

**NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Note: Government Code 11138 **mandates** districts to adopt rules and regulations to ensure that district programs and activities are free from unlawful discrimination. In accordance with various provisions of state and federal law, discrimination in education programs and activities is unlawful when it is based on certain actual or perceived characteristics of an individual. Education Code 220 prohibits discrimination based on race or ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes in Penal Code 422.55. Government Code 11135 prohibits discrimination based on all the foregoing characteristics and on age, disability, and an individual's genetic information. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-2000d-7) prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin. Title IX (20 USC 1681-1688) prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 USC 12101-12213) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794) prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. For policy language protecting students against discrimination and harassment, see BP/AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment and BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

Education Code 260 and 5 CCR 4900-4965 require the Governing Board to monitor district compliance with these state and federal laws. The federal laws are enforced by the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, and the California Department of Education may investigate complaints regarding discrimination pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4687.

Similarly, Government Code 12940 provides protections for employees, job applicants, unpaid interns, and volunteers against unlawful discrimination and harassment. For policy language addressing these protections as they relate to volunteers, see BP 1240 - Volunteer Assistance, and in relation to employees, unpaid interns, and job applicants, see BP 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

The Governing Board is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual or group based on race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; a 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.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

*(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)*

*(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)*

*(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)*

*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

*(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)*

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

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*(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)*

*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

Note: Education Code 221.2-221.3 (the California Racial Mascot Act), as added by AB 30 (Ch. 767, Statutes of 2015), declare the use of racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames in public schools to be contrary to an equal education and specifically prohibit public schools from using the term "Redskins" as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname beginning January 1, 2017. The following paragraph expands this prohibition to include any racially derogatory or discriminatory athletic team name, mascot, or nickname and may be revised to reflect district practice.

District programs and activities shall also be free of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 221.5, a district is required to permit a student to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, and to use facilities consistent with the student's gender identity, regardless of his/her gender as listed on his/her educational records. See BP/AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. For further information, see CSBA's policy brief [Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students](#) and its [Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex Discrimination](#).

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any derogatory or discriminatory name, image, practice, or other barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

*(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)*

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Note: Many nondiscrimination laws and regulations contain a notification requirement. For example, pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 106.9, a district that receives federal aid is required to take "continuing steps" to notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, and applicants for admission and employment that it does not discriminate on the bases of disability and sex in its educational programs or activities. In addition, Education Code 221.61, as added by SB 1375 (Ch. 655, Statutes of 2016), requires that, on or before July 1, 2017, districts must post specified information relating to Title IX on their web sites. To ensure consistent implementation of the laws, the same notification requirement should be adopted for all the protected categories as provided in the following paragraph.

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Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in each announcement, bulletin, catalog, handbook, application form, or other materials distributed to these groups and, as applicable, to the public. As appropriate, such notification shall be posted in district schools and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and other prominent locations and shall be posted on the district's web site and, when available, district-supported social media.

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*

*(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)*

*(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48985, when 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a school speak a single primary language other than English, all notices and reports sent to the parents/guardians of these students must also be written in the primary language and may be answered by the parent/guardian in English or the primary language. In addition, 20 USC 6311 and 6312 require that districts receiving Title I funds provide parent/guardian notices in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents/guardians understand.

The district's nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parents/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or more of a school's students speak a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be translated into that other language.

**Access for Individuals with Disabilities**

Note: Pursuant to the ADA and its implementing regulations, 28 CFR 35.150 and 35.151, district facilities must be accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. Compliance methods may include equipment redesign, reassignment of services to accessible buildings, assignment of aides to beneficiaries, home visits, delivery of services at alternate accessible sites, and alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities. In achieving compliance, a district need not make structural changes to existing facilities if other methods are effective and the district can demonstrate that the structural change would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the activity or an undue financial or administrative burden. However, pursuant to 28 CFR 35.151, all newly constructed facilities must comply with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Designs issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In addition, pursuant to 28 CFR 35.136, a district must permit an individual with a disability to be accompanied by a service animal on district premises when, without the animal's assistance, the individual with a disability will not be able to access or participate in a district program or activity. For language addressing this mandate, see AR 6163.2 - Animals at School. Districts with questions about compliance with the ADA should consult with legal counsel as appropriate.

District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any implementing standards and/or regulations. When structural changes to existing district facilities are needed to provide individuals with disabilities access to programs, services, activities, or facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a transition plan that sets forth the steps for completing the changes.

*(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

Note: Pursuant to 28 CFR 35.130 and 35.160, the ADA requires districts to provide services and aids to ensure that a disabled individual is not excluded from participation or denied a benefit, service, or program on the basis of a disability. However, if the district can show that providing such aids and services would fundamentally alter the nature of the function, program, or meeting or would be an undue burden, then the district need not provide them.

In addition, Government Code 54953.2 requires that all Board meetings meet the protections of the ADA and implementing regulations (28 CFR 35.160 and 36.303). In effect, the district must ensure that such meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities and that, upon the request of any person with a disability, disability-related accommodations, such as auxiliary aids and services, are made available.

A U.S. Department of Justice technical assistance publication, Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, affirms that the ADA applies to district-sponsored web sites. Examples of technical standards for web site accessibility are available from the World Wide Web Consortium, California Department of Education's standards for state web sites, and other sources; see BP 1113 - District and School Web Sites.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, assistive technologies or other modifications to increase accessibility to district and school web sites, notetakers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large print materials. Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to a school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

*(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*

*(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)*

Note: Pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107, a district that has 50 or more employees is required to designate at least one employee to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the ADA. The designated employee could be the same individual or position responsible for the district's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs as identified in the district's uniform complaint procedures. The following paragraph, which identifies the person or position identified in the AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee, may be modified if the district chooses to designate another person or position.

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The individual identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the employee responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws is hereby designated as the district's ADA coordinator. He/she shall receive and address requests for accommodation submitted by individuals with disabilities, and shall investigate and resolve complaints regarding their access to district programs, services, activities, or facilities.

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*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*

48985 *Notices to parents in language other than English*

51007 *Legislative intent: state policy*

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

11000 *Definitions*

11135 *Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state*

11138 *Rules and regulations*

12900-12996 *Fair Employment and Housing Act*

54953.2 *Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act*

#### PENAL CODE

422.55 *Definition of hate crime*

422.6 *Interference with constitutional right or privilege*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4687 *Uniform complaint procedures*

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act*

1681-1688 *Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX*

2301-2415 *Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act*

6311 *State plans*

6312 *Local education agency plans*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 *Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964*

2000e-2000e-17 *Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended*

2000h-2000h-6 *Title IX*

12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

36.303 *Auxiliary aids and services*

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.1-100.13 *Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI*

104.1-104.39 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

106.1-106.61 *Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:*

106.9 *Dissemination of policy*

### *Management Resources:*

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex Discrimination, July 2016*

*Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014*

*Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING PUBLICATIONS

*California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment*

## **NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)**

*Management Resources: (continued)*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Dear Colleague Letter: Transgender Students, May 2016

Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students, May 2016

Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Dear Colleague Letter: Electronic Book Readers, June 29, 2010

Notice of Non-Discrimination, January 1999

Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January 1999

Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices in Education, August 1991

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, September 2010

Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, June 2003

WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, December 2008

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

Pacific ADA Center: <http://www.adapacific.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Americans with Disabilities Act: <http://www.ada.gov>

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

World Wide Web Consortium, Web Accessibility Initiative: <http://www.w3.org/wai>

## All Personnel

BP 4151(a)

4251

## EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

4351

Note: Districts that include provisions related to employee compensation in their collective bargaining agreements should modify or delete the following **optional** policy accordingly.

In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 3400 - Management of Districts Assets/Accounts)*

*(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)*

*(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)*

Note: Education Code 45023 and 45162 require the Governing Board to adopt salary schedules for certificated and classified employees, respectively. For districts operating under a merit system, Education Code 45268 specifies that the personnel commission will recommend a salary schedule for classified employees to the Board for approval and that the Board may not amend the schedule without first giving the commission an opportunity to respond to the amendments.

The Board shall adopt separate salary schedules for certificated, classified, and supervisory and administrative personnel. These schedules shall comply with law and collective bargaining agreements and shall be printed and made available for review at the district office. (Education Code 45022, 45023, 45160, 45162)

*(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)*

*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*

*(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)*

Each certificated employee, except an employee in an administrative or supervisory position, shall be classified on the salary schedule on the basis of uniform allowance for years of training and years of experience, unless the Board and employee organization negotiate and mutually agree to a salary schedule based on different criteria. Certificated employees shall not be placed in different classifications on the schedule, nor paid different salaries, solely on the basis of the grade levels at which they teach. (Education Code 45028)

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

Salary schedules for staff who are not a part of a bargaining unit shall be determined by the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

*(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)*

*(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)*

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 45038, certificated employees may be paid once every two weeks, twice a month, or once every four weeks. The Board may also choose to pay certificated employees, or one or more individual employees, in 10, 11, or 12 equal payments instead of by the school month. Education Code 45039 provides that, if the Board arranges to pay certificated employees in 12 equal payments for the year, it may pay each monthly installment at the end of each calendar month, whether or not the employees are engaged in teaching during the month. Education Code 45165 addresses salary payments for classified employees who are employed 9-11 months per year.

Pursuant to 26 CFR 1.409A-1, the practice of paying employees who work 10 months per year is a form of "deferred compensation." If the district allows employees to "elect" whether to receive their paychecks in such a manner, then according to the IRS, such employees must submit written election forms to the district in order to avoid any additional tax on the deferred compensation. If the district requires employees to receive their paychecks in such a manner without offering them an option, then the employees do not need to complete election forms, but the district must develop a written document describing how the employees will be paid, including the dates, schedule, and amounts of payment.

Education Code 45048 and 45165 provide specific timelines for issuing salary payments depending on the frequency of payments. If payments are not made in a timely manner, the district is required to pay the employee interest on the unpaid amount.

The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the payroll schedule determined by the Board.

The Board shall determine the frequency and schedule of salary payments, including whether payments for employees who work less than 12 months per year will be made over the course of the school year or in equal installments over the calendar year. (Education Code 45038, 45039, 45048, 45165)

Note: Pursuant to 29 CFR 516.4, districts are required to post a notice of the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC 201-219) in a conspicuous place at all work sites. The poster that must be used by state and local governments is available on the web site of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice explaining the Fair Labor Standards Act's wage and hour provisions in a conspicuous place at each work site. (29 CFR 516.4)

## **Overtime Compensation**

Note: Pursuant to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (29 CFR 553.20), employees who are not specifically exempted by law must receive overtime pay at a rate not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per work week. Furthermore, state law (Labor Code 510) entitles employees to an overtime pay rate after working eight hours in one day, unless an alternative schedule allowed by law is approved.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, employees are exempt from the FLSA overtime rules if they are executive, administrative, or professional staff, as defined, and their salary is at or above the salary level

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established in 29 CFR 541.600, as amended by 81 Fed. Reg. 32391. This salary level will automatically be updated every three years beginning January 1, 2020 according to the method specified in 29 CFR 541.607. Because the federal salary limit qualifying for exemption is higher than the California salary test, the federal limit prevails.

When calculating the overtime rate of pay, 29 USC 207 requires that all remuneration for employment paid to or on behalf of the employee, with specified exclusions, be considered as part of the employee's regular rate of pay. In Flores v. City of San Gabriel, the appeals court ruled that cash payments made in lieu of benefits must be included in the calculation.

Overtime pay requirements are not applicable to school administrators or teachers in elementary or secondary schools under specific exemptions in 29 USC 213 and 29 CFR 541.303. Pursuant to 29 CFR 541.303 and 541.600, teachers do not need to meet the salary level requirement to be exempt from overtime rules. 29 CFR 541.204 provides that administrators must either meet the salary level requirement or be compensated on a salary basis that is at least equal to the entrance salary for teachers in the administrator's school to be exempt from overtime rules.

A district employee shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times his/her regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week. However, employees shall be exempt from overtime rules if they are employed as teachers or school administrators or if they qualify as being employed in an executive, administrative, or professional capacity and are paid a fixed salary at or above the salary level established by federal regulations. (Labor Code 510; 29 USC 213; 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, 553.27, 553.32)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that allow employees to take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation as authorized by 29 USC 207 and 29 CFR 553.20-553.25. Time off in lieu of overtime compensation is allowed only if provided for in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement and must be provided at the rate of at least one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime work.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 553.21, an employee must be allowed to use earned compensatory time within a "reasonable period" after making the request. 29 CFR 553.25 provides that a "reasonable period" is determined on a case-by-case basis by considering customary work practices such as the normal work schedule, anticipated peak workloads based on past experience, emergency requirements for staff and services, and the availability of qualified substitute staff.

~~When authorized in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between the district and employees, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation, provided he/she has not accrued compensatory time in excess of the limits specified in 29 USC 207. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time shall be allowed to use such time within a reasonable period after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (29 USC 207; 29 CFR 553.20-553.25)~~

For each nonexempt employee, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain records on the employee's wages, hours, and other information specified in 29 CFR 516.5-516.6.

## EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (continued)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

45022-45061.5 Salaries, especially:

45023 Availability of salary schedule

45028 Salary schedule for certificated employees

45160-45169 Salaries for classified employees

45268 Salary schedule for classified service in merit system districts

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549 Meeting and negotiating, especially:

3543.2 Scope of representation

3543.7 Duty to meet and negotiate in good faith

#### LABOR CODE

226 Employee access to payroll records

232 Disclosure of wages

510 Overtime compensation; length of work day and week; alternative schedules

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

409A Deferred compensation plans

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

201-219 Fair Labor Standards Act, especially:

203 Definitions

207 Overtime

213 Exemptions from minimum wage and overtime requirements

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

1.409A-1 Definitions and covered plans

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

516.4 Notice of minimum wage and overtime provisions

516.5-516.6 Records

541.0-541.710 Exemptions for executive, administrative, and professional employees

553.1-553.51 Fair Labor Standards Act; applicability to public agencies

#### COURT DECISIONS

Flores v. City of San Gabriel, 9th Cir., June 2, 2016, No. 14-56421

### *Management Resources:*

#### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov>

School Services of California, Inc.: <http://www.sscal.com>

U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division: <https://www.dol.gov/whd>

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## All Personnel

AR 4157.1(a)

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## WORK-RELATED INJURIES

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In order to provide medical benefits, temporary or permanent disability benefits, wage replacement, retraining or skill enhancement, and/or death benefits in the event that an employee becomes injured or ill in the course of employment, the district shall provide all employees with insurance and workers' compensation benefits in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an efficient claims handling process that reduces costs and facilitates employee recovery.

*(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)*

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

*(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)*

*(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)*

*(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)*

*(cf. 4157.2/4257.2/4357.2 - Ergonomics)*

*(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify every new employee, at the time of hire or by the end of the first pay period, of his/her right to receive workers' compensation benefits if injured at work. (Labor Code 3551; 8 CCR 15596)

*(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)*

### Keep from Current Administrative Regulation:

#### Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice of employee rights related to workers' compensation and shall provide this information in writing to new employees. (Labor Code [3550-3551](#))

This notice shall also include a statement of the district's policy requiring employees to report work-related injuries as soon as practicable.

Employees shall also be informed that pursuant to Labor Code [4906](#), it is a felony for an employee to make a false workers' compensation claim.

#### District Responsibilities

Supervisors receiving reports of a work-related employee injury shall gather appropriate information, including but not limited to:

1. The date, time and place of the injury
2. The name, occupation and signature of the injured employee
3. Details of how the injury occurred

#### 4. The names of any witnesses

Supervisors shall promptly remit information about work-related injuries to the Superintendent or designee.

In addition, a notice regarding workers' compensation benefits shall be posted in a conspicuous location frequented by employees, where the notice may be easily read during the workday. (Labor Code 3550)

In the event that an employee is injured or becomes ill in the course of employment, he/she shall report the work-related injury or illness to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.

Within one working day of receiving notice or knowledge of any injury to an employee in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a claim form and notice of potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits to the employee or, in the case of the employee's death, to his/her dependents. The claim form and notice shall be provided personally or by first class mail. (Labor Code 5401)

The Superintendent or designee shall additionally ensure that any employee who is a victim of a crime that occurred at the place of employment is given written notice personally or by first class mail within one working day of the crime, or when the district reasonably should have known of the crime, that the employee is eligible for workers' compensation benefits for injuries, including psychiatric injuries, that may have resulted from the crime. (Labor Code 3553)

AR 4157.1(b)

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#### **WORK-RELATED INJURIES** (continued)

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 3550, 3551, and 5401, all employee notices described above (i.e., the notice provided to all employees at the time of hire, the notice that must be posted in a conspicuous place, and the notice and claim form provided when an employee is injured) must be in a form prescribed by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC). These notices are available on the DWC's web site or through the district's insurer. For districts that employ Spanish-speaking employees, the information must be made available in English and Spanish.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employee notices described above are in the form prescribed by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Division of Workers Compensation.

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 6409.1, the district must file a report concerning any injury or illness which has, or is alleged to have, arisen out of and in the course of employment. The report is required to be filed with the DIR or, if the district is insured through a third party insurer, with the insurer. The district should select the option below that corresponds to the manner in which it insures for workers' compensation.

### **OPTION 1: (Districts insured for workers' compensation through a third party insurer)**

Upon learning of a work-related injury or illness, or injury or illness alleged to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall report the incident to the district's insurance carrier within five days after obtaining knowledge of the injury or illness. If a subsequent death arises as a result of the reported injury or illness, an amended report indicating the death must be filed with the insurance carrier within five days after being notified of or learning about the death. (Labor Code 6409.1)

### **OPTION 2: ~~(Districts insured for workers' compensation through self-insurance)~~**

~~Upon learning of a work-related injury or illness, or injury or illness alleged to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall report the incident to the DIR within five days after obtaining knowledge of the injury or illness. If a subsequent death arises as a result of the reported injury or illness, an amended report indicating the death must be filed with the DIR within five days after being notified of or learning about the death. (Labor Code 6409.1)~~

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that selected either Option 1 or 2 above.
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In addition, in every case involving death or serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make a report by telephone or email to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health. (Labor Code 6409.1)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

AR 4157.1(c)  
4257.1  
4357.1

### **WORK-RELATED INJURIES (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

44984 Industrial accident and illness leaves, certificated employees

45192 Industrial accident and illness leaves, classified employees

LABOR CODE

3200-4855 Workers' compensation, especially:

3550-3553 Employee notice

3600-3605 Conditions of liability

3760 Report of injury to insurer

4600 Provision of medical and hospital treatment by employer

4906 Disclosures and statements

5400-5413 Notice of injury or death

6409.1 Reports

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

15596 Notice of employee rights

*Management Resources:*

*DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS*

*A Guidebook for Injured Workers, 2016*

*Notice to Employees -- Injuries Caused by Work*

*Time of Hire Pamphlet*

*Workers' Compensation Claim Form (DWC 1) & Notice of Potential Eligibility*

*WEB SITES*

*California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health:*

*<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh>*

*California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers Compensation:*

*<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc>*

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