SAN LUIS COASTAL
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027
Parent and Student High School Handbook

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District Mission Statement

San Luis Coastal Unified School District educates students through rigorous, relevant, and engaging experiences provided by caring, connected staff with support of the entire community.

School Instructional Calendar



San Luis Coastal Unified School District — K - 12

2026-27 Instructional Calendar

JULY 2026

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KEY

- Holiday
- Local Recess
- No Students TK - 12
- No Students TK-6 (elem.)
- MBHS/PBHS/LOMS no students
- SLHS no students
- LAMS no students
- First & Last Day of School

Holidays / Local Recesses

July 3, 2026	Independence Day obs.
September 7, 2026	Labor Day
November 11, 2026	Veteran's Day
November 23-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21, 2026 - Jan 4, 2027	Winter Break
January 1, 2027	New Year's Day
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 8, 2027	Lincoln Day
February 15, 2027	Washington Day
March 22-26, 2027	Spring Break
March 29, 2027	Spring Holiday
April 30, 2027	Spring Recess
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day
June 18, 2027	Juneteenth

Teacher Work Day / Professional Development

August 17-18, 2026	No Students TK-12, Professional Develop.
August 19, 2026	No Students TK-12, Teacher Work Day
August 20, 2026	First Day of School
October 14, 2026	Elementary Minimum Day
October 30, 2026	No Students TK-12, Elem. WD & Sec. PD
Nov. 16-20, 2026	Elementary Conferences - Minimum Days
January 5, 2027	LOMS/MBHS/PBHS no students, Tchr WD
January 15, 2027	LAMS no students, Teacher Work Day
March 8, 2027	Elementary no students, Teacher Work Day
March 8, 2027	SLHS no students, Teacher Work Day
March 16-19, 2027	Elementary Conferences - Minimum Days
April 14, 2027	Elementary Minimum Day, Prof. Develop.
June 10, 2027	Elementary Minimum Day
June 10, 2027	Middle School Minimum Day
June 10, 2027	Last Day of School
June 10, 2027	MBHS Graduation
June 10, 2027	PBHS Graduation
June 11, 2027	SLHS Graduation
June 11, 2027	No students TK-12, Teacher Work Day

calendar approved by School Board 11/18/2024

Code of Conduct for Parents & Guardians

Students should have fun participating in sports and co-curricular programs. San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD) believes these programs contribute to a sound educational program. Everyone involved in sports and co-curricular programs has a duty to ensure that their programs impart important life skills and promote the development of good character. Essential elements of character building are embodied in the concept of six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship (the "Six Pillars of Character"). The highest potential of sports and co-curricular programs is achieved when all involved consciously Teach, Enforce, Advocate, and Model (T.E.A.M.) these values and are committed to the ideal of pursuing success with honor.

Parents/guardians of students choosing to participate in sports and co-curricular programs can, and should, play an important role in their good-faith efforts to honor the words and spirit of this Code. This collaboration can dramatically improve the quality of a student's sport and/or co-curricular experience.

For more information regarding conduct please refer to Board Policy 1313 and Administrative Regulation 1313.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Locations

There is an AED in the main school office. Information regarding additional locations of AEDs will be communicated to parents/guardians and students separately, such as through a school safety plan.

Attendance

All children between the ages of 6 and 18 are required by California Education Code (§48200) to attend school regularly. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child attends school each day and arrives on time. Regular attendance is essential for student success.

If a student has excessive absences or tardies, families may receive notifications such as letters, phone calls, and/or requests for meetings to address attendance concerns and strategies for preventing attendance problems. These strategies may include, but are not limited to, efforts to provide a safe and positive school environment, relevant and engaging learning experiences, school activities that help develop students' feelings of connectedness with the school, and school-based health services. These early outreaches, including the use of bilingual staff and communication in the primary language used by parents/guardians, should occur as soon as students show signs of poor attendance or if a student was chronically absent in the prior school year.

A student's truancy, tardiness, or other absence from school shall not be the basis for their suspension or expulsion. Alternative strategies and positive reinforcement for attendance shall be used whenever possible.

Under California law, a student is considered truant after three unexcused absences or tardies of more than 30 minutes, or any combination thereof. Parents/guardians of students with excessive absences or tardies will receive district-generated letters notifying them of their child's truancy. A student is considered habitually truant after being reported truant three or more times per school year, provided the district has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the student and their parent/guardian after either of

the two previous reports. Parents/guardians will also be contacted when their child's absences, for any reason, total 10% or more of the school year, which is classified as chronically truant, provided the district has met legal requirements to work with students and their parent/guardian to address the truancy.

Detailed steps regarding the district and school's response to students identified as truant are contained in the district's Administrative Regulation 5113.1. The law also states that the identification of a student who is habitually truant may result in a referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB), a community-based panel that works with families to improve student attendance. A student who is chronically truant due to illness can be required to provide a physician's note to excuse further absences.

Students who chronically absent from school, declared a habitual truant, or are excessively tardy, and are not cooperating with the district's and school's strategies to make progress on their attendance, may have their privileges to participate in school-related extracurricular activities (e.g., club events, athletic practices and games, dances) occurring before or after school, including weekends, revoked.

Excused And Unexcused Absences

It is the parent /guardian's responsibility to see that their student arrives to school on time, attends classes daily, and to verify the reason for any absence. When an absence is planned, the parent/guardian shall notify the principal or designee prior to the date of the absence when possible. *Please note: It is expected that students will attend class on school days in order to participate in any extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including dances and athletic practices or competitions.*

A student's absence shall be excused for the following reasons (Education Code 48205):

1. Personal illness, including absence for the benefit of the student's mental or behavioral health
2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer
3. Medical, dental, optometrist, or chiropractic appointments
4. Attendance at funeral services for or grieving the death of a member of the immediate family, or of a person that is determined by the pupil's parent/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. Jury duty in the manner provided by law
6. The illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child to whom the student is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child, for which the school shall not require a doctor's note (cf. 5146 – Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
7. Upon advanced written request by the parent/guardian and the approval of the principal or designee, justifiable personal reasons including but not limited to:
    a. Appearance in court
    b. Attendance at a funeral service
    c. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of the student's religion
    d. Attendance at religious retreats not to exceed one schoolday per semester/trimester
    e. Attendance at an employment conference
    f. Attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization
8. Service as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code 12302
9. To spend time with the student's immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code 49701, and has been called to duty for, or

is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment. Such absence shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

10. Attendance at the student's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
11. Participation in a cultural ceremony or event.
12. For the purpose of a middle or high school pupil engaging in a civic or political event, provided the pupil notifies the school in advance. A pupil absent pursuant to this section is required to be excused for only one day-long absence per year. A school administrator may permit additional absences pursuant to section 48260(c) of the Education Code.
13. Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at the student's place of worship or other suitable place away from school (Education Code 46014)
    a. In such instances, the student shall attend school for at least the minimum school day.
    b. The student shall be excused for this purpose on no more than four days per school month.
14. For any of the following purposes, inclusive, if an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family member, has died, so long as the absence is not more than three (3) days per incident:
    a. To access services from a victim services organization or agency.
    b. To access grief support services.
    c. To participate in safety planning or to take other actions to increase the safety of the pupil or an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family member, including, but not limited to, temporary or permanent relocation.

    Any absence beyond three days for the reasons described above shall be subject to the discretion of a school administrator, or their designee, pursuant to section 48260.
15. Due to the pupil's participation in military entrance processing.
16. Work in the entertainment or allied industry. Such absence shall be excused provided that the student holds a work permit authorizing such work and is absent for a period of not more than five consecutive days and for a maximum of up to five absences per school year. (Education Code 48225.5)
17. Participation with a not-for-profit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school audience. A student may be excused for up to five such absences per school year provided that the student's parent/guardian provides a written explanation of such absence to the school. (Education Code 48225.5)
18. Other reasons authorized at the discretion of the principal or designee based on the student's specific circumstances. (Education Code 48205, 48260)

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. (Education Code 48205)

"Cultural" means relating to the practices, habits, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people. (Education Code 48205)

"Immediate family," as used in this section refers to the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the pupil. (Education Code 48205)

"Victim services organization or agency" means an agency or organization that has a documented record of providing services to victims. (Education Code 48205; Government Code 12945.8(j))

No student may have their grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences which are excused for the reasons specified above when missed assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. The student's teacher shall determine which assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests that the student missed during the absence.

A CUT is a willful absence from class/classes without the approval of the school. A few examples of a CUT are oversleeping, returning late from an authorized off-campus lunch period, or leaving school early without permission. Consequences for cuts may include, but are not limited to: conference with a school administrator; community service; lunch and/or after-school detention; lunch check-in; Saturday School; and referral to a counselor.

Aeries/ParentSquare And Reporting Of Tardies And Absences

The Aeries/ParentSquare programs are measures to enhance the safety of students. The systems work together to alert parents/guardians if a student is not in school at the time that school or a class starts. The parent/guardian is strongly encouraged to call or email the school's main office on the morning of the student's absence. If this verification does not occur, then the school's main office will require another form of verification as described in the district's Administrative Regulation 5113. Verification must be given by the day following the absence. (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 5, § 306.) Should staff have personal knowledge that an excuse may be false, then staff may ask for additional forms of verification.

If a student is erroneously marked absent, the student should inform the school office. The school office will communicate with the teacher, as necessary. Also, absences due to a school activity must be cleared by the teacher or coach supervising the activity. Cleared absences that cannot be excused are considered unexcused.

Independent Study Agreement For Extended Absences Out of Town)

Out-of-town absences are generally unexcused unless the absence is excused consistent with one of the reasons described above. Parents/guardians may instead request short-term independent study to prevent loss of learning. This period of time shall not exceed fifteen (15) days. **At least 5 school days prior to absence**, the parent/guardian should notify the school of an impending extended absence and consider signing a short-term Independent Study Agreement consistent with the law. (Education Code 51747) This Agreement will include, but is not limited to, the manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting the student's assignments, reporting the student's academic progress, and communicating with a student's parent/guardian regarding the student's academic progress.

Tardiness and Punctuality

Studies show that regular attendance is a key factor in student success in school. Tardiness is an interruption to the learning process of the tardy student and the other students in their classroom. Students who report late to school must report first to the school office before going to class. In the case of frequent tardiness, parents will be contacted to strategize with staff regarding how to solve these attendance concerns. These

strategies may include, but are not limited to, efforts to provide a safe and positive school environment, relevant and engaging learning experiences, school activities that help develop students' feelings of connectedness with the school, and school-based health services. These early outreaches, including the use of bilingual aides and communication in the primary language used by parents/guardians, should occur as soon as students show signs of poor tardiness or if a student was excessively tardy in the prior school year.

TARDY POLICY

Students are to be in the classroom when the bell rings or they will be considered tardy. The first minute in class is an essential time for students to focus on the learning objective, and students who are late to class are disruptive to the teaching and learning process. An automated communication goes out to parents/guardians daily regarding student attendance, including if students have unexcused tardies.

A student's tardiness from school shall not be the basis for their suspension or expulsion. Alternative strategies and positive reinforcement for attendance shall be used whenever possible. Actions taken for being tardy to class may include: Conference with school administrator; Community service; Lunch and/or after school detention; Lunch check in; Suspension; Referral to a counselor.

Release of Students for Appointments

Regular attendance is the best way to ensure your child's success in school. When possible, please schedule medical, dental, optometric, and chiropractic appointments outside of school hours.

On occasion, it may be necessary for a parent to pick up a child before the end of the school day for an appointment or emergency. The adult picking them up must first report to the office to sign the child out and must be listed on the student's emergency card. If someone other than the people listed are to pick up your child, please notify the school in advance. Anyone picking up a student may be asked to show identification. To maximize instructional time, the student will not be called to the office before the adult's arrival.

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency or, as authorized pursuant to Education Code 46010.1 for a confidential medical appointment.

Aeries Parent Data Confirmation

Aeries Parent Data Confirmation is an important annual update that a parent/guardian must complete for each student enrolled in SLCUSD. Updates include parent/guardian contact information and the name, address, and contact numbers of a person to contact if the parent/guardian can't be reached in an emergency. It also includes the phone numbers of child-care providers. So that you or someone you trust can be reached in an emergency, it is extremely important that you keep this information up-to-date by notifying the office of any changes. Please take the time to complete the Aeries Parent Data Confirmation (PDC) carefully and completely. All information is legally required. Incomplete forms may create problems with your child's registration. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to call the school office.

Behavioral Expectations, Support, & Discipline

In San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD), we empower and equip students with the emotional intelligence, knowledge and skills to successfully contribute to our community and be reflective problem solvers.

When students make an unsafe/unexpected choice, our staff response will be trauma informed and follow a path of progressive discipline, with an aim to hold students accountable and give opportunities to reflect, restore, and repair.

The behavior of students attending SLCUSD schools shall reflect the standards of good citizenship demanded of members in a democratic society. Students shall respect each other and school staff while also conforming to school rules and regulations and those provisions of the California Education Code which apply to the conduct of students. Parents/guardians are required to complete the "Notification of Official Information and Student Conduct Code" that is included in the Parent Data Confirmation process. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe on the rights of others or substantially disrupt or interfere with the school program. Students may be subject to discipline if misconduct is related to school activity or attendance and includes, but is not limited to, when the act occurs while on school grounds, going to or coming from school, at school activities, or using district transportation.

Minor discipline is normally handled within the school day through a warning or loss of privilege, and other research-based and age-appropriate alternatives to exclusionary discipline. Some behavior offenses may result in school detention or denying the privilege of participating in special activities such as field and study trips. It is the intent of the district that staff utilize a multi-tiered system of supports, which includes restorative justice practices, trauma-informed practices, social and emotional learning, and schoolwide positive behavior interventions and support, 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. In situations where other means of correction do not result in acceptable behavior, or in cases of severe infractions, the student may be suspended or recommended for expulsion consistent with Education Code section 48900 *et seq*.

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE

A referral is a communication between a teacher and a counselor/administrator as to a student's behavior in class. All referrals require some response to the behavior, ranging from counseling to suspension. Except in severe classroom situations, teachers will implement the following consequences:

1st Offense	Teacher conferences with student
2nd Offense	Teacher conferences with student and contacts parents/guardians to address concerns and improve behavior
3rd Offense	Teacher conferences with student, contacts parents/guardians, and refers student to Assistant Principal
Subsequent	Teacher refers student to Assistant Principal.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES - Any infraction/violation of school rules that is suspendable that occurs within 6 weeks (42 calendar days) of graduation may result in the loss of the privilege to participate in end-of-year

senior activities, including graduation. Prior to denial of the privilege(s), the student, and where practicable his/her parent/guardian, shall be made aware of the grounds for such denial and given an opportunity to respond to the proposed denial. If privilege(s) are to continue to be denied, the student and parent/guardian shall receive notice of the denied privilege(s) and the means whereby he/she may appeal this decision.

CAMPUS DISCIPLINE

We expect everyone to be safe, to be respectful, and to be responsible. It is expected that all students immediately respond to the directives/requests of any adult staff member.

BATHROOM EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to treat all our facilities with respect. Students are not allowed to congregate in the bathrooms other than for the purpose of using the restroom. It is the expectation that there is only one student per stall and one student in a gender neutral bathroom at a time. Having more than one student in a stall or in a gender neutral bathroom may create reasonable suspicion that students may be using substances and they may be searched.

Harassment/Bullying

The district recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning and school attendance and desires to provide a welcoming, safe and supportive school environment that protects students from physical, mental and emotional harm. Bullying is defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated over time or has the potential to be repeated. In addition to physical behaviors, bullying also includes gossiping, name-calling, and other forms of verbal and nonverbal behavior, as well as social/relational bullying, such as leaving a person out of an activity on purpose or embarrassing someone in public.

Cyberbullying includes the electronic creation or transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images, which may be shared, sent, or posted publicly. Cyberbullying may include, but is not limited to, personal or private information that causes humiliation, false or negative information to discredit or disparage, or threats of physical harm. Cyberbullying may also include breaking into another person's electronic account or assuming that person's online identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

We teach students to recognize and label bullying behaviors so that they are better equipped to deal with it if and when it happens. We also work to develop student social skills through cooperative learning projects, equitable classroom management, and peer support groups. Instruction in the classroom or other educational settings should promote social-emotional learning, effective communication and conflict resolution skills, character development, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, and digital and media literacy skills. Students should be taught how to advocate for themselves, how to help another student who is being bullied, and when to seek assistance from an adult.

Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention, and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900, may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.

For our staff to handle any such incidents appropriately and quickly, students should immediately report any incidents of bullying to a trusted adult on campus.
To report a bullying incident you can go to the "Bully Button" on our district website. It is located under District Departments > Safety > Bully Button.

Please see the SLCUSD Board Policies BP 5131.2 Bullying and BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination-Harassment for more information.

Possession of Dangerous Objects

The possession and/or use of a weapon by students on campus is detrimental to the welfare and safety of the students and school personnel within the district.

A student carrying, bringing, using, or possessing a weapon, dangerous instrument, or imitation firearm on district property, when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district, while going to or coming from school, or at a school-sponsored or district-sponsored activity or event is prohibited. Additionally, any use of these items off school property by a student to intimidate, harass, or threaten another student is also prohibited.

A weapon or "dangerous instrument" includes, but is not limited to, a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any pellet, BB gun or other device, whether operational or not, that expels a metallic projectile by air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure, or spring action or any spot marker gun; a fixed-blade knife, a spring-loaded knife, or a pocket knife; pepper spray or tear gas; bullets; cap guns; slingshots; metal knuckles; or any other object, device, instrument, material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate, used or intended to be used to inflict death or injury, or the threat of death or injury. An imitation firearm, defined as 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, is not permitted. Additional information regarding the District's response to this issue and further examples of weapons or dangerous instruments can be found in BP 5131.7 Weapons, Other Dangerous Instruments and AR 5131.7 Weapons, Other Dangerous Instruments.

Students desiring to attend school with a kirpan should consult with school officials to ensure that the wearing of a kirpan complies with applicable laws restricting knives on school grounds while also accommodating as best as possible the student's sincerely held religious belief.

Consequences

Discipline (i.e. teaching and responding to student behavior) occurs along a continuum in schools; beginning with universal school-wide preventative strategies to ensure daily civility to best practices for alternative means of correction to formal school/district consequences. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the root cause(s) of the student's behavior and implement age-appropriate disciplinary strategies. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health, well-being, and their opportunity to learn. Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the District's nondiscrimination policies.

When consequences for behavior are needed, we strive to use them in a manner that will help students take responsibility for their behavior and learn a better response for dealing with a similar problem in the future. As a school, we focus on restorative practices that teach students to effectively express their own emotions and how to respectfully listen to the feelings of their peers. This includes guided conversations between students led by staff to process what happened, restore the relationship with their peers, and create a plan for future positive interactions. Additionally, any of the following consequences may be used to help a child learn from their negative behavior and reinforce the learning to improve the behavior in the future. Consequences depend upon previous corrections and the severity of the situation. The following consequences for infractions may be used:

Conference: students coached through the restorative process and reminded of the rule to influence future behaviors. Parents may be notified via Parent Square, phone call, or in-person meeting depending on the severity or repetitiveness of the infraction.
Reflection: student engages in written or verbal explanations of the incident and brainstorms desired future behaviors to avoid a repeat of the incident in a similar situation
School Service: students can participate in school service activities related to inappropriate behavior as a way to reinforce the desired positive behaviors.
Alternate Environment/Setting: temporary removal of the student from the classroom to de-escalate and refocus, to participate in the restorative process with the principal or counselor before re- entry back into the classroom
Activity Restriction: the temporary loss of the student's preferred activity which could include the loss of playtime or the exclusion from specific playground activities/areas
Suspension or Expulsion: may be used for offenses outlined in section 48900 of the California Education Code

These consequences alone are supportive for most children. When necessary, we may convene a Student Success Team meeting, have the child work with the school counselor, or implement an individual behavior contract. In the event those do not bring about desired behaviors, we may organize interventions that are provided by coordinated interagency services (e.g. County Mental Health, Coast Family Resource Center, or the School Attendance Review Board).

Except when a student's act violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e), or when their presence causes a danger to others, a suspension shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6) "Suspension" means removal of a pupil from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. Suspensions may be made by a teacher, the Superintendent, principal or principal's designee. Absent an emergency situation involving a clear and present danger, a suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Superintendent, principal, or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action, including the other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension, if any, as required pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, and the evidence against him/her, and shall be given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense

"Expulsion" means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control or the general supervision of school personnel at any regular school or program in the district for a specific period of time. While a student is out on suspension, the District will notify parents/guardians if their student is being recommended for expulsion. Parents/ guardians will then be notified of a meeting to consider whether the

student's suspension will be extended pending an expulsion hearing. If the recommendation for expulsion is upheld, and an expulsion hearing is pursued, the parent/guardian and student shall be notified at least ten (10) days in advance of an expulsion hearing from the District office. An expulsion hearing is conducted to determine whether expulsion is warranted.

Police involvement will be limited to that which is required by law, or as may be necessary to respond to a health or safety emergency. Immediate notification to law enforcement is legally required if a student violates Penal Code section 245, including assault with a deadly weapon and using force to produce great bodily injury. Notifications to law enforcement must occur within one day of a violation of Education Code section 48900(c) and (d) related to drugs and alcohol, or for violations of Penal Code section 626.9 for possession of a firearm within a school zone and 626.10 for possession of a dangerous weapon. (See Education Code 48902)

Additional information regarding the District's response to this issue and further descriptions of suspendable or expellable offenses as well as due process rights for student suspensions and expulsions can be found in BP / AR 5144 – Discipline and Personal Responsibility, BP /AR 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion Due Process, and AR 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion for Students with Disabilities.

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Our school has taken steps to prepare our staff and students for a variety of potential disasters. We hope you recognize that students at school are in one of the best possible locations to endure a disastrous event.

A draft of the General Emergency Preparedness Plan is available at all school offices. You are welcome to review this document and to make comments. A county-wide drill, a district drill, and a minimum of two surprise school drills are held each year. Each school has devised its own plan of alert, and practice drills are held.

During an emergency, students will only be released to adults listed on the contact page in Aeries, so please keep information up-to-date. Your cooperation is asked in an emergency. Please do not telephone the school. Telephone lines will be needed for emergency communications. Please do not drive to school. Streets should be as open as possible for emergency vehicles. We assure you that our school district will continue to work closely with our law enforcement and community partners in the prevention of and response to an emergency.

Reports of Concern to the District

San Luis Coastal Unified School District is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all of its students and staff. Any matter of concern subject to the district's jurisdiction may be reported directly to the district through the "Report a Concern" button on the district's website. Reports of concern may include, but are not limited to, an incident at a school site; feedback about a specific school's program and/or leadership; concern about a district policy, regulation, or procedure; or to report suspicious online activity. For more information on how to file a Uniform Complaint, Williams Complaint, or Title IX Complaint, please contact Greg Puccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Reports may be made to the School as follows:

- Teacher

- Principal

Reports may be made to the District as follows:

- In-person to a site or District Office administrator.
- Via email to a site or District Office administrator.
- By telephone to a site or District Office administrator.
- Anonymously via the District "Report a Concern" button on the District website at www.SLCUSD.org.

Reports to the District should include:

- All information known to the party, including the names of witnesses, names of potential witnesses, third parties, and persons affected by the misconduct or abuse; and
- Identifying information of any person potentially affected by the misconduct or abuse.

Additional Information

Academic Honesty

Honesty is:

- Telling the truth.
- Doing your own work for grade or credit. Answers or opinions should be your own work and not a word-for-word copy of your partner or group. If a teacher gives permission to study together, it is still your work that goes on the paper to be turned in.
- Giving credit when you use the information or ideas of another person. When credit is not given, it is referred to as plagiarism. An example of plagiarism would be copying or paraphrasing material from a book or a web site without giving credit to that source.
- Signing only your name to notes, assignments or other documents: For example, signing your parent's/guardian's signature to a note is dishonest and is called forgery.

Academic Dishonesty and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use

Using artificial intelligence (AI) tools to complete classwork, assignments, or assessments in any way not explicitly authorized by the teacher is considered plagiarism and/or academic dishonesty. Students found to have used AI without permission will receive no credit for the task, assignment, or test and will not be allowed to make it up.

Violation of Honesty Policy:

Academic honesty is a necessary component of a quality education. The faculty of San Luis Obispo High School views cheating and plagiarism not only as counter-productive to a student's educational development but also as a breach of student-teacher trust. Teachers have the professional duty to report the incident to the administration, as well as to the student's parent/guardian(s). If suspected of academic dishonesty, the student shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate that their use of technology was in accordance with district policy. BP 5131.9 Academic Honesty

Animals On Campus

Due to possible injury to and aggravation of health conditions of students, animals shall not be brought to school without the permission of the principal or designee. Please help us ensure the safety of the students by keeping your pets at home. If you walk your pet to school with your child, please remain off school grounds with your pet.

Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied on school premises and on school transportation by service animals, including specially trained guide dogs, signal dogs, or service dogs. Students bringing service animals to school must have the written consent of the parent/ guardian and must first obtain the consent of the teacher and the appropriate school administrator, which consent shall be granted if the student requesting it has a disability, the animal in question qualifies as a "service animal," and other requirements provided in BP 6163.2 and AR 6163.2 – Animals at School are met.

Athletics and Activities

Scholastic Requirements for Participation in Extracurricular and Curricular Activities

1. Students are eligible to participate in extracurricular and curricular activities if they:

· Maintain at least a "C" average (2.0 or better), OR:

· They are on academic probation.

Eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities is based on unweighted grade points.

2. Determination of scholastic eligibility status:

· Trimester/semester grades and progress report grades will be used to determine scholastic eligibility. ONCE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR, ineligible students who have passed 20 credits have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular and curricular activities while on **probation.**

3. *The Academic Probation Opportunity:*

· Students not meeting the scholastic eligibility requirements (at least 2.0) should be aware of the following 2-step process:

Step 1: During the first week of the trimester/semester, ineligible students wishing to participate must pick up a formal probation application from the counseling office. They must then secure a parent signature and return the form to the counseling office within that first week. The student will then be considered "on probation" until Step 2. The probationary period lasts 4 weeks and students may participate in extracurricular and curricular activities. At the principal's or designee's discretion, a late application for probation may be accepted during the four-week period for special circumstances.

Step 2: Students who failed Step 1 will be "on probation" until the progress report comes out. At that time grades will be rechecked for eligibility via Aeries.

ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Important information about the SLCUSD Safe Sport & Extracurricular Programs can be found here: https://www.slcusd.org/athletics/safe-extracurricular

Grounds for Suspension or Dismissal from a Team

1. For student infractions/violations of California Education Code (EC) 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, and 48915 school administration may impose a temporary ban of a student's school based extracurricular activities to include restrictions on the student's participation in athletic programs, athletic events, band, choir, clubs, club competitions, dances, award ceremonies, and graduation ceremonies. Details regarding activity restrictions will be established in behavior contracts established by school administration for individual students. These activity restrictions are not to exceed 6 calendar weeks.
2. Participation in athletics is a privilege. The coach, athletic director, and school administration has the authority to revoke that privilege when the athlete does not comply with team rules, school rules, and the standards set forth for all student athletes.

Clubs and Organizations

SLOHS has many clubs on campus and encourages students to get involved. If you wish to form a new club, see the ASB Advisor. All clubs must meet the following requirements in order to be recognized on campus:

1. All clubs must be open to all members of the student body, and limited to only students at its school.
2. Each club must have a constitution and accompanying packet approved by the Associated Student Body Cabinet.
3. All club finances must be deposited and handled under the general ASB treasury and are subject to audit as required by law.

(No parent/guardian, student, or adviser may collect reimbursement for expenditures without appropriate paperwork submitted and approved prior to expenditure. No charges may be made to SLOHS vendors without appropriate approved paperwork (reflecting Administrative, authorized signatures) on file prior to charge. Failure to obtain prior written Administrative approval will be formally addressed by ASB leadership and must be thoroughly documented, along with clear corrective measures to prevent recurrence. (Education Code 48933; Board Policy 3452, Administrative Regulation 3452.)

1. All clubs must have a Certificated staff advisor who meets and is present at all times with the group and who will assume supervisory responsibility for the club.
2. All club meetings and activities will be held during non-instructional time. Club meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not directed, conducted, controlled, or regularly attended by nonschool persons. Club meetings must also not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
3. The fact that a student organization has a staff advisor does not constitute school or staff sponsorship of any particular meeting. The school or staff shall not promote, lead, or participate in a meeting. The assignment of a teacher, administrator, or other school employee to a meeting for custodial purposes shall not constitute sponsorship of the meeting.

Community Service

The State Board of Education (SBE) adopted criteria and guidance to award a State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE) to California public school students who demonstrate excellence in civics education and participation, and an understanding of the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government.

More information can be found at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/pl/hsstateseal.asp
Please contact your school's principal for information about how to obtain a State Seal of Civic Engagement.

Counseling Services

San Luis Coastal offers comprehensive school counseling programs at all of our school sites. School Counselors work with students in the areas of academic, social emotional, and college/career readiness. Our School Counselors are trained in crisis support and mental health awareness offering programming that addresses multitiered system of supports and positive behavioral interventions and supports for students.

Academic guidance shall be available to all students to help them establish immediate and long-range educational plans, achieve academic standards, make progress towards graduation, and complete the required curriculum in accordance with their individual needs, abilities and interests. Counseling staff shall provide guidance to students to plan for the future and become aware of their career potential. Academic planning for higher education shall include information about courses needed for admission to colleges and universities, standardized admission tests, financial aid, and scholarships.

Counseling staff shall identify and work with the students whose personal problems may prevent them from reaching their potential. As appropriate, students shall be referred to agencies that offer qualified professional assistance with substance abuse, physical or emotional problems, or other personal problems. School counselors shall also assist with prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students before and after a crisis.

Our sites are staffed with fully credentialed PPS Counselors who are available to all students. Counselors can best be reached through email, phone, or through the front office. Please reach out to our school office for more information.

Deliveries

Students may not receive any form of delivery (food, drinks, clothes, flowers, etc.) during school hours except from a person on their emergency contact list. All deliveries from emergency contacts must be brought to the main office. Students will be allowed to pick up the deliveries during break or lunch. All unauthorized deliveries will be denied.

Dress Code & Grooming

All students are expected to dress appropriately for the school activities in which they participate without fear of unnecessary discipline or fear of displaying their body in front of others when the dress code is enforced. An individual student's clothing must not be regulated based on another student or staff member's personal perspective or discomfort but instead be regulated when necessary to prevent a student's attire from interfering with their or any other student's health or safety, and to ensure that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student.

The following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Students must wear clothing and shoes at all times that are appropriate for and allow safe participation in school activities. Clothing must cover underwear, genitals, buttocks, and areolae/nipples with opaque material. Elementary school students must also wear clothing that covers belly buttons. Inadvertent displays of underwear waistbands or straps shall not result in a finding of a dress code violation.

2. Clothing, jewelry, piercings, and personal items (backpacks, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, lewd, obscene, profane, violent, or sexually suggestive; which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions, and likenesses; or, which advocate the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal activities. Clothing, jewelry, or personal items that threaten or harass others, or promote hate-motivated behavior or discrimination are prohibited.

3. Students may wear hats, caps, beanies, bonnets, durags, wraps, and other head coverings, except when a specific school activity requires otherwise for health, safety, or instructional reasons. Students shall be allowed to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats with the school logo, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

4. Attire or accessories that could be considered dangerous (for example: chains, wallet chains, spikes, roller shoes).

Students shall be provided, as necessary, access to alternative clothing when their dress and grooming violates the above regulations. The dress code shall be modified as appropriate to accommodate a student's religious or cultural observances, health condition, or other circumstance deemed necessary by the principal or designee. If a student's accommodated attire could cause a safety hazard in a particular activity, an alternative activity shall be substituted for that student.

Staff at each school, including the principal, coaches, and teachers may impose more stringent or different dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports, extracurricular or cocurricular activities, school-sponsored events, and/or classes, including science laboratories and CTE/vocational classes. Any such changes must be approved by the school principal or designee.

Athletic shorts, shirt, socks and tennis/athletic shoes are required to be worn by each student in physical education, unless an accommodation has been approved. A set of P.E. clothes is provided to students free of charge. Clean "loaner" P.E. shorts and shirts are available through the P.E. teacher for emergency daily use. No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

Dress Code Enforcement
To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code privately, respectfully, and in a consistently fair manner. Students should not be required to expose or display their body in front of other students to demonstrate compliance with the dress code. Students who are not dressed in accordance with these requirements may be asked to make a reasonable adjustment to their clothing or change into alternative clothing. When necessary, the school may provide alternative clothing or contact a parent/guardian to bring appropriate clothing to school.

No student shall be treated differently by dress code enforcement because of racial identity, sex assigned at birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.

Fingerprint Clearance

Prior to assuming a volunteer position working with students in a district-sponsored student activity program, a volunteer shall obtain fingerprint clearance through the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Student activity programs include, but are not limited to, scholastic programs, interscholastic programs, and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district or a school booster club, such as cheer team, drill team, dance team, and marching band. (Education Code 49024)

Volunteers do not need to be fingerprinted to volunteer in the classroom under the supervision of the teacher or in the office. Volunteers must be fingerprinted, however, to participate in any situation where the volunteer could be left alone with a student or students (i.e. chaperone field trips, drive for a field trip, work with a student outside of the teacher's supervision, etc.). Contact the school office for details and to get a fingerprint form to take with you. Volunteers experiencing financial hardship should inquire with the school office for possible waiver or discount of costs associated with obtaining fingerprinting clearance.

Food Allergies & Meal Modifications

We have students attending our school who have life-threatening food allergies, including to dairy, wheat, egg, soy, and all nuts/nut products. The school desires to prevent students' exposure to foods to which they are allergic or intolerant and to provide for prompt and appropriate treatment in the event that a severe allergic reaction occurs at school. Parents/guardians shall be responsible for notifying the school, in writing, regarding any food allergies or other special dietary needs of their child.

Peanuts, almonds, walnuts, cashews, pecans, pine nuts, and hazelnuts are just some examples of the many types of nuts that could cause a life-threatening reaction. Please consider nut-alternative products when packing your child's meals, and avoid including them when preparing food for classroom events or sending

non-food rewards for celebrations. The principal or teacher may notify parents/guardians of other students in the class that a student is allergic to a specific food and may request that certain foods not be provided at all at class parties or other school events. Should you or your child/student eat any nut products before coming to school or during a break, please wash your and/or your child's hands thoroughly.

Additionally, students may need meal modifications, including in accordance with their Section 504 plan or individualized education program. Substitutions may be made on a case-by-case basis for students who do not have a disability under Section 504 but who cannot consume the regular breakfast, lunch, or after-school snack because of medical or other special dietary needs, when supported by a statement of need signed by a health care provider. (7 CFR 210.10, 220.8, 225.16) Food substitutions shall not result in any additional cost to the student. Please complete the Student Meal Accommodation form to request special meals for medical purposes and submit it to the school nurse and Food & Nutrition Services Office. Once the form is received by the Food & Nutrition Services Office, you will be contacted with modified menu information.

Health Services

General Information
School nurses are on call for emergency situations that may arise within the district.

Health Screenings
Hearing Screenings
SLCUSD has a regular program for testing the hearing of children in grades PS, TK/K, 2, 5, 8, and 10 (and teacher referrals), including students new to the district no matter their grade. A best practice is to annually screen the hearing of all students with an IEP. Parents are notified of failed hearing results.

Vision Screenings
SLCUSD has a regular program for testing the vision of children in grades PS, TK/K, 2, 5, and 8 (and teacher referrals), including students new to the district no matter their grade. A best practice is to annually screen the vision of all students with an IEP. Parents are notified of failed vision results.

The health and vision screenings may be waived if the student's parents so desire, by presenting of a certificate from a physician and surgeon or an optometrist setting out the results of a determination of the student's vision, including visual acuity and color vision, and/or hearing.

Homework

The Board of Education recognizes that relevant, purposeful homework reinforces learning. Homework provides opportunities for academic developmental practice, the application of skills already learned, the development of independent study skills, enrichment activities, and self-discipline. The Board also recognizes that children's individual differences require adjustment in length, difficulty, and/or content of homework assigned. Homework can improve achievement of academic standards and grades, and increase understanding of course content. The Board believes the success of this policy is dependent upon cooperation between teachers, students, parents/guardians, and administrators. At the beginning of the school year, teachers shall communicate homework expectations to students and their parents/guardians. Homework is not necessarily written work or book assignments, but may include media programs, independent reading,

community activities, trips, personal interviews, gathering of specimens or materials, or similar educational activities, or projects.

If a student is absent, the student should first attempt to check their online Google Classrooms and/or contact a peer to get the homework assignment missed for the day. If a student will be absent multiple days, they should contact their teachers via email and request their homework.

Although it is the student's responsibility to undertake assignments independently, parents/guardians may serve as a resource and are encouraged to ensure that their child's homework assignments are completed. When a student repeatedly fails to complete homework, the teacher shall notify the student's parents/guardians as soon as possible so that corrective action can be taken prior to the release of any final grades or report cards. Staff shall collaborate with parents/guardians to help students access any school resources and programs that are available to provide homework support, and ways in which parents/guardians may appropriately assist their children.
For more information, please contact your school principal or teacher or refer to the Board Policy 6154 and Administrative Regulation 6154.

Illness or Accidents at School

When a child becomes ill at school or is involved in an accident, they will be sent to the office for minor first aid. If the injury or illness warrants, the family will be called and requested to take the child off campus for further care. In extreme cases, 911 will be called and emergency personnel requested to address any serious health or safety issues. A student may be transported in an emergency arising from injury or illness without parental/guardian consent. The school may give first aid to any student, and the hospital/doctor may render medical treatment even though parent/guardian is not available if there is no prior written objection to medical treatment filed with the school site. Minors in the care of an adult other than their parent/guardian can receive medical treatment/surgery if a written authorization is signed by the parent/guardian to this effect. The school office will make every attempt to contact parents/guardians if a medical emergency occurs.

Immunizations

SLCUSD cooperates with the California Department of Public Health and local health agencies to encourage and facilitate immunization of all district students against preventable diseases. Students enrolling or transferring into the school shall submit proof of immunization or a verified medical exemption through the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law and district regulations. Immunizations are available at your local pediatrician, the San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Health Agency, and various local pharmacies. Call the SLO County Health Agency at (805) 781-5500 to make an appointment.

Instructional Materials

Primary and supplemental curriculum and instructional materials may be accessed and reviewed in accordance with law and District policies (See BP 6161.1 and BP 6161.11). Requests from families to opt their students out of using specific instructional materials will also be considered in accordance with law and District policy. Please contact the site administrator at your student's school site if you are interested in obtaining further information. Grade Level Family Guides for Learning.

Lost and Found

If people have lost or found items, they should check with the main office. Students should not bring valuable possessions or large sums of money to school. The school and district do not assume responsibility for lost, misplaced, or stolen articles.

Medication

Medication is defined as **BOTH** prescription and over-the-counter substances (including nutritional substances and herbal remedies). (5 CCR 601) To administer medication to your child during the school day, the following documentation is required by state law:

1. **BOTH** the parent/guardian and authorized health care provider must complete and sign the district-approved Medication Consent Form and/or Parental Consent for Over-the-Counter Medication Administration form. These forms are available at the school office.
2. A authorized healthcare provider is defined as an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe or order medication including, but not limited to, a physician or physician assistant. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 601).
3. Medication must be brought to the school by an adult in the original container with directions.
4. A new Medication Consent Form must be completed for each medication and must be signed by the parent/guardian and authorized health care provider, and reviewed by the school nurse, every school year. A new Parental Consent for Over-the-Counter Medication Administration form must be completed for each medication and must be signed by the parent/guardian and reviewed by the school nurse every school year.
5. A new Medication Consent Form and Parental Consent for Over-the-Counter Medication Administration form must be completed each time there is a change in medication dosage, amount, or time given.
6. Prescription medication maintained and self-administered by a student requires the authorized health care provider's documentation that the medication is deemed necessary for emergency health conditions (i.e., diabetes, epilepsy, asthma/allergy) **AND** the student has been trained in its administration. A student may self-carry Over-the-Counter medication as determined by parent/guardian, student, and school nurse collaboration. The parent/guardian may revoke permission for a minor student to administer Over-the-Counter medication at any time in writing.
7. With the exception of students who self-carry Over-the-Counter medication, ONLY the school nurse or designated and trained school personnel shall administer medication.

For more information, please contact your school principal or nurse, or refer to Board Policy 5141.21 and Administrative Regulation 5141.21.

Newsletter/ParentSquare

All communications between teachers and parents/guardians are done through ParentSquare, email, or phone call. ParentSquare is used to send out everything from school-wide news and updates to classroom newsletters, and club happenings. ParentSquare provides a simple and safe way for everyone at school to connect. With ParentSquare you can: receive all school and classroom communication via email, text, or app, view and download photos, view the school and classroom calendar, and RSVP for events. You can also easily

sign up to volunteer and/or bring items for events. Please contact the office with any questions.

Nutrition and Lunch Program/Schedule

At SLCUSD, we know that proper nutrition is vital for academic success, athletic performance, and overall adolescent wellness. To support our students' demanding schedules, **all campuses provide a free morning nutrition break and a free lunch each school day** to all students during the 2026–27 school year.
All meals meet or exceed federal and state nutrition guidelines for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

WHERE TO FIND MENUS: Menus are available on the district website, www.slcusd.org, under District Departments ➔ Food & Nutrition Services

MORNING NUTRITION BREAK (BREAKFAST)

A solid breakfast is key to sustaining focus through morning classes, blocks, and exams.

The Menu: Each day students have a choice to get breakfast before the school bell rings or during the morning nutrition break, where students can grab a free breakfast. Options feature whole grains and lean proteins, paired with fresh fruit and a choice of milk. All items are designed to be nutrient-dense and low in added sugar.

Fueling from Home: If your student brings their own morning snacks, we encourage sustainable energy sources like fresh fruit, protein bars, or whole grains rather than high-sugar energy drinks or candy. Please consider nut-alternative products when packing your meals.

LUNCH & CAMPUS DINING

We encourage all students to take advantage of the free breakfast and lunch programs to maintain the energy required for the end of the school day and extracurricular activities.

The Menu: Lunch is free of charge for all students. High schoolers can choose from a variety of daily entrées, a fresh garden bar featuring a seasonal selection of fruits and vegetables, and optional milk.

Off-Campus & Packed Lunches: For students who pack a lunch, we encourage balanced meals that prevent the afternoon "energy crash." Please consider nut-alternative products when packing your meals.

STUDENT WELLNESS & FOOD DELIVERY POLICIES

Our district is committed to promoting healthy habits and supporting student well-being at school *(*Student Wellness, **Board Policy 5030**). *To maintain campus security and a focused learning environment, please note the following policies:*

Commercial Food Deliveries (DoorDash, UberEats, etc.) Commercial food deliveries for students are strictly prohibited on campus. Delivery drivers will be turned away, and food will be confiscated. Please ensure your student either utilizes the free school meal program or brings their lunch with them in the morning.

Group Celebrations: In alignment with our wellness policy and to protect students with severe food allergies, students and families may not bring or order large quantities of outside food (e.g., boxes of donuts, fast food, cupcakes) to distribute to groups of students on campus.

We appreciate your partnership in keeping our campus safe, healthy, and focused on student success!

Parent/Guardian Participation

Parents and guardians make our schools better. Please engage with us in educating your children and helping make school fun. Ideal parent/guardian engagement in schools involves a collaborative, two-way relationship between parents and schools, focusing on supporting students' learning, development, and well-being. This includes regular communication, active involvement in school activities, and a commitment from both parents/guardians and the school to create a supportive learning environment. Be on the lookout in ParentSquare for ways to connect and be present in our school community.

Personal Property/Items from Home Electronics

Students may possess or use personal electronic devices including, but not limited to, cellular/digital telephones, other mobile communications devices, digital media players, personal digital assistants, cameras, digital scanners, e-readers, and laptop/slate computers, provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity and are not used for illegal or unethical activities such as cheating on assignments or tests. As such, the use of these devices is prohibited during instructional time, except when permitted by the classroom teacher (BP 5131). The School/District is not responsible for lost or stolen student-owned electronic devices.

If a student uses any mobile communication device when prohibited or for improper activities, a school employee shall direct the student to turn off the device and/or shall confiscate it. If the school employee finds it necessary to confiscate the device, it shall be returned at the end of the class period or school day by the school employee or administration. Recurring confiscations may result in parents/guardians being required to retrieve confiscated devices.

Pictures/Media Sharing

We would like you to feel free to take pictures and document your child's joy and successes at school. However, please be very cautious when taking photos that may include other students. It would not be appropriate to post those pictures on any sharing formats (i.e., Facebook, Instagram, etc.) without the stated permission of the other children's families.

Safe Walking/Bike Riding Routes

WALKING / BICYCLES / SCOOTERS

Many students walk or ride bicycles or scooters to school. Students are not to ride vehicles on campus. Please lock your bicycle or scooter in the designated area. The school is not responsible for thefts, and we suggest you keep a copy of the model and serial number recorded at home. Helmets must be worn at all times.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The School District provides bus service for eligible students who live outside a two-and-one-half mile radius of the high school. Bus stops are established at the start of each school year. The Transportation Department can help you determine if you are eligible to ride a bus and where your bus stop is located. Any student requiring bus transportation must be registered. Students must have a valid bus pass in their possession. Additional school bus information can be found on the website at https://www.slcusd.org/departments/bgt. Transportation's telephone number is 596-4111. All students are under the direct supervision of the bus driver and bus privileges may be suspended for failure to follow bus regulations.

PARKING: STUDENTS

Student parking is limited to the student parking lots on campus. All Department of Motor Vehicles regulations apply; park only in designated spaces. Students are not to park in the staff or visitor spaces, or bus loading zones. City parking tickets may be issued to illegally parked vehicles and/or vehicles may be towed at owner's expense. All students are advised to lock and secure their cars to help prevent theft. If a District employee has reasonable suspicion that a student's car contains any contraband material or other evidence of a crime or infraction, that student's car and its contents will be searched if it is parked on School or District property.

To help maintain a safe and secure campus, please report any accidents, injuries, vandalism or unsafe driving practices to the school administration at the time that it happens or is observed.

School Site Council

The role of the School Site Council (SSC) is to work together with the school Leadership Team to assist in the development and implementation of the Single Plan for Student Achievement. The SSC has a required membership comprised of the principal, teachers, a classified employee, and parent/guardian/community members. Except for the principal, their respective constituencies elect members. Meetings are held at least 4 times a year and all are invited to attend.

Special Services/Interventions

Student Study Team (SST) – A team of staff members and parents/guardians of students who have academic and/or social, emotional, behavioral challenges at school discuss interventions and ways to ensure success. Students may be referred for SST by their teacher or parent/guardian through request to the school counselor or administrator.

Homebound/Hospital Instruction - Homebound and Hospital Instruction is designed to meet the short-term educational needs of a student with a temporary illness or injury, who is unable to take part in regular classroom activities. This program of instruction is a temporary setting and is not designed to replace the comprehensive education program and is limited to 45 school days. The application packet, which includes a parent application, release of information, and a physician request form, may be obtained from the school counselor or site principal.

Academic and Social/Emotional Learning Support - Qualifying students based on need may be selected to receive additional support in reading, math, or social-emotional learning during the school day. Parents/guardians will be notified if their student qualifies for interventions.

Technology/Electronic Devices

Technology serves as a cornerstone in enhancing the teaching and learning experience. In line with our commitment to fostering an optimal educational environment, the San Luis Coastal Unified School District ensures internet access for all networked computers and Chromebooks on campus. Strategic deployment of WiFi infrastructure supports the seamless integration of 1:1 device initiatives, including Tablets and Chromebooks. Upholding our dedication to student safety and digital citizenship, we meticulously implement robust web filtering software to mitigate the risk of accessing objectionable content. Furthermore, access to certain categories of websites, such as social media platforms and online gaming sites, may be restricted during school hours to minimize distractions and prioritize educational activities. Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Student Technology Responsible Use Agreement.

SLCUSD provides parents and guardians the ability to gain insights into what their students are browsing on the internet via school district devices with the LightSpeed Parent Portal.

If you are a parent or guardian and are interested in signing up for LightSpeed Parent Portal please click here to fill out the form.

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONICS

It is important for our students to be fully present in our learning environment.

Students' cell phones must be silenced and earbuds/headphones must be put away before entering our classrooms.

Classrooms may have cell phone pouches, and students with cell phones are expected to put their phones in their designated pouch each period, each day.

If students need to leave the classroom to go to the bathroom, students are expected to leave their phone in the cell phone pouch.

Cell phones are not to be used in the PE locker rooms at any time.

When a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner, the student may be disciplined and a District employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

If expectations regarding this policy are not met, the student's electronic device will be confiscated and turned into administration.

A student may also be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, for off-campus use of a mobile communication device which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property or substantially disrupts school activities.

The District will not be responsible for a student's mobile communication device or personal electronic device which is brought on campus or to a school activity and is lost, stolen, or damaged**.**

CHROMEBOOKS

Students are expected to have a district-issued Chromebook for classroom use on a daily basis and will not be allowed to use their own similar devices instead. Students may check out a Chromebook from the library to use for the school year. There is an optional Chromebook Accidental Damage Plan. All students are encouraged to sign up for this plan. Please read and understand the plan details click here. This information is posted in English and Spanish here: https://www.slcusd.org/departments/ist

Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE)

Students shall not possess, smoke, or use tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees. (*Education Code* 48900, 48901)

Transcripts

Students may access their unofficial transcripts through Aeries. For official transcripts and transcript-related questions, students should contact the registrar in the main school office.

Uniform Complaint Procedures

State and federal law prohibit discrimination in education programs and activities. The district is responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4620.)
Under state law, all pupils have the right to attend classes on school campuses that are safe, secure, and peaceful. (Ed. Code, §32261.) The law requires school districts to afford all pupils equal rights and opportunities in education, regardless of their actual or perceived characteristics, such as disability (mental and physical), gender (includes gender identity, gender expression, and gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth), actual or potential parental, family, or marital status, pregnancy (including childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom), nationality (includes citizenship, country of origin and national origin), immigration status, race or ethnicity (includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification and ethnic background), religion (includes all aspects of religious belief, observance and practice, including agnosticism and atheism), sexual orientation (heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality), or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. (Ed. Code, §§ 210-214, 220 et seq., 234 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4900 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.; 29 U.S.C. § 794; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.; 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.; 34 C.F.R. § 106.9.)

The district prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and retaliation in all acts related to school activity or attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the district, and in all acts of the Governing Board of the district and the Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district. In addition to being the subject of a complaint, a pupil engaging in an act of bullying as defined by Education Code section 48900(r) may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion.

The district's Uniform Complaint Procedures may be used in cases where individuals or a group have suffered discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4610, 4630, 4650; Ed. Code, §§ 234 et seq., 48900(r).) Any individual, public agency or organization has the right to file a written complaint alleging that they have personally suffered unlawful discrimination or that an individual or specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4610, 4630(b)(1).) Copies of the district's complaint procedures are available free of charge. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4622.)

Complaint forms are available at the school site and all district offices. Completed forms should be forwarded to a Compliance Office for review. Compliance Officers are located at the San Luis Coastal Unified School District Office, 1500 Lizzie Street, San Luis Obispo 93401. They are Director of Human Resources (549-1233); Director of Instructional Services (549-1247); and Director of Student Services (549-1218).

Please see the SLCUSD Board Policy BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Policy for more information.

In addition, Education Code Section 35186 (Williams Act) created a procedure for the filing of complaints concerning deficiencies related to instructional materials, conditions of facilities that are not maintained cleanly or safely or in good repair, and teacher vacancy or misassignment. Williams Act complaint forms are available on the school website, at the school site, and the District Office. The complaint and response are public documents as provided by statute. Complaints may be filed anonymously. However, if you wish to receive a response to your complaint, you must provide contact information.

Civil Rights Coordinators		
Title II Coordinator	Aaron Black	805-549-1225
Title V Coordinator	Chris Dowler	805-549-1264
Title IX Coordinator / Assistant Superintendent of HR	Dr. Greg Puccia	805-549-1252
504 Coordinator	Angela Ryals	805-549-1220
CCR Title 5 Coordinator	Chris Bonin	805-596-4105
1500 Lizzie Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401		

Visitor/Volunteer Guidelines

Visitors come to the schools for various purposes, including touring the campus, meeting with a staff member, or attending a school event or activity. Visitors have limited contact with students. As provided in Education Code 45125.1(c), limited contact will be determined by the District based upon the totality of circumstances, including factors such as the length of time the volunteers will be on the school grounds, whether students will be in proximity to the site where the volunteers will be working, and whether the volunteers will be working by themselves or with others.

To maintain a safe and orderly school environment, all visitors, including parents, must first report to the school office, where they will be asked to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge. An individual may be asked to

leave the campus if the principal (or his or her designee) determines that the visitor's presence or acts have the potential to interrupt or disrupt the school, its students, teachers, and other employees, to jeopardize the health and safety of students and staff, or cause property damage. If the individual refuses to leave after being asked by the principal (or his or her designee), law enforcement will be called.

Volunteers have contact with students and come to the schools to help in a variety of ways, including the following: assist certificated employees, supervise students during recess and lunch, or assist with extra-curricular activities. Volunteers are grouped into the following categories and must be screened as follows:

Level 1 Volunteer (Supervised, not regularly on campus): Volunteers who have limited contact with students and are **always** directly supervised by a certificated employee. Level One Volunteers must be cleared through the Megan's Law website. Examples of a Level One Volunteer include community members who make a brief presentation to students at the school presentation for career day, school assembly, or a one-time presentation in the classroom.

Level 2 Volunteer (Supervised, and regularly on campus): Volunteers who have more than limited contact with students and are **always** directly supervised by a certificated employee. Level Two Volunteers must be cleared by the Megan's Law website and are required to have a current tuberculosis (TB) clearance (i.e. within the past four (4) years). Examples of Level Two Volunteers include classroom or office volunteers and library/media center helpers. Level Two and above Volunteers must receive training on mandated reporting requirements as provided in Administrative Regulation 5141.4.

Level 3 Volunteer (Unsupervised – not driving): Volunteers who are not always supervised by a certificated employee. Level Three Volunteers must be fingerprinted **prior** to working alone with students and are required to have a current tuberculosis (TB) clearance (i.e. within the past four (4) years). An example of a Level Three Volunteer is a chaperone on an overnight student field trip or volunteer coach. Note: volunteer coaches must also meet other screening requirements, such as current CPR and first aid certification.

Level 4 Volunteer (Unsupervised and driving): Volunteers who are not always supervised by a certificated employee **and** will be driving students. Level Four Volunteers are required to have met Level Three Volunteer requirements **plus** the following:

Driver's Requirements:

- Instructions for Transporting SLCUSD Students
- Driver Information Form
- Authorization for Release of Driver Record Information (DMV pull notice program)
- Provide a copy of the first page of the driver's Automobile Insurance Policy Declaration
- Provide a copy of the Driver's License
- Obtain and submit a DMV H6 report

If you plan to volunteer, please stop by the San Luis Obispo High School office to complete the SLCUSD volunteer application. If you plan on chaperoning a field trip or working with students alone, you cannot do so until your fingerprints have cleared. You can make an appointment to be fingerprinted by calling the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education at 782-7236. Fingerprint clearances can take up to 30 days, so schedule in advance. Fingerprint clearances do not expire. Volunteers experiencing financial hardship should inquire with the school office for possible waiver or discount of costs associated with obtaining fingerprinting clearance.

For more information please review our Volunteer Orientation.

Work Permits and Part-Time Jobs

A minor who has not graduated from high school must obtain a valid work permit once employed. An application for a work permit may be obtained at the School College & Career Center It may take two (2) business days for a work permit to be processed. It is the student's responsibility to print out their work permit, sign it, and present it to their employer. During summer hours, work permits are submitted and returned through the front desk of the main office.

A student shall not be required to obtain a work permit if the student is self-employed; is working at odd jobs such as yard work and baby-sitting in private homes where the student is not regularly employed; is a self-employed news carrier delivering newspapers to consumers on a regular route; is employed in agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or domestic labor during non-school hours when the work is performed for or under the control of the parent/guardian and is performed upon or in connection with premises the parent/guardian owns, operates, or controls; or is otherwise exempted by law.

Every work permit expires five days after the start of the next succeeding school year.
A new work permit must be obtained for each new employer.
A minor must meet mandatory school attendance laws to obtain a work permit.
The school may revoke the work permit if the student's education or health is being impaired by employment, any provision or condition of the permit is being violated, the student is performing work in violation of law, or any condition for the issuance of the permit no longer exists or never existed. (Education Code 49116, 49164, Labor Code 1300)

For more information, please see Board Policy 5113.2

Youth Truth Survey

Your child's voice matters. Each year we ask our students to participate in the YouthTruth Student Survey (https://youthtruth.org) to help us understand and improve their school experience.

The YouthTruth Student Survey is used by hundreds of schools and districts nationwide to gather student perspectives on what's working well and what could be better. The survey asks about student experiences on topics like school engagement, relationships with teachers, and academic rigor.

Your child has complete control over their participation. Not only is participation entirely voluntary, but students can skip any question they don't want to answer. There are no right or wrong answers—we simply want to hear their honest perspective.

Our school will use this feedback to guide improvements that make school better for all students. We may also contribute anonymous, overall results to research that helps improve education nationwide.

The survey will be administered during the Fall.

For more information about this survey, or to review the survey questions ahead of time, please contact school administration.