additional information regarding fentanyl is available from the CDPH's Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch.

Pupil Swimming Safety - EC 35179.6 Our District is committed to safety for all our students at our planned events, including around swimming pools. There is already a requirement for pool sport coaches to be fully-trained in CPR in case of accidental drowning in the pool. If there is any event on-campus or hosted at a swimming pool facility, at least one adult with a valid certification of CPR training will be present throughout the duration of the event.

Ralph M. Brown Act: Required Notices and Agendas for Open Public Meetings: GC 54954.2, 54956, 54956.5, 54954.1, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54957.1, 54957.7, and 54954.2(b)
Regular Meetings: Agenda in 20 words or less, posted within 72 hours of meeting.

Special Meetings: Twenty-four-hour notice must be provided to members of legislative body and media outlets including brief general description of matters to be considered or discussed.

Emergency Meetings: One-hour notice in case of work stoppage or crippling activity, except in the case of a dire emergency.

Closed Session Agendas: All items to be considered in closed session must be described in the notice or agenda for the meeting. The body must orally announce the subject matter of the closed session. If final action is taken in a closed session, the body generally must report the action at the conclusion of the closed session.

Agenda Exception: Special procedures permit a body to proceed without an agenda in the case of emergency circumstances, or where a need for immediate action came to the attention of the body after posting of the agenda.

Retroactive Grant of High School Diplomas: Departed/Deported Pupils - EC 51430 (9-12) The governing board of BUSD may award a diploma to any student who may have been deported outside the US, if in good standing after completing the second year of high school. Any transfer credits from outside the US will be considered as completion through online or foreign classes.

Rights of Parents and Guardians to Information – EC 51101 The parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity, as mutually supportive and respectful partners in the education of their children within the public schools, to be informed by the school, and to participate in the education of their children, as follows:

(1) Within a reasonable period of time after making the request, to observe their child's classroom(s).
(2) Within a reasonable time of their request, to meet with their child's teacher(s) and the principal.
(3) To volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs under the supervision of district employees, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher.
(4) To be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission.
(5) To receive the results of their child's performance on standardized statewide tests, and information on the performance of their child's school on standardized statewide tests.
(6) To request a particular school for their child, and to receive a response from the school district.
(7) To have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning.
(8) To examine the curriculum materials of their child's class(es).
(9) To be informed of their child's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child.
(10) To have access to the school records of their child.
(11) To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their child is expected to accomplish.
(12) To be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures, attendance policies, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school.
(13) To receive information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test.
(14) To participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school site council, or site-based management leadership team.
(15) To question anything in their child's record that the parent feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school.
(16) To be notified, as early in the school year as practicable, if their child is identified as being at risk of retention and of their right to consult with school personnel responsible for a decision to promote or retain their child and to appeal a decision to retain or promote their child.

Right to Request Teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications- ESSA 1112(e)(1)(A), EC 45330, 48980 Upon request, BUSD will provide details regarding teacher licensing, state qualification criteria, and grade/subject certifications, teacher emergency or provisional status, teacher's degree major, graduate certifications, and field of discipline and paraprofessional qualifications. To request this information, contact the school site principal.

Safe Place to Learn Act – EC 234 and 234.1 BUSD is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from bullying discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code and EC 220, and disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. This policy applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance occurring within any school under our jurisdiction. Any student who engages in acts of discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, or bullying related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school of the school district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Under the Athletes' Bill of Rights, all students have the right to protection from discrimination based on sex in all athletic programs, access to participate in all academic and extracurricular activities, including the right to apply for athletic scholarships and the right to ask the Athletic Director about athletic opportunities offered by the school.

The BUSD provides specific guidance and a list of statewide resources aimed at preventing teen dating violence. This guidance is designed to improve pupil safety and strengthen connections between students and supportive adults.

BUSD has adopted a Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP) to address complaints of discrimination or bullying. School personnel who witness an act of discrimination or bullying must take immediate steps to intervene when it is safe to do so. Incidents of racial discrimination or harassment at athletic events must be reported using the standardized form available at https://www.busd.k12.ca.us/resources/resources/uniform-complaint-procedure-williams-title-ix.

To report an incident and/or to receive a copy of the district's antidiscrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policies, please contact the office of School Support Services at (562) 866-9011 ext. 2017.

School Facilities: All-Gender Restrooms - EC 35292.5 and 17585 Effective July 1, 2026, our campus maintains at least one all-gender restroom that is unlocked and available to all students during school hours.

School Facilities: drinking water; water bottle filling stations -EC 38040 Water plays an important role in maintaining a student's overall health. Students, teachers and staff are allowed to bring and carry water bottles to school and utilize water bottle filling stations that may be found around the campus. Water bottles are not permitted in the library, computer lab, and science lab.

School or Athletic Team Names: California Racial Mascots Act - EC 221.3 and 33315 Prohibits public schools that are not operated by an Indian tribe or tribal organization from using any derogatory Native American terms as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname.

School Safety Plan: Dangerous, Violent, or Unlawful Activities – EC 32280, 32282, 47605, and 47605.6 Comprehensive School Safety Plans: Individualized Safety Plans - EC 32282 Comprehensive School Safety Plans: Active Shooters: Armed Assailants: Drills. – EC 32281 The BUSD is committed to providing a safe, secure, and peaceful learning environment for all students and staff. The Bellflower Unified School District school sites are required to have a Comprehensive School Safety Plans, which includes a plan for disaster preparedness, emergency procedures and assessment and response to reports of dangerous, violent, or unlawful activities conducted or threatened to be conducted at school, a school activity or on a school bus. Fire and emergency and active shooter drills are held periodically at each school. The plan is required to include how parents and guardians of pupils, teachers, administrators, and school personnel will be notified when the presence of immigration enforcement has been confirmed on the school site.

In accordance with California Education Code Section 32281, each school site in the district has developed and maintains a Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) designed to address campus risks and prepare for emergencies.

- Fire/Evacuation Drills: conducted monthly
- Lockdown/Active Shooter Drill: conducted quarterly
- Earthquake Drills: conducted twice a year

We teach our students and staff about emergency procedures in a developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed way. We emphasize that drills are to prepare us, not to scare us. Teachers will explain to students what to do for each type of drill in a calm manner.

We will notify families via parent square weekly before a scheduled drill. Please ensure your contact information is updated in our system.

In addition, parents and guardians of pupils, teachers, administrators, and school personnel will be notified when the presence of immigration enforcement has been confirmed on the school site.

If a real emergency occurs, the school will notify parents using Parent Square. Please ensure your contact information is accurate.

Our full CSSP, which includes procedures for disasters, child abuse reporting, and school discipline, is reviewed and updated annually by March 1st. The school site comprehensive school safety plan is available for review at each school's office. If you have any questions regarding safety procedures, please contact the school site principal.

School Safety: Bullying – EC 234.4 and 32283.5 BUSD is committed to the prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying on social media. Annual training will be provided to all staff who work with students, to prevent bullying and cyberbullying. You may find a list of education web pages describing the staff training at: ***https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/bullyres.asp***.

If you or your child should experience any bullying on campus, at school events, or on the way to or from school, please contact your school office for additional information. For a copy of the district's bullying policy, please contact School Support Services at (562) 866-9011 ext. 2017.

School Visiting Procedures – EC 51101(a)(12) Visitors to our schools must sign in at the school office upon entering the campus for the safety of our staff and students. You will find a sign posting where to sign in at each entrance to our school sites.

School Bus Safety – EC 39831.5 (K-8) All pupils in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, shall receive written information on school bus safety (i.e., a list of school bus stops near each pupil's home, general rules of conduct at school bus loading zones, red light crossing instructions, school bus danger zone, and walking to and from school bus stops). Prior to departure on a school activity trip, all pupils riding on a school bus or school activity bus shall receive safety instruction that includes, but is not limited to, location of emergency exits, and location and use of emergency equipment. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Prevention – EC 51950 and 51900.6 Our schools provide age-appropriate instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12, in sexual abuse, sexual assault awareness, sex trafficking, strategies to reduce their risk, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely report an incident through prevention education. Parents or guardians may submit a written request to excuse their child from participation in any class and assessments related to that education.

Sexual Harassment – EC 231.5 and 48980(f) BUSD is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from harassment Any student who engages in sexual harassment of anyone in or from the district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Any employee who permits, engages in, or fails to report sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. For a copy of the district's sexual harassment policy or to report incidences of sexual harassment, please contact School Support Services at (562) 866-9011 ext. 2017.

Special Education – Use of Assistive Technology – EC 56040.3 Upon exiting the school district, students may continue to use the assistive technology devices provided by the school as determined by the IEP team offer for a maximum of two months until a replacement or comparable device is obtained.

Student Discipline: Expulsions: Procedures – EC 48916, 48916.1, & 48926 Expulsion is the most serious level of school discipline and may occur when a student commits certain violations of state law or district policy. According to AB 1230, LEAs are to adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures for the filing and processing of requests for readmission, the required review of expelled students for readmission, and the transition process for readmitted students.

If a student is recommended for expulsion:

- The student and parent/guardian will receive written notice of an expulsion hearing.
- The notice will include the date, time, and location of the hearing, as well as the reason the expulsion is being recommended.
- At the hearing, the student has the right to:
    - Be represented by a parent/guardian, advocate, or attorney
    - Review the evidence presented by the district
    - Present witnesses or evidence on the student's behalf

After the hearing, the governing board or administrative panel will determine whether the student will be expelled.

Educational Placement After Expulsion If a student is expelled, they still have the right to continue their education. The district must ensure that an educational placement is provided to expelled students no later than three (3) school days after the issuance of the expulsion order. Possible educational placements may include: a district alternative education program, a community day school, a county office of education program, or another program designed to serve students who have been expelled. These programs provide academic instruction and support while students are serving the expulsion term.

Length of the Expulsion Term and Possible Extension In many cases, an expulsion term may last up to one year. If, upon assessment, the student has not met the conditions of the rehabilitation plan, the governing board may grant one extension of the expulsion period (i.e., one semester). The district will continue to support and review the students' progress during the extension period to determine the student's readiness for readmission.

Individual Rehabilitation Plan Students who are expelled will receive an individualized rehabilitation plan outlining the steps the student must take to be considered for readmission to school. The expelling district must ensure that the rehabilitation plan includes a periodic review and an assessment for readmission (45 days before the end of the expulsion term), is tailored to the individual student's needs, and specifically addresses the behavior that led to the expulsion.

The plan may be developed in consultation with school personnel who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student's unique needs. The governing board will assist the student and parent/guardian in locating accessible opportunities and services necessary for the successful completion of the rehabilitation plan. The governing board cannot require students or parents/guardians to pay for any costs or services deemed necessary to complete the rehabilitation plan.

The conditions of the rehabilitation plan may include:

- Regular attendance in the assigned educational program
- Participation in academic tutoring
- Demonstrating academic progress
- Participation in counseling or behavioral support services
- Completion of community service, job training, or other rehabilitative programs
- Participation in programs related to the behavior that led to the expulsion
- Other appropriate requirements determined by the district

The rehabilitation plan will be provided in writing to the student and the parent/guardian, along with the district's governing board-approved expulsion order.

Readmission Review Procedures An assessment of the student's progress toward completion of the rehabilitation plan will be conducted 45 days before the end of the expulsion term to determine whether the student will be readmitted to the district. A student cannot be denied readmission because of financial or transportation barriers or a lack of viable opportunities to complete the plan. Upon a student's readmission, the governing board shall ensure that there is a procedure for the successful transition of readmitted students.

The governing board must readmit the student unless it finds that:
(1) the student has not substantially met the plan *despite* having access to necessary resources and opportunities, or
(2) the student continues to exhibit the behaviors that led to expulsion or commits new expellable acts.

If the student is denied readmission, the governing board is to provide the expelled student and the parent/guardian with written notice describing the reasons for denying the student readmittance into the regular school district program. This notice also includes the educational program in which the student is to be enrolled until the next readmission review and assessment (i.e., 45 days before the end of the expulsion term).

Student Suspension and Expulsion – EC 35291, 48900, 48900.5, 48925, 48911, 49069.7 and Mandatory Expulsion Violations – EC 48915 Suspension is the removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. For all students, a single suspension may not be issued for more than five (5) consecutive school days. Expulsion is the removal of a student from: (1) the immediate supervision and control, or (2) the general supervision of school personnel. In general, other means of correction must be used prior to suspension except in specific circumstances.

Suspension, including supervised suspension (such as in-school suspension and class suspension) shall be imposed only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct and/or safety is at risk. Other means of correction used should be documented and kept in the student's discipline file, available to access.

A teacher may suspend a student from class for any of the acts enumerated in EC Section 48900, except for misconduct of willful defiance as described in EC Section 48900 (k)(1). More information regarding class suspension by teachers is available at each school site.

A pupil shall not be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion, unless the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed an act as defined (a) to (r), inclusive:

(a) (1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
(2) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.

(b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of an object of this type, the pupil had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the principal or the designee of the principal.

(c) Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.

(d) Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to a person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance, or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant.

(e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.

(f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.

(g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.

(h) Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. However, this section does not prohibit the use or possession by a pupil of the pupil's own prescription products.

(i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.

(j) Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia, as defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

(k) (1) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.
(2) Except as provided in Section 48910, a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 5, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts specified in paragraph (1), and those acts shall not constitute grounds for a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to be recommended for expulsion.
(3) Except as provided in Section 48910, a pupil enrolled in any of grades 6 to 8, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts specified in paragraph (1). This paragraph is inoperative on July 1, 2029.
(4) Except as provided in Section 48910, commencing July 1, 2024, a pupil enrolled in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts specified in paragraph (1). This paragraph is inoperative on July 1, 2029.
(5) (A) A certificated or classified employee may refer a pupil to school administrators for appropriate and timely in-school interventions or supports from the list of other means of correction specified in subdivision (b) of Section 48900.5 for any of the acts enumerated in paragraph (1).
(B) A school administrator shall, within five business days, document the actions taken pursuant to subparagraph (A) and place that documentation in the pupil's record to be available for access, to the extent permissible under state and federal law, pursuant to Section 49069.7. The school administrator shall, by the end of the fifth business day, also inform the referring certificated or classified employee, verbally or in writing, what actions were taken and, if none, the rationale used for not providing any appropriate or timely in-school interventions or supports.

(l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.

(m) Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, "imitation firearm" means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.

(n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 287, 288, or 289 of, or former Section 288a of, the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.

(o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for purposes of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both.

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

(q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" means a method of initiation or preinitiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, that is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.

(r) Engaged in an act of bullying. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils as defined in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

(A) Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil's or those pupils' person or property.

(B) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on the pupil's physical or mental health.

(C) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with the pupil's academic performance.

(D) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with the pupil's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

(2) (A) "Electronic act" means the creation or transmission originated on or off the schoolsite, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(i) A message, text, sound, video, or image.

(ii) A post on a social network internet website, including, but not limited to:

(I) Posting to or creating a burn page. "Burn page" means an internet website created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1).

(II) Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.

(III) Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.

(iii) (I) An act of cyber sexual bullying.

(II) For purposes of this clause, "cyber sexual bullying" means the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of paragraph (1). A photograph or other visual recording, as described in this subclause, shall include the depiction of a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of a minor where the minor is identifiable from the photograph, visual recording, or other electronic act.

(III) For purposes of this clause, "cyber sexual bullying" does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.

(B) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subparagraph (A), an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the internet or is currently posted on the internet.

(3) "Reasonable pupil" means a pupil, including, but not limited to, a pupil with exceptional needs, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of that age, or for a person of that age with the pupil's exceptional needs.

(s) A pupil shall not be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in this section unless the act is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district or principal or occurring within any other school district. A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated in this section and related to a school activity or school attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(1) While on school grounds.

(2) While going to or coming from school.

(3) During the lunch period whether on or off the campus.

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

(t) A pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension, but not expulsion, pursuant to this section, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (a).

(u) As used in this section, "school property" includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.

(v) For a pupil subject to discipline under this section, a superintendent of the school district or principal is encouraged to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion, using a research-based framework with strategies that improve behavioral and academic outcomes, that are age appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil's specific misbehavior as specified in Section 48900.5.

(w) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that alternatives to suspension or expulsion be imposed against a pupil who is truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from school activities.
(2) It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Multi-Tiered System of Supports, which includes restorative justice practices, trauma-informed practices, social and emotional learning, and schoolwide positive behavior interventions and support, may be used to help pupils gain critical social and emotional skills, receive support to help transform trauma-related responses, understand the impact of their actions, and develop meaningful methods for repairing harm to the school community.

Prior to a suspension from school, the principal/designee will have an informal conference with the student where the student will be informed of the reason for disciplinary action, including other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension, and the evidence as well as the opportunity to present their version and evidence. If the school determines there is an emergency situation defined as a situation that constitutes a clear and present danger to the life, safety, or health of students or school personnel, the informal conference is not required.

Expulsion Recommendations
The principal or the superintendent of schools shall recommend the expulsion of a student for any of the following acts committed at a school or at a school activity off school grounds, unless the principal or the superintendent of schools determines that expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct:

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense;
2. Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student;
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, except for either of the following:
   - The first offense for the possession of not more than one (1) avoirdupois ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis;
   - The possession of over-the-counter medication for use by the student for medical purposes or medication prescribed for the student by a physician.
4. Robbery or extortion;
5. Assault or battery upon any school employee.

Mandatory Expulsion Violations
The principal or superintendent of schools shall immediately suspend and shall recommend expulsion of a student that they determine has committed any of the following acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds:

1. Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm;
2. Brandishing a knife at another person;
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance;
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery;
5. Possession of an explosive.

The principal or superintendent of schools may recommend expulsion for the remaining grounds.

For more information regarding student discipline, please contact School Support Services at (562) 866-9011 x2017.

Sexual Harassment – EC 48900.2 In addition to the reasons specified in Section 48900, a pupil may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed sexual harassment as defined in Section 212.5.

For the purposes of this chapter, the conduct described in Section 212.5 must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. This section shall not apply to pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive.

Hate Violence – EC 48900.3 In addition to the reasons set forth in Sections 48900 and 48900.2, a pupil in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of, hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233.

Harassment, Threats or Intimidation – EC 48900.4 In addition to the grounds specified in Sections 48900 and 48900.2, a pupil enrolled in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of either school personnel or pupils by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment.

Limitations on Imposing Suspension – EC 48900.5 Suspension, including supervised suspension as described in Section 48911.1, shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct. A school district may document the other means of correction used and

place that documentation in the pupil's record, which may be accessed pursuant to Section 49069. However, a pupil, including an individual with exceptional needs, as defined in Section 56026, may be suspended, subject to Section 1415 of Title 20 of the United States Code, for any of the reasons enumerated in Section 48900 upon a first offense, if the principal or superintendent of schools determines that the pupil violated subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of Section 48900 or that the pupil's presence causes a danger to persons.

Terroristic Threats – EC 48900.7 (a) In addition to the reasons specified in Sections 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, and 48900.4, a pupil may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has made terroristic threats against school officials or school property, or both. (b) For the purposes of this section, "terroristic threat" shall include any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000), with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family's safety, or for the protection of school district property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest – EC 33479 et seq. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is when the heart stops beating, suddenly and unexpectedly. When this happens, blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is not a heart attack; it is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the victim to collapse. The malfunction is caused by an undiagnosed structural or genetic heart defect, or a blunt blow to the chest. SCA is more likely to occur during exercise or sports activity, so athletes are at greater risk. These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Often, people confuse these warning signs with physical exhaustion. If not properly treated within minutes, SCA is fatal in 92 percent of cases. In a school district, charter school, or private school that elects to conduct athletic activities, the athletic director, coach, athletic trainer, or authorized person must remove from participation a pupil who passes out or faints, or who is known to have passed out or fainted, while participating in or immediately following an athletic activity. A pupil who exhibits any of the other symptoms of SCA during an athletic activity may be removed from participation if the athletic trainer or authorized person reasonably believes that the symptoms are cardiac related. A pupil who is removed from play may not return to that activity until he or she is evaluated by, and receives written clearance from, a physician or surgeon. On a yearly basis, an acknowledgement of receipt and review of information regarding SCA must be signed and returned by the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian before a pupil participates in specific types of athletic activities which generally does not apply to those conducted during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course.

Suicide Prevention Policies: EC 215 Suicide is a serious public health problem that takes an enormous toll on families, friends, classmates, co-workers, and communities. A young person (ages 10–24) in California dies by suicide approximately every 16 to 24 hours on average. Recognizing that early prevention and intervention can drastically reduce the risk of suicide and is a collective effort of all adults that support and work with students, including parents/legal guardians, caregivers, families, local community organizations, mental health practitioners, and related professionals. The BUSD has developed and implemented preventive strategies and intervention procedures that can be reviewed on our web-site https://www.busd.k12.ca.us/resources/resources/community-mental-health-and-crisis-resources

Surveys – EC 51513 and 51514 and 20 U.S.C. 1232h(b), (c)(1)(A) and (c)(2) Anonymous, voluntary and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student's health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the student's attitudes and practices relating to sex, family life, morality, and religion may be administered to students if the parent is notified in writing that 1) this test, questionnaire, or survey is to be administered, 2) the student's parent is given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire, or survey, and 3) the parent consents in writing**.** Questions pertaining to the sexual orientation and gender identity of a student shall not be removed from a survey that already includes them.

Title IX – EC 221.61 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is one of several federal and state anti-discrimination laws that ensure equality in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding. Specifically, Title IX protects male and female pupils and employees, as well as transgender pupils and pupils who do not conform to sex stereotypes, against discrimination based on sex, including sexual harassment. California law also prohibits discrimination based on gender, gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Under Title IX, pupils may not be discriminated against based on their parental, family, or marital status, and pregnant and parenting pupils may not be excluded from participating in any educational program, including extracurricular activities, for which they qualify. For more information about Title IX, or how to file a complaint of noncompliance with Title IX, contact Human Resources at (562) 866-9011.

Tobacco-free Campus – BPC 22950.5; HSC 104420, 104495, 104559, PC 308 The use of tobacco and nicotine products is prohibited on school or district grounds, buildings, and vehicles, and within 250 feet of a youth sports event. Tobacco products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, or an electronic device (e.g., electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah) that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids.

Tuberculosis Screening – HSC 121475-121520 To ensure a healthy school environment, California law requires all students entering school for the first time—or transferring from outside the county—to undergo a tuberculosis risk assessment. Take the Pediatric TB Risk Assessment Form, included in the registration packet, to the student's healthcare provider. The provider must complete the form up to one year prior to registration or up to 90 days after the student starts school. If the student's provider is unable to complete the risk assessment within the time frame, please reach out to the student's school site for additional assistance in the completion of the pediatric risk assessment. Actual TB testing (skin or blood test) is only required if the provider identifies specific risk factors during this screening. Return the completed form to the student's school site. If you do not have insurance, you may complete the risk assessment at one of the Department of Public Health walk-in sites or visit a low- or no-cost community clinic.

Uniform Complaint Policy and Procedure – 5 CCR 4600 et seq. BUSD has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The LEA shall investigate via the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) alleging failure to comply with those laws and regulations including, but not limited to allegations of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group or noncompliance with laws relating to all programs and activities implemented by the LEA that are subject to UCP as cited below. The LEA shall seek to resolve at the local level those complaints in accordance with the UCP set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 4600-4695, and the policies and procedures of the LEA. UCP Programs

Unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints shall be filed no later than six months from the date the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying. The district prohibits retaliation against any person who files a complaint or participates in an investigation.

Complaints must be filed in writing with the office of School Support Services. The district will complete the investigation and issue a written Decision (Investigation Report) within 60 calendar days from receipt of the complaint. Please contact the office of School Support Services at (562) 866-9011 x2017 if you would like more information on how to file a complaint with the school or district. The parent may appeal to CDE within 30 calendar days if not in agreement with the final report. For more information on the CDE appeal process, you may visit: https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc/ucpmonitoring.asp

Victim of a Violent Crime – 20 USC 7912 A pupil who becomes a victim of a violent crime while in or on the school grounds must be offered the opportunity to transfer to a safe public school within the school district, including a public charter school, within ten calendar days. If there is not another school within the area served by the district, the district is encouraged, but not required, to explore other appropriate options such as an agreement with a neighboring school district to accept pupils through an interdistrict transfer. Primary examples of violent criminal offenses in the Penal Code include attempted murder, battery with serious bodily injury, assault with a deadly weapon, rape, sexual battery, robbery, extortion, and hate crimes. For more information, please contact the office of School Support Services.

Walking or Riding a Bicycle to School – VC 21212 No person under 18 years of age may operate a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, skateboard or wear in-line or roller skates, nor ride as a passenger on a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, or skateboard upon a street, bikeway, or any other public bicycle path or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets specified standards.

Williams Complaint Policy & Procedure – EC 35186 Every school must provide sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. Every student, including English learners, must have textbooks or instructional materials, or both, to use at home or after school. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair. There should be no teacher vacancies or mis-assignments. If a school is found to have deficiencies in these areas, and the school does not take corrective action, then a complaint form may be obtained from the State, Federal, and Student Programs Office at 562-866-9011 ext. 2010 or 16703 S Clark Avenue Bellflower, CA 90706. Parents, students, teachers or any member of the public may submit a complaint regarding these issues. However, it is highly encouraged that individuals express their concerns to the school principal before completing the complaint forms to allow the school to respond to these concerns.