## SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS

The Governing Board believes that comprehensive planning is necessary at each school in order to focus school improvement efforts on student academic achievement and facilitate the effective use of available resources. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school plans provide clear direction and identify cohesive strategies aligned with school and district goals.

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(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0415 - Equity)
(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
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Each district school that participates in one or more federal and/or state categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application process pursuant to Education Code 64000 shall establish a school site council in accordance with Education Code 65000-65001. The school site council shall develop, approve, and annually review and update a school plan for student achievement (SPSA) which consolidates the plans required for those categorical programs into a single plan, unless otherwise prohibited by law. (Education Code 64001)

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(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1431 - Waivers)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)
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The Superintendent or designee shall review each school's SPSA to ensure that it meets the content requirements for all applicable programs, is based on an analysis of current practices and student academic performance, and reasonably links improvement strategies to identified needs of the school and its students. The Superintendent or designee shall also ensure consistency between the specific actions included in the district's local control and accountability plan and the strategies identified in each school's SPSA.

The Board shall, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, review and approve each school's SPSA whenever there are any material revisions affecting the academic programs for students participating in the categorical programs addressed in the SPSA. (Education Code 64001)

If the Board does not approve a school's SPSA, it shall communicate its specific reasons for disapproval of the plan to the school site council. The school site council shall then revise and resubmit the SPSA to the Board for its approval. (Education Code 64001)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school administrators and school site council members receive training on the roles and responsibilities of the school site council.

# SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS (continued)

The SPSA may serve as the school improvement plan required when a school is identified for targeted or comprehensive support pursuant to 20 USC 6303. (Education Code 64001)

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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
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Any complaint alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the establishment of school site councils or the development of the SPSA may be filed with the district in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures pursuant to 5 CCR 4600-4670 and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

## Legal Reference:

## EDUCATION CODE

52-53 Designation of schools

33133 Information guide for school site councils

35147 Open meeting laws exceptions

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

52176 English learner advisory committees

56000-56867 Special education

64000 Categorical programs included in consolidated application

64001 School plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs

65000-65001 School site councils

## CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3930-3937 Compliance plans

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

11308 English learner advisory committees

## UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6303 School improvement

6311 State plan

6314 Schoolwide programs; schoolwide program plan

6421-6472 Programs for neglected, delinquent, and at-risk children and youth

6601-6651 Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment program

6801-7014 Limited English proficient and immigrant students

7101-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

7341-7355c Rural Education Initiative

Management Resources: (see next page)

# SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS (continued)

## Management Resources:

<u>CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS</u>

A Guide for Developing the Single Plan for Student Achievement: A Resource for the School Site

Council, February 2014

**WEST ED PUBLICATIONS** 

California Healthy Kids Survey

California School Climate Survey

**WEB SITES** 

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

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

WestEd: http://www.wested.org

## COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The Board is fully committed to maximizing school safety and to creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
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# OPTION 1: (Districts with more than 2,500 ADA, and districts with 2,500 or less ADA that choose to develop school site plans)

The school site council at each district school shall develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within one year of initiating operations. (Education Code 32281, 32286)

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(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
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The school safety plan shall take into account the school's staffing, available resources, and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site.

## OPTION 2: (Districts with 2,500 or less ADA that choose to develop a districtwide plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of a districtwide comprehensive safety plan that is applicable to each school site. (Education Code 32281)

# **COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN** (continued)

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year and forwarded to the Board for approval. (Education Code 32286, 32288)

The Board shall review the comprehensive safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall approve the plan(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.

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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
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By October 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the California Department of Education of any schools that have not complied with the requirements of Education Code 32281. (Education Code 32288)

# **Tactical Response Plan**

Notwithstanding the process described above, any portion of a comprehensive safety plan that addresses tactical responses to criminal incidents that may result in death or serious bodily injury at the school site, including steps to be taken to safeguard students and staff, secure the affected school premises, and apprehend the criminal perpetrator(s), shall be developed by district administrators in accordance with Education Code 32281. In developing such strategies, district administrators shall consult with law enforcement officials and with representative(s) of employee bargaining unit(s), if they choose to participate.

When reviewing the tactical response plan, the Board may meet in closed session to confer with law enforcement officials, provided that any vote to approve the tactical response plan is announced in open session following the closed session. (Education Code 32281)

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(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)
(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)
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## Access to Safety Plan(s)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public. (Education Code 32282)

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(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
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However, those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents shall not be publicly disclosed.

# **COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall share the comprehensive safety plans and any updates to the plans with local law enforcement, the local fire department, and other first responder entities. (Education Code 32281)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

32260-32262 Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985

32270 School safety cadre

32280-32289 School safety plans

32290 Safety devices

35147 School site councils and advisory committees

35183 School dress code; uniforms

35291 Rules

35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules

41020 Annual audits

48900-48927 Suspension and expulsion

48950 Speech and other communication

49079 Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion

67381 Violent crime

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

54957 Closed session meetings for threats to security

# PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

626.8 Disruptions

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

#### CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11987-11987.7 School Community Violence Prevention Program requirements

11992-11993 Definition, persistently dangerous schools

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7111-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

7912 Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources: (see next page)

# **COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN** (continued)

# Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

<u>Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex</u> 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, rev. 2011

<u>Community Schools: Partnerships Supporting Students, Families and Communities, Policy Brief, October 2010</u>

Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2010

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PUBLICATIONS

Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, January 2007

U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

<u>Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe</u>

School Climates, 2004

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: http://www.caloes.ca.gov

California Healthy Kids Survey: http://chks.wested.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention

Federal Bureau of Investigation: http://www.fbi.gov

National Center for Crisis Management: http://www.schoolcrisisresponse.com

National School Safety Center: http://www.schoolsafety.us

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center: http://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac

## LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

The Governing Board desires to ensure the most effective use of available funding to improve outcomes for all students. A comprehensive, data-driven planning process shall be used to identify annual goals and specific actions which are aligned with the district budget and facilitate continuous improvement of district practices.

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(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0415 - Equity)
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The Board shall adopt a districtwide local control and accountability plan (LCAP), based on the template adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), that addresses the state priorities in Education Code 52060 and any local priorities adopted by the Board. The LCAP shall be updated on or before July 1 of each year and, like the district budget, shall cover the next fiscal year and two subsequent fiscal years. (Education Code 52060, 52064; 5 CCR 15494-15497)

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)
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The LCAP shall focus on improving outcomes for all students, particularly those who are "unduplicated students" or are part of any numerically significant student subgroup that is at risk of or is underperforming.

*Unduplicated students* include students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and foster youth, as defined in Education Code 42238.01 for purposes of the local control funding formula (LCFF). (Education Code 42238.02)

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(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
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Numerically significant student subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when there are at least 30 students in the subgroup or at least 15 foster youth or homeless students. (Education Code 52052)

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(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education) (cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
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The Superintendent or designee shall review the school plan for student achievement (SPSA) submitted by each district school pursuant to Education Code 64001 to ensure that the specific actions included in the LCAP are consistent with strategies included in the SPSA. (Education Code 52062)

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(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
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The LCAP shall also be aligned with other district and school plans to the extent possible in order to minimize duplication of effort and provide clear direction for program implementation.

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(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
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As part of the LCAP adoption and annual update to the LCAP, the Board shall separately adopt an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians, based on the template developed by the SBE, which includes specified information relating to the district's budget. The budget overview shall be adopted, reviewed, and approved in the same manner as the LCAP and the annual update. (Education Code 52064.1)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with legal requirements pertaining to the LCAP may be filed pursuant to AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 52075)

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(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
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#### **Plan Development**

The Superintendent or designee shall gather data and information needed for effective and meaningful plan development and present it to the Board and community. Such data and information shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding the number of students in student subgroups, disaggregated data on student achievement levels, and information about current programs and expenditures.

The Board shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students in developing the LCAP. Consultation with students shall enable unduplicated students and other numerically significant student subgroups to review and comment on LCAP development and may include surveys of students, student forums, student advisory committees, and/or meetings with student government bodies or other groups representing students. (Education Code 52060; 5 CCR 15495)

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(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
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# **Public Review and Input**

The Board shall establish a parent advisory committee to review and comment on the LCAP. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians and shall include parents/guardians of unduplicated students as defined above. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

Whenever district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners, with at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board shall establish an English learner parent advisory committee composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners to review and comment on the LCAP. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

The Superintendent or designee shall present the LCAP to the committee(s) before it is submitted to the Board for adoption, and shall respond in writing to comments received from the committee(s). (Education Code 52062)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify members of the public of the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP. The notification shall be provided using the most efficient method of notification possible, which may not necessarily include producing printed notices or sending notices by mail. All written notifications related to the LCAP shall be provided in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code 48985. (Education Code 52062)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

As part of the parent/guardian and community engagement process, the district shall solicit input on effective and appropriate instructional methods, including, but not limited to, establishing language acquisition programs to enable all students, including English learners and native English speakers, to have access to the core academic content standards and to become proficient in English. (Education Code 305-306)

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the administrator(s) of the special education local plan area of which the district is a member to ensure that specific actions for students with disabilities are included in the LCAP and are consistent with strategies included in the annual assurances support plan for the education of students with disabilities. (Education Code 52062)

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

The Board shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed

to be included in the LCAP. The public hearing shall be held at the same meeting as the budget hearing required pursuant to Education Code 42127 and AR 3100 - Budget. (Education Code 42127, 52062)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

# **Adoption of the Plan**

The Board shall adopt the LCAP prior to adopting the district budget, but at the same public meeting. This meeting shall be held after the public hearing described above, but not on the same day as the hearing. (Education Code 52062)

The Board may adopt revisions to the LCAP at any time during the period in which the plan is in effect, provided the Board follows the process to adopt the LCAP pursuant to Education Code 52062 and the revisions are adopted in a public meeting. (Education Code 52062)

# **Submission of Plan to County Superintendent of Schools**

Not later than five days after adoption of the LCAP, the district budget, and the budget overview for parents/guardians, the Board shall file the LCAP, the budget, and the budget overview with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 42127, 52064.1, 52070)

If the County Superintendent sends, by August 15, a written request for clarification of the contents of the LCAP, the Board shall respond in writing within 15 days of the request. If the County Superintendent then submits recommendations for amendments to the LCAP within 15 days of receiving the Board's response, the Board shall consider those recommendations in a public meeting within 15 days of receiving the recommendations. (Education Code 52070)

If the County Superintendent does not approve the district's LCAP, the Board shall accept technical assistance from the County Superintendent focused on revising the plan so that it can be approved. (Education Code 52071)

## **Monitoring Progress**

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually in accordance with the timeline and indicators established by the Superintendent and the Board, regarding the district's progress toward attaining each goal identified in the LCAP. Evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an assessment of district and school performance reported on the California School Dashboard. Evaluation data shall be used to recommend any necessary revisions to the LCAP.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

#### **Technical Assistance/Intervention**

At its discretion, the Board may submit a request to the County Superintendent for technical assistance, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 52071)

- 1. Assistance in identifying district strengths and weaknesses in regard to state priorities, which includes the review of performance data on the state and local indicators included in the Dashboard and other relevant local data, and in identifying effective, evidence-based programs or practices that address any areas of weakness.
- 2. Assistance from an academic, programmatic, or fiscal expert, or team of experts, in identifying and implementing effective programs and practices that are designed to improve performance in any identified areas of weakness. The district may engage other service providers, including, but not limited to, other school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, to provide such assistance.

In the event that the County Superintendent requires the district to receive technical assistance based on one or more numerically significant student subgroups meeting the criteria established pursuant Education Code 52064.5, the Board shall work with the County Superintendent, or another service provider at district expense, and shall provide the County Superintendent timely documentation of the district's completion of the activities listed in items #1-2 above or substantially similar activities. (Education Code 52071)

If referred to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence by either the County Superintendent or the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the district shall implement the recommendations of that agency in order to accomplish the goals set forth in the district's LCAP. (Education Code 52071, 52074)

If the SPI identifies the district as needing intervention, the district shall cooperate with any action taken by the SPI or any academic advisor appointed by the SPI, which may include one or more of the following: (Education Code 52072)

- 1. Revision of the district's LCAP
- 2. Revision of the district's budget in accordance with changes in the LCAP
- 3. A determination to stay or rescind any district action that would prevent the district from improving outcomes for all student subgroups, provided that action is not required by a collective bargaining agreement

#### Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

305-306 English language education

17002 State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair

33430-33436 Learning Communities for School Success Program; grants for LCAP implementation

41020 Audits

41320-41322 Emergency apportionments

42127 Public hearing on budget adoption

42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula

44258.9 County superintendent review of teacher assignment

48985 Parental notices in languages other than English

51210 Course of study for grades 1-6

51220 Course of study for grades 7-12

52052 Numerically significant student subgroups

52059.5 Statewide system of support

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

52302 Regional occupational centers and programs

52372.5 Linked learning program

54692 Partnership academies

60119 Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution

60605.8 California Assessment of Academic Achievement; Academic Content Standards Commission

64001 Single plan for student achievement

99300-99301 Early Assessment Program

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 Dependent child of the court

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15494-15497 Local control and accountability plan and spending requirements

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6312 Local educational agency plan

6826 Title III funds, local plans

Management Resources: (see next page)

#### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The California School Dashboard and Small Districts, October 2018

<u>Promising Practices for Developing and Implementing LCAPs</u>, Governance Brief, November 2016 <u>LCFF Rubrics, Issue 1: What Boards Need to Know About the New Rubrics</u>, Governance Brief, rev. October 2016

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California School Accounting Manual

California School Dashboard

LCFF Frequently Asked Questions

Local Control and Accountability Plan and Annual Update (LCAP) Template

Family Engagement Framework: A Tool for California School Districts, 2014

California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, 2013

California Common Core State Standards: English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social

Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, rev. 2013

California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, rev. 2013

California English Language Development Standards, 2012

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov California School Dashboard: http://www.caschooldashboard.org **Students** BP 5141.52(a)

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Governing Board recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and that school personnel who regularly interact with students are often in a position to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to offer appropriate referral and/or assistance. In an effort to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on students and families, the Superintendent or designee shall develop measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

In developing measures and strategies for use by the district, the Superintendent or designee may consult with school health professionals, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, administrators, other staff, parents/guardians, students, suicide prevention experts, local health agencies, mental health professionals, and community organizations.

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(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
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Such measures and strategies shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Staff development on suicide awareness and prevention for teachers, school counselors, and other district employees who interact with students

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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2. Instruction to students in problem-solving and coping skills to promote students' mental, emotional, and social health and well-being, as well as instruction in recognizing and appropriately responding to warning signs of suicidal intent in others

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(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
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3. Methods for promoting a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and that is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students

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(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
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4. The provision of information to parents/guardians regarding risk factors and warning signs of suicide, the severity of the suicide problem among youth, the district's suicide prevention curriculum, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, and/or school and community resources that can help youth in crisis

# **SUICIDE PREVENTION** (continued)

- 5. Encouragement for students to notify appropriate school personnel or other adults when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions
- 6. Crisis intervention procedures for addressing suicide threats or attempts
- 7. Counseling and other postvention strategies for helping students, staff, and others cope in the aftermath of a student's suicide

As appropriate, these measures and strategies shall specifically address the needs of students who are at high risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, students who are bereaved by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth. (Education Code 215)

The Board shall review, and update as necessary, this policy at least every five years. (Education Code 215)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

215 Student suicide prevention policies

215.5 Suicide prevention hotline contact information on student identification cards

216 Suicide prevention online training programs

32280-32289 Comprehensive safety plan

49060-49079 Student records

49602 Confidentiality of student information

49604 Suicide prevention training for school counselors

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 Government Claims Act

PENAL CODE

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

5698 Emotionally disturbed youth; legislative intent

5850-5883 Children's Mental Health Services Act

**COURT DECISIONS** 

Corales v. Bennett (Ontario-Montclair School District), (2009) 567 F.3d 554

#### Management Resources:

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

<u>Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade</u> Twelve, 2008

Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

School Connectedness: Strategies for Increasing Protective Factors Among Youth, 2009

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS PUBLICATIONS

Preventing Suicide: Guidelines for Administrators and Crisis Teams, 2015

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: Goals and Objectives for Action, rev. 2012

Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools, 2012

#### **WEB SITES**

American Association of Suicidology: http://www.suicidology.org

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: https://afsp.org

American Psychological Association: http://www.apa.org

American School Counselor Association: https://www.schoolcounselor.org

California Department of Education, Mental Health: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/mh

California Department of Health Care Services, Suicide Prevention Program:

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/SuicidePrevention.aspx

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mental Health: http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth

National Association of School Psychologists: https://www.nasponline.org

National Institute for Mental Health: http://www.nimh.nih.gov

Trevor Project: http://thetrevorproject.org

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration: http://www.samhsa.gov

Students BP 5144(a)

## DISCIPLINE

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive school environment which is conducive to student learning and achievement and desires to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and classroom management strategies, provision of appropriate intervention and support, and parent/guardian involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

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(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
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The Superintendent or designee shall develop effective, age-appropriate strategies for maintaining a positive school climate and correcting student misbehavior at district schools. The strategies shall focus on providing students with needed supports; communicating clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations and consequences for student conduct; and ensuring equity and continuous improvement in the implementation of district discipline policies and practices.

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(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
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In addition, the Superintendent or designee's strategies for correcting student misconduct shall reflect the Board's preference for the use of positive interventions and alternative disciplinary measures over exclusionary discipline measures.

Disciplinary measures that may result in loss of instructional time or cause students to be disengaged from school, such as detention, suspension, and expulsion, shall be imposed only when required or permitted by law or when other means of correction have been documented to have failed. (Education Code 48900.5)

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(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
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School personnel and volunteers shall not allow any disciplinary action taken against a student to result in the denial or delay of a school meal. (Education Code 49557.5)

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
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# **DISCIPLINE** (continued)

Seclusion and behavioral restraint are prohibited as a means of discipline and shall not be used to correct student behavior except as permitted pursuant to Education Code 49005.4 and in accordance with district regulations. (Education Code 49005.2)

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(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)
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The Superintendent or designee shall create a model discipline matrix that lists violations and the consequences for each as allowed by law.

The administrative staff at each school may develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. The Board, at an open meeting, shall review the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law. Site-level disciplinary rules shall be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282, 35291.5)

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
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At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health, well-being, and opportunity to learn.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 0415 - Equity)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
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The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing the skills needed to effectively and equitably implement the disciplinary strategies adopted for district schools, including, but not limited to, knowledge of school and classroom management skills and their consistent application, effective accountability and positive intervention techniques, and the tools to form strong, cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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# **DISCIPLINE** (continued)

District goals for improving school climate, based on suspension and expulsion rates, surveys of students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding their sense of school safety and connectedness to the school community, and other local measures, shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan, as required by law.

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(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
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At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding disciplinary strategies used in district schools in the immediately preceding school year and their effect on student learning.

#### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 32280-32289 School safety plans 35146 Closed sessions 35291 Rules 35291.5-35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules 37223 Weekend classes 44807.5 Restriction from recess 48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion 48980-48985 Notification of parent/guardian 49005-49006.4 Seclusion and restraint 49330-49335 Injurious objects 49550-49564.5 Meals for needy students 52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan CIVIL CODE 1714.1 Parental liability for child's misconduct CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus 353 Detention after school UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20 1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29 794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42 1751-1769j School Lunch Program

Management Resources: (see next page)

1773 School Breakfast Program

# **DISCIPLINE** (continued)

#### Management Resources:

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Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014

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Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity during the School Day, Fact Sheet, 2009

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORIES

Classroom Management: A California Resource Guide for Teachers and Administrators of

Elementary and Secondary Schools, 2000

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

<u>Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline,</u> January 2014 <u>WEB SITES</u>

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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

Public Counsel: http://www.fixschooldiscipline.org

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

Students BP 5146(a)

## MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS

The Governing Board recognizes that responsibilities related to marriage, pregnancy, or parenting and related responsibilities may disrupt a student's education and increase the chance of a student dropping out of school. The Board therefore desires to support married, pregnant, and parenting students to continue their education, attain strong academic and parenting skills, and promote the healthy development of their children.

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(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
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The district shall not exclude or deny any student from any educational program or activity, including any class or extracurricular activity, solely on the basis of the student's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery. In addition, the district shall not adopt any rule concerning a student's actual or potential parental, family, or marital status that treats students differently on the basis of sex. (Education Code 221.51, 230; 5 CCR 4950; 34 CFR 106.40)

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
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The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year of the rights and options available to pregnant and parenting students under the law. In addition, pregnant and parenting students shall be notified of the rights and options available to them under the law through annual school year welcome packets and through independent study packets. (Education Code 222.5, 48980)

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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For school-related purposes, a student under the age of 18 years who enters into a valid marriage shall have all the rights and privileges of students who are 18 years old, even if the marriage has been dissolved. (Family Code 7002)

# **Education and Support Services for Pregnant and Parenting Students**

Pregnant and parenting students shall retain the right to participate in the regular education program or an alternative education program. The classroom setting shall be the preferred instructional strategy unless an alternative is necessary to meet the needs of the student and/or the student's child.

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(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)
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Any alternative education program, activity, or course that is offered separately to pregnant or parenting students, including any class or extracurricular activity, shall be equal to that offered to other district students. A student's participation in such programs shall be voluntary. (Education Code 221.51; 5 CCR 4950)

If required for students with any other temporary disabling condition, the Superintendent or designee may require a student, based on pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery, to obtain certification from a physician or nurse practitioner indicating that the student is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in the regular education program or activity. (Education Code 221.51; 5 CCR 4950; 34 CFR 106.40)

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(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
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To the extent feasible, the district shall provide educational and related support services, either directly or in collaboration with community agencies and organizations, to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students and their children. Such services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Child care and development services for the children of parenting students on or near school site(s) during the school day and during school-sponsored activities

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(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
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- 2. Parenting education and life skills instruction
- 3. Special school nutrition supplements for pregnant and lactating students pursuant to Education Code 49553, 42 USC 1786, and 7 CFR 246.1-246.28

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
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4. Health care services, including prenatal care

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(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
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5. Tobacco, alcohol, and/or drug prevention and intervention services

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(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
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6. Academic and personal counseling

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(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
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7. Supplemental instruction to assist students in achieving grade-level academic standards and progressing toward graduation

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(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)
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As appropriate, teachers, administrators, and/or other personnel who work with pregnant and parenting students shall receive related professional development.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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#### **Absences**

Pregnant or parenting students may be excused for absences for medical appointments and other purposes specified in BP/AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses.

A student shall be excused for absences to care for a sick child for whom the student is the custodial parent. A note from a physician shall not be required for such an absence. (Education Code 48205)

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(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
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## **Parental Leave**

A pregnant or parenting student shall be entitled to eight weeks of parental leave in order to protect the health of the student who gives or expects to give birth and the infant, and to allow the pregnant or parenting student to care for and bond with the infant. Such leave may be taken before the birth of the student's infant if there is a medical necessity and after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction. The Superintendent or designee may grant parental leave beyond eight weeks if deemed medically necessary by the student's physician. (Education Code 46015; 34 CFR 106.40)

The student, if age 18 years or older, or the student's parent/guardian shall notify the school of the student's intent to take parental leave. No student shall be required to take all or part of the parental leave. (Education Code 46015)

When a student takes parental leave, the attendance supervisor shall ensure that absences from the regular school program are excused until the student is able to return to the regular school program or an alternative education program. A pregnant or parenting student shall not be required to complete academic work or other school requirements during the period of the parental leave. (Education Code 46015)

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(cf. 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision)
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Following the leave, a pregnant or parenting student may elect to return to the school and the course of study in which the student was enrolled before taking parental leave or to an alternative education option provided by the district. Upon return to school, a pregnant or parenting student shall have opportunities to make up work missed during the leave, including, but not limited to, makeup work plans and reenrollment in courses. (Education Code 46015)

When necessary to complete high school graduation requirements, the student may remain enrolled in school for a fifth year of instruction, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. (Education Code 46015)

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(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)
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#### **Accommodations**

When necessary, the district shall provide accommodations to enable a pregnant or parenting student to access the educational program.

A pregnant student shall have access to any services available to other students with temporary disabilities or medical conditions. (34 CFR 106.40)

The school shall provide reasonable accommodations to any lactating student to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other needs related to breastfeeding. A student shall not incur an academic penalty for using any of these reasonable accommodations, and shall be provided the opportunity to make up any work missed due to such use. Reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to: (Education Code 222)

- 1. Access to a private and secure room, other than a restroom, to express breast milk or breastfeed an infant child
- 2. Permission to bring onto a school campus a breast pump and any other equipment used to express breast milk
- 3. Access to a power source for a breast pump or any other equipment used to express breast milk
- 4. Access to a place to store expressed breast milk safely

5. A reasonable amount of time to accommodate the student's need to express breast milk or breastfeed an infant child

# **Complaints**

Any complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of pregnancy or marital or parental status, district noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code 46015, or district noncompliance with the requirement to provide reasonable accommodations for lactating students shall be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures in accordance with 5 CCR 4600-4670 and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant who is not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE). If the district or CDE finds merit in an appeal, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. (Education Code 222, 46015; 5 CCR 4600-4670)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

# **Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of district strategies to support married, pregnant, and parenting students, which may include data on student participation in district programs and services, academic achievement, school attendance, graduation rate, and/or student feedback on district programs and services.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability) (cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment) (cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

221.51 Nondiscrimination; married, pregnant, and parenting students

222 Reasonable accommodations; lactating students

222.5 Pregnant and parenting students, notification of rights

230 Sex discrimination

8200-8498 Child Care and Development Services Act

46015 Parental leave

48205 Excused absences

48206.3 Temporary disability, definition

48220 Compulsory education requirement

48410 Persons exempted from continuation classes

48980 Parental notifications

49553 Nutrition supplements for pregnant/lactating students

51220.5 Parenting skills and education

51745 Independent study

52610.5 Enrollment of pregnant and parenting students in adult education

CIVIL CODE

51 Unruh Civil Rights Act

FAMILY CODE

7002 Description of emancipated minor

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

104460 Tobacco prevention services for pregnant and parenting students

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

4950 Nondiscrimination, marital and parental status

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

101151-101239.2 General licensing requirements for child care centers

101351-101439.1 Infant care centers

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Title IX, Education Act Amendments

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42** 

1786 Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

246.1-246.28 Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.40 Marital or parental status

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Management Resources: (see next page)

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Pregnant Students and Confidential Medical Services, 2013

Educational Rights of Pregnant and Parenting Teens: Title IX and California State Law

Requirements, 2012

The Civil Rights of Pregnant and Parenting Teens in California Schools, 2002

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

California Women's Law Center: http://www.cwlc.org

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Women, Infants, and Children Program: http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov

Instruction BP 6146.1(a)

# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma so that they can take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

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(cf. 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)
(cf. 5147 Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 6011 Academic Standards)
(cf. 6143 Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.3 Reciprocity of Academic Credit)
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## **Course Requirements**

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

1. Three courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)

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(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
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2. Two courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

Students may be awarded up to one mathematics course credit for successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category c" course based on the "a-g" course requirements for college admission. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)

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(cf. 6142.92 Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6152.1 Placement in Mathematics Courses)
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3. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)

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(cf. 6142.93 Science Instruction)
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4. Three courses in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics (Education Code 51225.3)

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(cf. 6142.3 Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.94 History Social Science Instruction)
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- 5. One course in visual or performing arts; foreign language, including American Sign Language; or career technical education (CTE) (Education Code 51225.3)
- To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

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(cf. 6142.2 World/Foreign Language Instruction)
(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
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(cf. 6142.7 Physical Education and Activity)

6. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)

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(cf. 6142.1 Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6142.4 Service Learning/Community Service Classes)
(cf. 6142.8 Comprehensive Health Education)
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Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

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(cf. 6146.11 Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)
(cf. 6146.4 Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)
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#### **Exemptions and Waivers**

A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or newly arrived immigrant student participating in a newcomer program who transfers into the district any time after completing the second year of high school shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempt from any additional district adopted graduation requirements, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to

complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer, any such student shall be notified of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

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(cf. 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 5145.6 Parental Notifications)
(cf. 6173 Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 Education of Children of Military Families)
(cf. 6173.3 Education for Juvenile Court School Students)
(cf. 6175 Migrant Education Program)
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## **Retroactive Diplomas**

Any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 51413)

In addition, the district may retroactively grant high school diplomas to: (Education Code 48204.4, 51430, 51440)

1. Persons who departed California against their will while in grade 12 and did not receive a diploma because the departure interrupted their education, provided that they were in good academic standing at the time of the departure

Persons may be considered to have departed California against their will if they were in custody of a government agency and were transferred to another state, were subject to a lawful order from a court or government agency that authorized their removal from California, were subject to a lawful order and were permitted to depart California before being removed from California pursuant to the lawful order, were removed or were permitted to depart voluntarily pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or departed due to other circumstances determined by the district that are consistent with the purposes of Education Code 48204.4.

- In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any coursework that may have been completed outside of the United States or through online or virtual courses.
- 2. Former students who were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that they were enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and did not receive a diploma because their education was interrupted due to the internment or military service in those wars

- Deceased former students who satisfy these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by their next of kin.
- 3. Veterans who entered the military service of the United States while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school

# **Honorary Diplomas**

The Board may grant honorary high school diplomas to: (Education Code 51225.5)

1. An international exchange student who has not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation, and who is returning to the home country following the completion of one academic school year in the district

(cf. 6145.6 International Exchange)

2. A student who is terminally ill

The honorary diploma shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation awarded by the district. (Education Code 51225.5)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

# Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 47612 Enrollment in charter school 48200 Compulsory attendance 48204.4 Parents/guardians departing California against their will 48412 Certificate of proficiency 48430 Continuation education schools and classes 48645.5 Acceptance of coursework 48980 Required notification at beginning of term 49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children 51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life 51224.5 Algebra instruction 51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements 51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course 51225.3 High school graduation 51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science 51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation 51225.5 Honorary diplomas 51225.6 Compression only cardiopulmonary resuscitation 51228 Graduation requirements 51240 51246 Exemptions from requirements 51250 51251 Assistance to military dependents 51410 51413 Diplomas 51420 51427 High school equivalency certificates 51430 Retroactive high school diplomas 51440 Retroactive high school diplomas 51450 51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma 51745 Independent study restrictions 56390 56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education 66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admissions criteria 67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 1600 1651 Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation 4600 4687 Uniform complaint procedures **COURT DECISIONS** O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal. App. 4th 1452 Management Resources: **WEB SITES** CSBA: http://www.csba.org California Department of Education, High School: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs

Policy CSBA MANUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE adopted: December 2018

University of California, List of Approved a g Courses:

http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements

Instruction BP 6175(a)

## MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive program for migrant students that attempts to mitigate the impact of educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, health-related problems, and other factors that may inhibit their ability to succeed in school. The district shall make use of available funds to provide supplementary services for migrant students.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 0415 - Equity)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
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The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the regional migrant service center in outreach and identification of eligible migrant students and in the provision of migrant education services. The Superintendent or designee shall also coordinate migrant education services with other programs within the district and with other public agencies that serve migrant workers and their families.

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(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
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The district shall give first priority for services to migrant students who are failing, or are most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards or have dropped out of school. (20 USC 6394)

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(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
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The district shall provide services to eligible private school students residing within the district on an equitable basis with participating public school students. (20 USC 7881; 34 CFR 200.87)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each migrant student is placed at the appropriate grade level upon enrollment and is provided services in accordance with an individual needs assessment and learning plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board regarding student performance on statewide assessments of core academic subjects and English language development, as appropriate, for students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the alignment of district services with the needs of students as identified in student needs assessments conducted pursuant to Education Code 54443.1. As necessary, the Board

# MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM (continued)

shall seek technical assistance from the migrant education regional service center and/or make changes in the services provided by the district in order to improve student achievement.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability) (cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

200 Educational equity

220 Prohibition against discrimination

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements

51225.3 High school graduation, course requirements

54440-54445 Migrant education program

# CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 Application of uniform complaint procedures

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Title I state plan

6381-6381k Even Start family literacy program

6391-6399 Education of migrant students

7881 Services for private school students

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200.81-200.89 Migrant education program

# Management Resources:

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Education of Migratory Children Under Title I, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education

Act of 1965, Non-Regulatory Guidance, rev. March 2017

#### **WEB SITES**

California Department of Education, Migrant Education Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/me

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December 2018

Board Bylaws BB 9322(a)

## AGENDA/MEETING MATERIALS

#### **Agenda Content**

Governing Board meeting agendas shall reflect the district's vision and goals and the Board's focus on student learning.

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(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
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Each agenda shall state the meeting time and place and shall briefly describe each business item to be transacted or discussed, including items to be discussed in closed session. (Government Code 54954.2)

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(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9321- Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)
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The agenda shall provide members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item. However, the agenda need not provide an opportunity for public comment when the agenda item has previously been considered at an open meeting of a committee comprised exclusively of Board members, provided that members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the item at that meeting and that the item has not been substantially changed since the committee considered it. (Government Code 54954.3)

The agenda for a regular Board meeting shall also provide members of the public an opportunity to provide comment on matters which are not on the agenda but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

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(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)
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Each agenda for a regular meeting shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to an open session item that have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code 54957.5)

The agenda shall include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request should be made if an individual requires disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, in order to participate in the Board meeting. (Government Code 54954.2)

# **Agenda Preparation**

The <u>Executive Committee</u>, <u>comprised of the Board</u> Board <u>pPresident</u>, <u>Vice President</u> and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each regular and special meeting.

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(cf. 9121 - President)
(cf. 9122 - Secretary)
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Any Board member or member of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information, if any, at least one two three weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Items submitted less than atwo three weeks before the scheduled meeting date may be postponed to a later meeting in order to allow sufficient time for consideration and research of the issue.

The Board president and Superintendent Executive Committee shall decide whether a request to place an item on the agenda from a member of the public is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may not be placed on the agenda. In addition, before placing the item on the agenda, the Board president and Superintendent Executive Committee shall determine if the item is merely a request for information or whether the issue is covered by an existing policy or administrative regulation.

If the Board president and Superintendent Executive Committee deny denies a request from a Board member to place an item on the agenda, the Board member may request the Board to take action to determine whether the item shall be placed on the agenda.

The Board president and Superintendent Executive Committee shall also decide whether an agenda item is appropriate for discussion in open or closed session, and whether the item should be an action item subject to Board vote or an information item that does not require immediate action.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote—through the use of a consent agenda. Consent items shall be items of a routine nature and items for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. When any Board member requests the removal of an item from the consent agenda, the item shall be removed and given individual consideration for action as a regular agenda item.

The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on any consent agenda item that has not been previously considered. (Government Code 54954.3)

Any Board action that involves borrowing \$100,000 or more shall be discussed, considered, and deliberated upon as a separate item of business on the <u>meeting\_action\_agenda</u>. (Government Code 53635.7). Any If a new item that is \$50,000 or more, it shall be placed on the action agenda.

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

All public communications with the Board are subject to requirements of relevant Board policies and administrative regulations.

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(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
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(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

# **Agenda Dissemination to Board Members**

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and agenda packet, including the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, and others; and other available documents pertinent to the meeting.

When special meetings are called, Board members shall receive, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, notice of the business to be transacted. (Government Code 54956)

Board members shall review agenda materials before each meeting. Individual members may confer directly with the Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not, outside of a noticed meeting, directly or through intermediaries or electronic means discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)

#### **Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public**

Any agenda and related materials distributed to the Board shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. Only those documents which are disclosable public records under the Public Records Act and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54957.5)

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the homepage of the district web site. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the web site with the district's agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

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(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
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If a document which relates to an open session agenda item of a regular Board meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to a meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the document available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. (Government Code 54957.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 54954.1)

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code 54954.1)

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the Public Records Act. (Government Code 54957.5)

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54954.1)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

#### Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

35144 Special meetings

35145 Public meetings

35145.5 Right of public to place matters on agenda

## GOVERNMENT CODE

6250-6270 Public Records Act

53635.7 Separate item of business

54954.1 Mailed agenda of meeting

54954.2 Agenda posting requirements; board actions

54954.3 Opportunity for public to address legislative body

54954.5 Closed session item descriptions

54956.5 Emergency meetings

54957.5 Availability of public records

54960.2 Challenging board actions; cease and desist

# UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.160 Effective communications

36.303 Auxiliary aids and services

## **COURT DECISIONS**

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Call to Order: A Blueprint for Great Board Meetings, 2015

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The Brown Act: Open Meetings for Legislative Bodies, rev. 2003

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA, Agenda Online: http://www.csba.org

California Attorney General's Office: http://www.oag.ca.gov

Board Bylaws BB 9324(a)

## MINUTES AND RECORDINGS

The Governing Board recognizes that maintaining accurate minutes of Board meetings helps foster public trust in Board governance and provides a record of Board actions for use by district staff and the public.

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(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)
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The secretary of the Board shall keep minutes and record all official Board actions. The Board's minutes shall be public records and shall be made available to the public upon request. (Education Code 35145, 35163)

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(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 9122 - Secretary)
(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)
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The minutes of Board meetings shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A notation of which Board members are present, in person or by teleconference, and whether a member is not present for part of the meeting due to late arrival and/or early departure

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(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
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- 2. A brief summary of the Board's discussion on each agenda topic, rather than a verbatim record of each Board member's specific points of view during the discussion
- 3. A summary of the public comments made on agendized items and unagendized topics
- 4. The specific language of each motion and the names of the Board members who made and seconded the motion
- 5. Preferential votes cast by student Board member(s) (Education Code 35012)

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(cf. 9150 - Student Board Members)
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6. Any action taken by the Board, and the vote or abstention on that action of each Board member present (Education Code 35145; Government Code 54953)

Upon request by a student's parent/guardian, or by the student if age 18 or older, the minutes shall not include the student's or parent/guardian's address, telephone number, date of birth, or email address, or the student's name or other directory information as defined in Education Code 49061. The request to exclude such information shall be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board. (Education Code 49073.2)

# MINUTES AND RECORDINGS (continued)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

The Board agenda shall include a statement of the option and process for students and parents/guardians to request that such information be excluded from the minutes.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute a copy of the "unapproved" minutes of the previous meeting(s) with the agenda for the next regular meeting. The Board shall approve the minutes as circulated or with necessary amendments.

Upon approval by the Board, the minutes shall be signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Official Board minutes and recordings shall be stored in a secure location and shall be retained in accordance with law.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Any minutes or recordings kept for Board meetings held in closed session shall be kept separately from the minutes or recordings of regular and special meetings. Minutes or recordings of closed sessions are not public records. (Government Code 54957.2)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

## **Recording or Broadcasting of Meetings**

The district may tape, film, stream, or broadcast any open Board meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the Board president shall announce that a recording or broadcasting is being made at the direction of the Board and that the recording or broadcast may capture images and sounds of those attending the meeting. As practicable, the recorder or camera shall be placed in plain view of meeting participants.

Any district recording may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the meeting. Recordings made at the direction of the Board during a meeting are public records and, upon request, shall be made available for inspection by members of the public on district equipment without charge. (Government Code 54953.5)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

# MINUTES AND RECORDINGS (continued)

## Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

35012 Number of members; terms; student board members

35145 Public meetings

35163 Official actions, minutes and journals

35164 Vote requirements

49061 Student records; definitions

49073.2 Privacy of student and parent/guardian personal information

## **GOVERNMENT CODE**

54952.2 Meeting defined

54953 Meetings

54953.5 Audio or video recording of proceedings

54953.6 Broadcasting of proceedings

54957.2 Closed sessions; clerk; minute book

54960 Violations and remedies

PENAL CODE

632 Unlawful to intentionally record a confidential communication without consent

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

16020-16027 Classification and retention of records

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