

CSBA POLICY GUIDE SHEET

June 2021

Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies, administrative regulations, board bylaws, and/or exhibits. Editorial changes have also been made. Districts and county offices of education should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Regulation updated to correct the timeline in the "Notifications" section for submitting appeals to the California Department of Education (CDE), as specified in state regulations. Section on "Investigation of Complaint" revised to clarify that state regulations regarding the consequences of a respondent's failure to cooperate in an investigation only apply when the respondent is the district. Additional revisions, including expansion of the section "Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs," made to more directly reflect the standards in CDE's Federal Program Monitoring instrument.

NEW - Board Policy 1313 - Civility

New policy addresses the importance of civility to the effective operation of the district, including its role in creating a positive school climate and enabling a focus on student well-being, learning, and achievement. Policy includes First Amendment free speech considerations, behavior that constitutes civil behavior, practices that promote civil behavior, and authorization to educate or provide information to students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members to assist in the recognition, development, and demonstration of civil behavior. Policy also includes material regarding behavior that is disruptive, hinders the orderly conduct of district operations or programs, or creates an unsafe learning or working environment, as well as the prohibition of, and consequences for, behavior which is discriminatory, harassing, or intimidating, including sexual harassment, bullying, and/or hate violence.

Board Policy 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management

Policy updated to reflect current legal requirements for recycling waste which are based on specified thresholds of waste generation and are detailed in the accompanying administrative regulation, add district goal to develop strategies for recycling organic waste, and more directly link waste management to education goals.

Administrative Regulation 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management

Regulation updated to add new section on "Recycling" which contains (1) material formerly in item #2 above, (2) new material reflecting a determination by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) regarding the level of statewide disposal of organic waste which triggered a requirement for any facility generating two or more cubic yards of solid waste per week to meet specified requirements pertaining to the recycling of organic waste, and (3) new material reflecting legal requirements to provide recycling bins or containers in a facility that generates four or more cubic yards of solid waste or two or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.

Board Policy 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers

Policy updated to clarify the obligation of drivers to submit to drug and alcohol testing as required under federal law. Section on "Consequences Based on Test Results" updated to (1) add the agency responsible for reviewing and approving district requests to temporarily remove a driver from safety-sensitive functions before drug test results are verified by a certified medical review officer and (2) describe consequences that will be imposed on drivers based on findings of specific concentrations of alcohol. Policy also clarifies the requirement to ensure that a driver who is offered an opportunity to return to work following a violation first receive an evaluation by a qualified substance abuse professional and successfully comply with the evaluation recommendations.

Administrative Regulation 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers

Regulation updated to clarify that marijuana remains an illegal drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act and use of it by a driver remains a violation of federal drug testing regulations. Definition of "alcohol concentration" revised to delete information regarding consequences for drivers based on specific alcohol concentrations, now addressed in the BP. Regulation also expands the responsibilities of the designated employer representative pursuant to federal regulations, clarifies requirements pertaining to pre-employment testing including the requirement to conduct a pre-employment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, and reflects additional requirements related to post-accident testing. New section reflects federal regulations which require districts to report any violation of federal drug and alcohol regulations to the Clearinghouse and conduct inquiries of the Clearinghouse's online database for all drivers employed by the district on an annual basis and before hiring any driver.

Board Policy 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement

Revised policy reflects court decision holding that a provision in a collective bargaining agreement that directly conflicts with the Education Code cannot be enforced. Policy also adds language clarifying that, whenever a law conflicts with a provision in the collective bargaining agreement, the law will prevail.

Board Policy 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security

Policy updated to reflect law authorizing a district to petition, on behalf of an employee, for a gun violence restraining order prohibiting a person from owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm. Policy also reflects law requiring a district to provide reasonable accommodations, upon request, to an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Policy adds a requirement of law to inform administrators and counselors, along with teachers, regarding certain crimes and offenses committed by students.

Administrative Regulation 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security

Regulation updated to more directly reflect law requiring a report to law enforcement of any attack, assault, or physical threat made against an employee by a student. Material in section on "Notice Regarding Student Offenses" reorganized to clarify the required notifications that must be made to staff pertaining to (1) student offenses that are grounds for suspension or expulsion and (2) any report received from a court that a student has been found to have committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses. In that section, paragraph on notifications that may be provided by a district police or security department deleted and moved into Note since its applicability is limited. New section on "Accommodations for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking" reflects law requiring a district to provide reasonable accommodations, including, but not limited to, safety procedures or adjustments to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement, upon the request of an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Board Policy 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting

Board policy updated to clarify that districts are not required, but are authorized, to include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum in the instructional program, add material regarding displaying posters on campus notifying students of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect, include the requirement for student identifications cards for students in grades 7-12 to include the National Domestic Hotline telephone number, and clarify that the training regarding duties of mandated reporters be according to law and administrative regulation.

Administrative Regulation 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1145, 2020)** which amends the definition of sexual assault for purposes of mandated reporting to not include voluntary conduct in violation of Penal Code 286, 287, or 289 (sodomy, oral copulation, or sexual penetration) if there are no indicators of abuse unless such conduct is between a person who is 21 years of age or older and a minor who is under 16 years of age. Regulation also adds licensees of licensed child day care facilities to the list of mandated reporters, reflects that the California Department of Justice form is now titled BCIA 8572, clarifies that when a staff member or volunteer aide is selected by a child to be present at an interview where child abuse is being investigated that the principal or designee inform the person of specified requirements prior to the interview, and reflects **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2020, No. 21)** which authorizes parents/guardians of special

education students to file a complaint with CDE for safety concerns that interfere with the provision of a free appropriate public education pursuant to 5 CCR 3200-3205 rather than through uniform complaint procedures.

Board Policy 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention

Policy updated to expand material regarding stakeholder engagement and best practices for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, and for consistency with CDE's Model Youth Suicide Prevention Policy, including an enhanced list of participants for staff development, the importance of resiliency skills to student instruction, the review of materials and resources for alignment with safe and effective messaging, information to be provided to parents/guardians and caregivers, and the establishment of district and/or school site crisis intervention team(s). Policy also updated to clarify that the policy may be reviewed more frequently than the five-year review requirement of law, and that district data pertaining to reports of suicidal ideation, attempts, or death and data that reflect school climate be periodically reviewed to aid in program development.

Administrative Regulation 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention

Regulation updated to expand the section on "Staff Development" by adding to the list of participants for suicide prevention training, topics to be included in such training, and additional professional development for specified groups and to enhance the section on "Instruction" by adding to the list of topics to be taught and authorizing the development and implementation of school activities that raise awareness about mental health wellness and suicide prevention. Regulation also updated to include, for districts that have crisis intervention teams, the contact information for district and/or school site crisis intervention team members, add that school counselors may disclose a student's personal information to report child abuse and neglect as required by law, and include providing comfort to a student who has attempted or threatened to attempt suicide.

Board Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure

Policy updated to reflect court decision upholding a school policy that called for limited searches without individualized suspicion if students left campus and returned in the middle of the day. Policy also updated to reflect law which places restrictions on searches of electronic devices such as cellular phones, court decision regarding searches of lockers without individualized suspicion, and court decision upholding policy of random weapons screening with a handheld metal detector.

Administrative Regulation 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests

Regulation updates information regarding administration of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, including provisions that: (1) the district may administer the California Science Test (CAST) in any of grades 10-12, (2) the California Alternate Assessments in science should be administered to students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the CAST with accommodations, and (3) the California Spanish Test is the primary language assessment that is available to be administered to English learners. Regulation also adds optional language regarding the use of Smarter Balanced interim and formative assessments to provide timely feedback regarding students' progress and assist teachers in continually adjusting instruction to improve learning. Testing windows and testing variations updated to reflect current state regulations, as renumbered.

Board Policy 7211 - Developer Fees

Policy updated to include material formerly in the AR pertaining to responsibilities of the board with respect to levying developer fees, such as conducting a fee justification study, holding a public hearing, and adopting a board resolution. Policy also clarifies the applicability of Government Code 65997, which became operative due to the failure of state bond measure Proposition 13 in March 2020 and gives districts the flexibility to deny or refuse a legislative act involving the planning, use, or development of real property, other than requiring a fee in excess of the fee imposed by law. Policy addresses factors that must be included in the fee justification study based on recent court decision.

Administrative Regulation 7211 - Developer Fees

Regulation revised to delete board responsibilities pertaining to the imposition of developer fees, now addressed in the BP, and to require the superintendent or designee to provide specified information regarding capital facilities accounts to the board as well as the public.

CSBA Sample

Administrative Regulation

Community Relations

AR 1312.3(a)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Note: 5 CCR 4621 **mandates** that the district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) be consistent with the procedures of 5 CCR 4600-4670. Additionally, Education Code 52075 **mandates** districts to adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP), and Education Code 8235.5 **mandates** districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs (CSPP). Furthermore, a number of federal civil rights statutes and their implementing regulations mandate districts to adopt policies and procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of unlawful discrimination, **(such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying)**. For example, all districts are **mandated** pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107 to adopt policy and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of disability, while districts that receive federal financial assistance are **mandated** pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8 and 34 CFR 110.25 to adopt policies and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of sex and age. Some of the factors considered by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) when determining whether a district's procedures are "prompt and equitable" are addressed throughout the following administrative regulation.

Apart from these mandates, state law authorizes the use of UCP to resolve complaints of noncompliance with laws related to the development of a school plan for student achievement and the establishment of school site councils; accommodations for pregnant and parenting students; prohibition against the charging of student fees; educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court school students, children of military families, migrant students, and students participating in a newcomer program for newly arrived immigrants; assignment of students to courses without educational content; and physical education instructional minutes. See the section "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy.

Except as the Governing Board may otherwise specifically provide in other district policies, these uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve only the complaints specified in **BP 1312.3 the accompanying Board policy**.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Compliance Officers

Note: 5 CCR 4621 **mandates** the district to identify in its policies and procedures the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs, including the receiving and investigating of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, **(such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying)** and retaliation. During its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process, California Department of Education (CDE) staff will check to ensure that the district's procedures list the specific title(s) of the employee(s) responsible for receiving and investigating complaints. Districts should identify the specific title(s) of the compliance officer(s) in the space provided below. If a district identifies multiple compliance officers, it is recommended that one be designated the lead compliance officer.

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The following paragraph specifies that the compliance officer will be the same person designated to serve as the Title IX Coordinator for addressing complaints of sexual harassment pursuant to AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment and AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Districts may modify this regulation to designate different district employees to serve these functions.

The district designates the individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) identified below as responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws. The individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment responsible for handling complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, ~~(such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying)~~ and in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment for handling complaints regarding sexual harassment. The compliance officer(s) shall receive and coordinate the investigation of complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaints Procedures)

Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent__

(title or position)

Escalon Unified School District_____

(unit or office)

_1520 Yosemite Ave. Escalon, CA 95320__

(address)

_209-838-3591_____

(telephone number)

(email)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that have designated more than one compliance officer.

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

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

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Note: 5 CCR 4621 **mandates** that the district's policy require employees responsible for compliance and/or for investigating and resolving complaints to be knowledgeable about the laws and programs at issue in the complaints they are assigned. OCR requires that the compliance officer(s) involved in implementing discrimination complaint procedures be knowledgeable about the procedures and be able to explain them to parents/guardians and students. **They Compliance officers** must also have training or experience in handling discrimination complaints, including appropriate investigative techniques and understanding of the applicable legal standards.

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

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

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

Notifications

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

Note: During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that the district's policy contains a statement ensuring annual dissemination of notice of the district's UCP to the persons specified below.

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

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(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: 5 CCR 4622 requires the district to include specified information in its annual UCP notice to students, parents/guardians, employees, and others. The following list reflects those required components and additional content of the notice listed in CDE's FPM instrument.

A sample of the annual notice is available through CDE's web site. It is the district's responsibility to update the notice as necessary to reflect new law.

The notice shall include:

1. A statement that the district is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to prohibition of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group, and a list of all programs and activities that are subject to UCP as identified in the section "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy
2. The title of the position responsible for processing complaints, the identity of the person(s) currently occupying that position if known, and a statement that such persons will be knowledgeable about the laws and programs that they are assigned to investigate
3. A statement that a UCP complaint, **except a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying**, must be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred
4. A statement that, ~~in the case of a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, a UCP complaint~~ must be filed no later than six months from the date of the alleged conduct or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged conduct
5. A statement that a student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities
6. A statement that a complaint regarding student fees or the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint

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7. A statement that the district will post a standardized notice of the educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court school students now enrolled in the district, children of military families, migrant students, and immigrant students enrolled in a newcomer program, as specified in Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2, and the complaint process

*(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)*

8. A statement that complaints will be investigated in accordance with the district's UCP and a written decision will be sent to the complainant within 60 days from the receipt of the complaint, unless this time period is extended by written agreement of the complainant
9. A statement that, for programs within the scope of the UCP as specified in the accompanying Board policy, the complainant has a right to appeal the district's investigation report to the California Department of Education (CDE) for programs within the scope of the UCP by filing a written appeal, including a copy of the original complaint and the district's decision, within ~~15~~ 30 calendar days of receiving the district's decision
10. A statement advising the complainant of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal laws prohibiting anti discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying laws, if applicable
11. A statement that copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge

Note: The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.61, districts are required to post information related to Title IX on their web sites, including specified information about complaint procedures under Title IX. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. A district that does not maintain a web site may comply by posting the information on the web site of its county office of education. A comprehensive list of rights based on the provisions of the federal regulations implementing Title IX can be found in Education Code 221.8. In addition, in its April 2015 Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, OCR recommends that districts use web posting and social media to disseminate their nondiscrimination notices, policies, and procedures and communicate current compliance officer(s)' contact information to students, parents/guardians, and employees.

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The annual notification, complete contact information of the compliance officer(s), and information related to Title IX as required pursuant to Education Code 221.61 shall be posted on the district web site and may be provided through district-supported social media, if available.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

Note: Both federal and state laws contain requirements for translation of certain information and documents. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires districts to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency. OCR has interpreted this to require that, whenever information is provided to parents/guardians, districts must notify limited-English-proficient (LEP) parents/guardians in a language other than English in order to be adequate. OCR enforces this requirement consistent with the Department of Justice's 2002 Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons. Under the Guidance, a recipient of federal funds has an obligation to provide language assistance to LEP individuals based on the balancing of four factors: (1) the number or proportion of LEP individuals likely to encounter the program, (2) the frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with the program, (3) the nature and importance of the services provided by the program, and (4) the resources available to the recipient. State law is more specific than federal law: Education Code 48985 requires translation of certain information and documents if 15 percent or more of students enrolled in the school speak a single primary language other than English.

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

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

Filing of Complaints

Note: Complaints filed under UCP may be filed directly with a compliance officer or with any site administrator not designated as a compliance officer. For example, acts of unlawful discrimination, **(such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying)** may initially be reported to a principal. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment and AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment. If a site administrator not designated as a compliance officer receives a UCP complaint, the site administrator must notify a compliance officer. A district may also establish a site-level process for receiving informal reports about incidents for which a UCP complaint may be filed and notifying students and parents/guardians of their right to file a UCP complaint. Any site-level process established by a district should be in writing and distributed in the same manner as the grievance procedures listed herein with an explanation of how it interacts with the UCP complaint process.

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The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

All complaints shall be filed in writing and signed by the complainant. If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist in the filing of the complaint. (5 CCR 4600)

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

1. A complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing the programs specified in the accompanying Board policy may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4630)

Note: Education Code 49013 and 52075 **mandate** districts to adopt procedures that allow for anonymous complaints to be filed when a district allegedly violates the prohibition against the charging of student fees or violates any requirement related to the LCAP.

2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent or designee.

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4630, **as amended by Register 2020, No. 21**, complaints related to the LCAP must be filed within a year of the date that the reviewing authority approves the district's LCAP. Pursuant to Education Code 52070, the County Superintendent of Schools is the reviewing authority for district LCAPs.

3. A UCP complaint, **except for a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying**, shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. For complaints related to the LCAP, the date of the alleged violation is the date when the County Superintendent of Schools approves the LCAP that was adopted by the Board. (5 CCR 4630)
4. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, **(such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying)** may be filed only by a person who alleges having personally suffered unlawful discrimination, a person who believes that any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination, or a duly authorized representative who alleges that an individual student has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. **(5 CCR 4630)**
5. **The A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying** shall be initiated no later than six months from the date that the alleged

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unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date that the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)

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

Note: OCR's Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance indicates that if a complainant in a sexual harassment case requests that the complainant's name or that of the victim not be revealed to the alleged perpetrator or asks that the complaint not be pursued, the district should first inform the complainant that honoring the request may limit its ability to respond and pursue disciplinary action against the alleged perpetrator. The OCR publication acknowledges that situations may exist in which a district cannot honor a student's request for confidentiality, but cautions that, in all instances, the district must still continue to ensure that it provides a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students. Districts should consult legal counsel before honoring a confidentiality request to withhold the victim's name from the alleged perpetrator, especially in the case of alleged sexual assault. These guiding principles would also apply to harassment on the basis of race, gender, disability, or other protected characteristic.

- 6.7.** When ~~the a~~ complainant of unlawful discrimination, ~~(such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying)~~ or the alleged victim, when not the complainant, requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform the complainant or victim that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the conduct or take other necessary action. When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district shall nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and resolve/respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

Mediation

Note: The following section should be used only by those districts that have decided to establish procedures for attempting to resolve complaints through alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation; see the accompanying Board policy. **The following section may be modified to specify the alternative dispute resolution method and timelines used within the district.**

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

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

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

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

Investigation of Complaint

Note: 5 CCR 4631, which requires the district to provide the complainant with the opportunity to present relevant information, does not provide any timeline. Thus, **the timeline specified below may be modified to reflect district practice.**

Within 10 business days after the compliance officer receives the complaint, the compliance officer shall begin an investigation into the complaint.

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

Note: In the investigation, the compliance officer should consider all relevant circumstances, such as how the **alleged** misconduct affected one or more students' education; the type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct; the identity, age, and sex of the individuals involved in and impacted by the conduct and the relationship between them; the number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed; the size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred; and other incidents at the school involving different individuals.

In conducting the investigation, the compliance officer shall collect all available documents and review all available records, notes, or statements related to the complaint, including any additional evidence or information received from the parties during the course of the investigation. The compliance officer shall individually interview all available witnesses

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with information pertinent to the complaint, and may visit any reasonably accessible location where the relevant actions are alleged to have taken place. At appropriate intervals, the compliance officer shall inform **both the** parties of the status of the investigation.

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

Note: 5 CCR 4631 allows the district to dismiss a complaint when the complainant refuses to provide the investigator with relevant documents or otherwise obstructs the investigation. 5 CCR 4631 also provides that, if the district refuses to provide the investigator with access to records or other documents, the investigator may issue a finding in favor of the complainant. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that both of these statements regarding the provision of access to information are included in the district's policy or procedures, as specified below.

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or **engagement in** any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. **Similarly, a respondent's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in a finding, based on evidence collected, that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631) In accordance with law, the district shall provide the investigator with access to records and other information related to the allegation in the complaint and shall not in any way obstruct the investigation. Refusal by the district to provide the investigator with access to records and/or information related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or any other obstruction of the investigation Failure or refusal of the district to cooperate in the investigation** may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

Timeline for Investigation Report

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, the district's investigation report must be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of receiving the complaint. Option 1 below is for districts that do not allow complainants to appeal the compliance officer's decision to the Governing Board. Option 2 is for districts that allow appeals to the Board, and it requires the compliance officer's decision within 30 calendar days so that the Board's decision can still be given within the 60-day time limit.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, only a complainant has the right to receive the investigation report and to file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision. However, OCR has

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recommended that the same rights be extended to a respondent to a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination to ensure the process is equitable for all involved. Furthermore, OCR recommends notifying the respondent in such a complaint whenever the complainant approves an extension of the timeline. Options 1 and 2 reflect these recommendations and may be modified to reflect district practice.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4640, when a UCP complaint is erroneously sent to CDE without first being filed with the district, the 60-day period specified in 5 CCR 4631 begins when the district receives the complaint.

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written investigation report, as described in the section "Investigation Report" below, within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

For any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, ~~(such as discriminatory~~ harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the respondent shall be informed of any extension of the timeline agreed to by the complainant. The respondent also shall be sent the investigation report at the same time it is provided to the complainant.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)**Investigation Report**

Note: 5 CCR 4631, as amended by Register 2020, No. 21, specifies components that **should be required** to be part of the district's investigation report. Inclusion of these items will help protect the district's position in case of an appeal to CDE, a complaint submitted to OCR, or if litigation is filed.

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

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered
2. A conclusion providing a clear determination for each allegation as to whether the district is in compliance with the relevant law
3. Corrective action(s) whenever the district finds merit in the complaint, including, when required by law, a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians and, for a student fees complaint, a remedy that complies with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600
4. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's investigation report to CDE, except when the district has used the UCP to address a complaint not specified in 5 CCR 4610
5. Procedures to be followed for initiating an appeal to CDE

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

Note: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.67) protects student privacy, including student records containing details of the actions taken in response to a UCP complaint. However, pursuant to 20 USC 1221, FERPA may not "be construed to affect the applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act, or other statutes prohibiting discrimination, to any applicable program." In February 2015, the Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO), now the Student Privacy Protection Office, released a letter concluding that FERPA permits a district to disclose to a student who was subjected to unlawful discrimination certain information about the sanctions imposed upon the **offender respondent** when the sanctions directly relate to that student. Thus, if properly remedying the impact of discrimination would require disclosing to the alleged victim certain information on how the district disciplined the **alleged student-offender respondent** (e.g., an order that the

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alleged-offender respondent stay away from the alleged victim), FPCO interprets FERPA as allowing the district to disclose that information.

Given the potential liability from improperly disclosing such information, districts are advised to consult with legal counsel when presented with a situation where a victim of unlawful discrimination requests information about sanctions imposed upon the **offender-respondent**.

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

Note: Education Code 48985 requires that reports sent to parents/guardians be written in their primary language when 15 percent or more of a school's enrolled students speak a single primary language other than English. ~~During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure compliance with this requirement.~~ **During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that UCP complaint procedures pertaining to CSPP health and safety issues include a statement that the district response and the investigation report must, whenever Education Code 48985 is applicable, be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed; see the section "Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs" below. The following paragraph extends this provision to all types of complaints to ensure compliance with Education Code 48985. In addition, bBased on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, OCR requires districts to ensure meaningful access to all relevant UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.**

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient student or parent/guardian ~~and the student involved is enrolled in a school at which 15 percent or more of the students speak a single primary language other than English~~, then the **district's response, if requested by the complainant, and the investigation report shall also be translated into that language, pursuant to Education Code 48985. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.**

Note: During the FPM process, CDE staff will expect to see a statement detailing a complainant's right to pursue civil law remedies (i.e., action in a court of law) in addition to or in conjunction with the right to pursue administrative remedies from CDE.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, ~~based on state law (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying)~~ **based on state law**, the investigation report shall also include a notice to the complainant that:

1. The complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures, including seeking assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys, 60 calendar days after the filing of an appeal with CDE. (Education Code 262.3)

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2. The 60 days moratorium does not apply to complaints seeking injunctive relief in state courts or to discrimination complaints based on federal law. (Education Code 262.3)
3. Complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender, disability, or age may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights at www.ed.gov/ocr within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.

Corrective Actions

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice.

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

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

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

1. Counseling

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

2. Academic support
3. Health services
4. Assignment of an escort to allow the victim to move safely about campus
5. Information regarding available resources and how to report similar incidents or retaliation
6. Separation of the victim from any other individuals involved, provided the separation does not penalize the victim
7. Restorative justice

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

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

1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
2. Parent/guardian conference
3. Education regarding the impact of the conduct on others
4. Positive behavior support
5. Referral to a student success team

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

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

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

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Note: Generally, when a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy is provided to the complainant or other affected person. However, in certain instances, the law may require a remedy to be provided to all affected persons, not just the complainant or subject of the complaint. For example, pursuant to Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600, if the district, or CDE on appeal, finds merit in the complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees and charges, the district is required to provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians, as specified below. The same requirement applies to allegations of noncompliance with the LCAP requirements pursuant to Education Code 52075, ~~noncompliance with~~ required instructional minutes for physical education pursuant to Education Code 51222 and 51223, **and course periods without educational content pursuant to Education Code 51228.3**. Districts that do not maintain elementary schools should delete the reference to physical education below.

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

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

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

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Note: ~~5 CCR 4632-4633 provide that complainants may appeal to CDE if they disagree with the district's decision on any matter within the scope of the UCP, as provided below. As amended by Register 2020, No. 21, 5 CCR 4632 changes the timeline for filing an appeal to CDE from 15 calendar days to 30 calendar days.~~

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

Note: ~~5 CCR 4632, as amended by Register 2020, No. 21, expands the bases upon which an appeal may be filed with CDE.~~

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

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1. The district failed to follow its complaint procedures.
2. Relative to the allegations of the complaint, the district's investigation report lacks material findings of fact necessary to reach a conclusion of law.
3. The material findings of fact in the district's investigation report are not supported by substantial evidence.
4. The legal conclusion in the district's investigation report is inconsistent with the law.
5. In a case in which the district found noncompliance, the corrective actions fail to provide a proper remedy.

Note: 5 CCR 4633, as amended by Register 2020, No. 21, requires the district to submit the following documents to CDE within 10 days after the district has been notified that an appeal has been filed. The district's failure to provide a timely and complete response may result in CDE ruling on the appeal without considering information from the district.

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

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the district's investigation report
3. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
4. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
5. A copy of the district's UCP
6. Other relevant information requested by CDE

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4632, as amended by Register 2020, No. 21, if CDE determines that the district's investigation report failed to address an allegation raised by the complaint and subject to the UCP process, CDE will notify the district and direct the district to investigate and address such allegation(s) as follows:

If notified by CDE that the district's investigation report failed to address allegation(s) raised by the complaint, the district shall, within 20 days of the notification, provide CDE and the appellant with an amended investigation report that addresses the allegation(s) that were not

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addressed in the original investigation report. The amended report shall also inform the appellant of the right to separately appeal the amended report with respect to the allegation(s) that were not addressed in the original report. (5 CCR 4632)

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4633, CDE is required to issue a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of CDE's receipt of the appeal, unless extended by written agreement with the appellant or documentation by CDE of exceptional circumstances. Within 30 days of the appeal decision, either party may request reconsideration by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4650, CDE may directly intervene in a complaint without waiting for action by the district when certain conditions exist, including the following: (1) the complaint alleges failure to comply with the UCP, including failure to follow the required timelines and failure to implement the final investigation report; (2) the complainant requires anonymity due to the possibility of retaliation and would suffer immediate and irreparable harm if a complaint was filed and the complainant was named; or (3) the complainant would suffer immediate and irreparable harm as a result of an application of a districtwide policy that is in conflict with state or federal law and that filing a complaint would be futile.

Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs

Note: The following section is for use by districts that operate any license-exempt CSPP program. Education Code 8235.5 **mandates** districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program. Pursuant to Education Code 8235.5, the district must use the UCP, with modifications as necessary, to resolve such complaints. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4610, **as amended by Register 2020, No. 21**, such complaints must be addressed through the procedures described in 5 CCR 4690-4694.

See the accompanying exhibits for a sample classroom notice and complaint form.

Any complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall be addressed through the procedures described in 5 CCR 4690-4694.

In each license-exempt CSPP classroom, In order to identify appropriate subjects of CSPP health and safety issues pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, a notice shall be posted in each license-exempt CSPP classroom in the district notifying parents/guardians, students, and teachers of the health and safety requirements of Title 5 regulations that apply to CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925 and the location at which to obtain a form to file any complaint alleging noncompliance with those requirements. For this purpose, the Superintendent or designee may download and post a notice available from the CDE web site. (Education Code 8235.5; 5 CCR 4690 4691)

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

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Any complaint regarding specified health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall be filed with the preschool program administrator or designee, and may be filed anonymously. The complaint form shall specify the location for filing the complaint, **and shall contain a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to the complaint, and allow a complainant to add as much text as desired to explain the complaint.** (Education Code 8235.5; 5 CCR 4690)

If it is determined that the complaint is beyond the authority of the preschool program administrator, the matter shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, not to exceed 10 working days, for resolution. **The preschool administrator or the Superintendent or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any complaint within their authority.** (Education Code 8235.5; 5 CCR 4692)

Investigation of a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall begin within 10 days of receipt of the complaint. (Education Code 8235.5; 5 CCR 4692)

The preschool administrator or designee shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form a desire to receive a response to the complaint, the preschool administrator or Superintendent's designee shall, within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint, report the resolution of the complaint to the complainant and CDE's assigned field consultant. If the preschool administrator makes this report, the information shall be reported at the same time to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 8235.5; 5 CCR 4692)

Note: Education Code 48985 requires that reports sent to parents/guardians be written in their primary language when 15 percent or more of a school's enrolled students speak a single primary language other than English. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure compliance with this requirement. Based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, OCR requires districts to ensure meaningful access to all relevant UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

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

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, the complainant has the right to describe the complaint to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting and, within 30 days of the date of the written report, may file a written appeal of the district's decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 8235.5; 5 CCR 4693, 4694)

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

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

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

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CSBA Sample

Administrative Regulation

Business and Noninstructional Operations

AR 3511.1(a)

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

Note: The following administrative regulation may be revised to reflect district practice.

For all applicable areas of district operations, the Superintendent or designee shall design an integrated waste management program that minimizes the generation of waste, encourages the recovery and diversion of reusable materials from the waste stream, improves efficiency in the utilization of natural and material resources, and protects the environment. The program shall implement measures and/or practices to:

1. Reduce the consumption of disposable materials, increase the composting of organic materials, and fully utilize all materials prior to disposal

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

2. Recycle materials such as paper, glass, plastic, and aluminum

Note: Pursuant to Public Resources Code 42649.2, as added by AB 341 (Ch. 476, Statutes of 2011), any business, including a school, which generates more than four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week (approximately the size of a 72-inch length, 51-inch width, and 56-inch rear height dumpster) is required to arrange for recycling services, to the extent that such services are available from a local provider, as stated in items a and b below. Commercial solid waste, as defined in 14 CCR 17225.12, means any type of solid waste generated by stores, offices, or other commercial sources.

Any school site or district facility which generates more than four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week shall take at least one of the following actions: (Public Resources Code 42649.2; 14 CCR 17225.12)

- a. Source separate recyclable materials from solid waste and subscribe to a basic level of recycling service that may include collection, self-hauling, or other arrangements for the pickup of the recyclable materials
- b. Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation

Note: Pursuant to Public Resources Code 42642, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery maintains on its web site a list of recycled and environmentally preferable products that may be used in the construction and modernization of school facilities.

3. Prefer recycled, **biodegradable**, and other environmentally preferable products when procuring materials for use in district schools and buildings or contracting for the construction or modernization of any district building

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT (continued)*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)**(cf. 3311 - Bids)**(cf. 3312 - Contracts)**(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

4. Work with city, county, or other government agencies to locate markets for the district's reusable and recyclable materials

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)**(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

5. Minimize the use of nonbiodegradable materials and work with vendors and contractors to use packaging and delivery materials that generate less waste

Recycling

Note: Pursuant to Public Resources Code 42649.2, as added by AB 341 (Ch. 476, Statutes of 2011), any business or public entity, including a school or other district facility, which generates more than four or more cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week (approximately the size of a 72-inch length, 51-inch width, and 56-inch rear height dumpster) is required to arrange for recycling services in accordance with law, to the extent that such services are available from a local provider, as stated in items a and b below. Commercial solid waste, as defined in 14 CCR 17225.12 Public Resources Code 42649.1, means any type of solid waste generated by stores, offices, or other commercial or public entity source.

Any school site or district facility which generates more than four or more cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week shall take at least one of the following actions: (Public Resources Code 42649.1, 42649.2; 14 CCR 17225.12)

1. Source separate recyclable materials from solid waste and subscribe to a basic level of recycling service that may include collection, self-hauling, or other arrangements for the pickup of the recyclable materials
2. Subscribe to a recycling service that which may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation

Note: In September 2020, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) determined, pursuant to Public Resources Code 42649.81, that the statewide disposal of organic waste has not been reduced to 50 percent of the 2014 level of disposal. Thus, any school facility that generates two or more cubic yards per week of solid waste is required to meet requirements pertaining to the recycling of organic waste as described below. CalRecycle's Frequently Asked Questions clarify that, for this purpose, the threshold applies to solid waste, recyclables, and organics.

CalRecycle also extended the exemption in Public Resources Code 42649.81 and 42649.83 for rural jurisdictions that adopt a resolution as specified. Districts in rural jurisdiction that have adopted such a resolution may delete the following paragraph.

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT (continued)

Any school site or district facility which generates two or more cubic yards per week of solid waste, recyclables, and organics shall arrange for recycling services specifically for organic waste, including food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. Such facilities shall take at least one of the following actions: (Public Resources Code 42649.8, 42649.81-42649.82, 42649.84)

1. Source separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to a basic level of organic waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste
2. Recycle organic waste onsite or self-haul organic waste for recycling
3. Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste
4. Make other arrangements to sell or donate recyclable organic waste materials

Note: Public Resources Code 42649.2 and 42649.81 require a school or other district facility that generates at least four cubic yards of solid waste or two cubic yards of organic waste per week to provide recycling bins or containers to collect material purchased on the premises. According to CalRecycle's school poster, Recycling and Organics Recycling Guide for Schools, bins or containers must be placed where material is purchased on the premises for immediate consumption, such as areas where food is consumed.

Any school site or district facility that meets the above thresholds for solid or organic waste shall place a recycling bin or container for solid or organic waste, as applicable, in areas where food or other materials are purchased at the facility for immediate consumption. The recycling bin or container shall be: (Public Resources Code 42649.2, 42649.81)

1. Adjacent to each bin or container for nonrecyclable trash, except in restrooms
2. Visible and easily accessible

Note: Public Resources Code 42649.2 and 42649.81 require that each recycling bin or container be clearly marked with educational signage indicating what is appropriate to place in the bin or container. CalRecycle provides customizable signage for this purpose on its web site, or districts may contact their local government or waste hauler for signage.

3. Clearly marked with educational signage indicating appropriate items to be placed in the recycling bin or container in accordance with state law and the local jurisdiction's waste ordinances and practices

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CSBA Sample

Administrative Regulation

All Personnel

AR 4112.42(a)

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

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Note: The following administrative regulation reflects state and federal requirements (Vehicle Code 34520; 49 CFR 40.1-40.413, 382.101-382.605) for drug and alcohol testing of school bus drivers, including pre-employment, post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty, and follow-up testing. Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.27, the district must not require a driver to sign a consent, release, waiver of liability, or indemnification agreement with respect to any part of the drug or alcohol testing process.

Definitions

Note: Regardless of state medical or recreational marijuana laws, marijuana remains an illegal drug under the Controlled Substances Act and use of it by a driver remains a violation of federal drug testing regulations.

For purposes of drug testing required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), ~~drugs included in the tests are~~ marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, phencyclidine (PCP), and ~~opioids opiates~~. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.85, 382.107)

~~Alcohol concentration or level~~ (or content) means the alcohol in a volume of breath expressed in terms of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath ~~as indicated by an evidential breath test~~. For purposes of the DOT alcohol testing program, an alcohol level between 0.02 and 0.04 requires removal of the bus driver for a 24-hour period following the test. An alcohol level of 0.04 or higher requires immediate removal of the driver from performing safety-sensitive functions until the driver has successfully completed the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 40.3, 382.107, ~~382.201, 382.505~~)

Safety-sensitive function means all time from the time ~~he/she~~ the driver begins to work or is required to be in readiness to work until the time the driver is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work. Safety-sensitive functions include, but are not limited to, all time driving or otherwise in the bus ~~or other school transportation vehicle~~; waiting at a district facility to be dispatched; inspecting, servicing, or conditioning the bus vehicle or bus vehicle equipment; loading or unloading the bus vehicle; supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading of the bus vehicle; and repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled bus vehicle. (49 CFR 382.107)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)

Designated Employer Representative

Note: 49 CFR 40.35 and 40.215 require the district to identify a "designated employer representative" to perform the duties specified in 49 CFR 40.3. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the title of the employee so designated.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify a designated employer representative **who is authorized to take immediate action to remove drivers from safety-sensitive functions and to make required decisions in the testing and evaluation processes. The designated employer representative shall also be responsible for receiving test results and other communications. The name and telephone number of the designated employer representative shall be provided and shall provide his/her name and telephone number** to the testing contractor to contact about any problems or issues that may arise during the testing process. (49 CFR 40.35, 40.215)

Pre-employment Testing

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 382.701, districts are required to conduct a pre-employment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse's online database, available on its web site, to obtain information about an applicant. Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.25 and 382.413, districts must also, until January 6, 2023, continue to request a driver's drug and alcohol testing record from any employer who has employed the driver during the previous three years.

When hiring a new driver, the Superintendent or designee shall, with the driver's written consent, **conduct a pre-employment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse to obtain information about whether the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations.** (49 CFR 382.701)

The Superintendent or designee shall also, with the driver's consent, request the driver's past drug and alcohol testing record, as specified in 49 CFR 40.25 and **382.413**, from any employer who has employed the driver at any time during the previous ~~two~~ **three** years. **To the extent practicable, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain and review such information before the driver first performs safety-sensitive functions.** In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ask the driver if ~~he/she tested there was a positive test, or refused a refusal~~ **to test, on any pre-employment drug or alcohol test that was administered during the past two years in the course of applying for another safety-sensitive transportation position that he/she did not obtain was not obtained.** (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413)

The driver shall not be permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions if ~~he/she the driver~~ **refuses to provide consent to obtain the information from previous employers or from the Clearinghouse;** the information from previous employers is not received within 30 days of

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the date on which the driver first performed safety-sensitive functions for the district; or the driver, **the Clearinghouse**, or a previous employer reports a violation of a drug or alcohol regulation without subsequent completion of the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413, **382.701, 382.703**)

~~Upon making a contingent offer of employment to a driver and prior to the first time the driver performs safety-sensitive functions for the district, the Superintendent or designee shall require the A driver whom the district intends to hire or use shall to undergo testing for drugs and to receive a verified negative test result prior to the first time the driver performs safety-sensitive functions for the district.~~ This testing requirement may be waived if all of the following conditions exist: (49 CFR 382.301)

1. The driver has participated in a qualified drug testing program within the previous 30 days.
2. While participating in the program, the driver either was tested within the past six months **from the date of application** or participated in a random drug testing program for the previous 12 months **from the date of application**.
3. ~~The Superintendent or designee has contacted the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and has obtained information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.~~
34. No prior employer of the driver of whom the district has knowledge has records of the driver's violation of federal drug testing regulations within the previous six months.

The Superintendent or designee **shall contact** ~~has contacted~~ the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and **obtain** ~~has obtained~~ information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that choose to conduct pre-employment alcohol testing; see the accompanying Board policy. Pursuant to 49 CFR 382.301, pre-employment alcohol testing is not required but, if the district chooses to conduct such testing, it must comply with the following requirements.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to undergo pre-employment alcohol testing in accordance with the procedures in 49 CFR 40.1-40.605 and to receive a test result indicating an alcohol concentration **level** of less than 0.04. (49 CFR 382.301)

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Post-Accident Testing

As soon as practicable following an accident involving a school bus or student activity bus, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the driver involved is tested for alcohol and/or drugs under either of the following conditions: (49 CFR 382.303)

1. The accident involved loss of human life.
2. The driver receives a citation for a moving traffic violation **within eight hours of the accident** and the accident involved bodily injury to a person who required immediate medical treatment away from the scene of the accident and/or disabling damage to one or more vehicles requiring towing.

The Superintendent or designee shall attempt to administer a required alcohol test up to eight hours following the accident and/or a drug test up to 32 hours following the accident. The results of an alcohol or drug test conducted by federal, state, or local officials having independent authority for the test shall be considered to meet this requirement. If the alcohol test is not administered within two hours following the accident, or the test for drugs is not administered within 32 hours following the accident, the Superintendent or designee shall make a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. (49 CFR 382.303)

No driver required to take a post-accident alcohol test pursuant to 49 CFR 382.303 shall use alcohol for eight hours following the accident or until the driver undergoes a post-accident alcohol test, whichever occurs first. (49 CFR 382.209)

Random Testing

Note: The district may revise the following paragraph to specify the method by which it will select drivers for random drug and alcohol testing. Pursuant to 49 CFR 382.305, the district must randomly select drivers for testing using a scientifically valid method such as a random number table or a computer-based random number generator that is matched with drivers' Social Security numbers, payroll identification numbers, or other comparable identifying numbers. Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.347, the district may contract with a third-party administrator or join a consortium of employers to operate the random selection process.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that random, unannounced drug and alcohol tests of bus drivers are conducted on testing dates reasonably spread throughout the year.

Such tests shall be **unannounced and** conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 382.305)

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Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 382.305, the district must annually test at least 10 percent of district drivers for alcohol and at least **25 50** percent for drugs. However, the minimum required percentage is subject to change as determined necessary by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Any such change will be published in the Federal Register and on the FMCSA's web site and will be effective starting January 1 following such publication. **For 2018, the minimum percentage rates remain at 10 percent for alcohol and 25 percent for controlled substances.**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the percentage of district drivers randomly tested for drugs and alcohol meets or exceeds the minimum annual percentage rates specified in 49 CFR 382.305 or subsequently published in the Federal Register.

Each driver selected for random testing shall have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made. (49 CFR 382.305)

Each driver who is selected for testing shall proceed to the test site immediately or, if performing a safety-sensitive function other than driving a bus, then as soon as possible after ceasing that function. (49 CFR 382.305)

Reasonable Suspicion Testing

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect the position (e.g., driver's supervisor or other district employee) authorized and trained to make observations for reasonable suspicion drug or alcohol testing.

A driver shall be required to submit to a drug or alcohol test whenever the Superintendent or designee has reasonable suspicion that the driver has violated the prohibitions against the use of drugs or alcohol. Such reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations, conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions, concerning the driver's appearance, behavior, speech, and/or body odors. Reasonable suspicion of drug use may also include indications of the chronic and withdrawal effects of drugs. (49 CFR 382.307)

The person who makes the required observations for reasonable suspicion testing for drugs or alcohol shall be trained in accordance with 49 CFR 382.603. The person who makes the determination that reasonable suspicion exists to conduct an alcohol test shall not be the same person who conducts the alcohol test. (49 CFR 382.307)

Within 24 hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug or alcohol test are released, whichever is earlier, **the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and sign a written record of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion test shall be made and signed by the person who made the observations.** (49 CFR 382.307)

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An alcohol test required as a result of reasonable suspicion shall be administered within eight hours following the determination of reasonable suspicion. If the test is not administered within two hours, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and maintain on file a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. (49 CFR 382.307)

In the absence of a reasonable suspicion alcohol test, the district shall take no action against a driver based solely on the driver's behavior and appearance, except that the driver shall not be allowed to report for or remain on safety-sensitive functions until an alcohol test is administered and the results show a concentration less than 0.02 or 24 hours have elapsed following the determination of reasonable suspicion. (49 CFR 382.307)

Return-to-Duty Testing

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.305, the district may return a driver to safety-sensitive functions after **he/she the driver** completes required education and treatment services as described in the accompanying Board policy and a return-to-duty drug or alcohol test. Such personnel decisions may be subject to collective bargaining or other legal requirements.

The Superintendent or designee may permit a driver who has violated federal drug or alcohol regulations to return to safety-sensitive functions after the driver has successfully complied with the education and treatment services prescribed by a substance abuse professional and has **a** taken a return-to-duty drug or alcohol test. The driver shall not resume performance of safety-sensitive functions unless the drug test shows a negative result and/or the alcohol test shows a concentration of less than 0.02. (49 CFR 40.305, 382.309)

Follow-Up Testing

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.307, after a driver successfully complies with education and treatment services, the substance abuse professional will prescribe a follow-up testing plan and will present that plan to the designated employer representative. The plan must direct that the driver be subject to at least six unannounced follow-up tests in the first 12 months following the driver's return to safety-sensitive functions.

Upon receiving a written follow-up testing plan from a substance abuse professional, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the actual dates for follow-up testing consistent with those recommendations and shall ensure that such tests are unannounced and follow no discernable pattern as to their timing. No additional tests beyond those included in the plan shall be imposed by the district. (49 CFR 40.307-40.309, 382.111)

Mandatory Reporting and Annual Queries to the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

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The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Clearinghouse any violation of federal drug and alcohol regulations, any refusal to test, and other required information by the close of the third business day following the date on which the information was obtained. (49 CFR 382.705)

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a query using the Clearinghouse at least once a year for all drivers to determine whether information exists in the Clearinghouse about the drivers. (49 CFR 382.701)

In lieu of a full query, the Superintendent or designee may obtain the individual driver's consent to conduct a limited query that is effective for more than one year and informs the district about whether there is information about the driver in the Clearinghouse without releasing that information to the district. If the limited query shows that information exists in the Clearinghouse about the individual driver, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a full query within 24 hours of conducting the limited query. If a full query is not conducted within 24 hours, the driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function until the results from a full query confirm that the driver may perform such functions. (49 CFR 382.701)

A driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function if the results of a Clearinghouse query demonstrate that the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations. (49 CFR 382.701)

Notifications

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 382.601, the district is **mandated** to adopt policy and procedures pertaining to misuse of drugs and alcohol and to provide these materials to each driver. When conducting compliance inspections, the **CHP-California Highway Patrol** reviews whether district policy or regulations contain all of items #1-~~11~~**12** below.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide each driver with materials explaining the federal regulations and the district's policy and procedure related to drug and alcohol testing and shall notify representatives of employee organizations of the availability of this information. This information shall include a detailed discussion of at least the following: (49 CFR 382.113, 382.303, 382.601)

1. The identity of the person designated by the district to answer driver questions about the materials
2. The categories of drivers who are subject to drug and alcohol testing

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3. Sufficient information about the safety-sensitive functions performed by those drivers to make clear what period of the workday the driver is required to be in compliance
4. Specific information concerning prohibited driver conduct
5. The circumstances under which a driver will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol, including post-accident testing
6. The procedures that will be used to test for the presence of drugs and alcohol, protect the driver and the integrity of the testing processes, safeguard the validity of the test results, and ensure that those results are attributed to the correct driver
7. The requirement that a driver submit to drug and alcohol tests
8. An explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test and the attendant consequences
9. The consequences for drivers found to have violated the prohibitions against drug or alcohol use, including the circumstances under which drivers will be removed immediately from safety-sensitive functions and the requirements for education, treatment, and return-to-duty testing
10. The consequences for drivers found to have a blood alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04
11. Information concerning the effects of drug and alcohol use on an individual's health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of a drug or alcohol problem (the driver's or a co-worker's); and available methods of intervening when a drug or alcohol problem is suspected, including confrontation, referral to any employee assistance program, and/or referral to management
- 12. The requirement that personal information collected and maintained pursuant to 49 CFR 382 shall be reported to the Clearinghouse**

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

Each driver shall sign a statement certifying ~~that he/she has received~~ receipt of a copy of the above materials. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the original of the signed certificate and may provide a copy of the certificate to the driver. (49 CFR 382.601)

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In addition, prior to administering each alcohol or drug test, the driver shall be notified that the test is required pursuant to Title 49, Part 382, of the Code of Federal Regulations. (49 CFR 382.113)

The driver shall be notified of the results of drug and alcohol tests in accordance with 49 CFR 382.411.

Records

Note: 49 CFR 40.333 and 382.401 specify the records that must be retained by the district and how long each record must be retained (i.e., one year, two years, three years, five years, or indefinitely). Upon receiving a request from the FMCSA to inspect any such record, the district must make the record(s) available for inspection at the district office within two business days.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the district's drug and alcohol testing program in accordance with 49 CFR 40.333 and 382.401. Such records shall be maintained in a secure location with controlled access and shall be disclosed only in accordance with 49 CFR 382.405.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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Administrative Regulation

All Personnel

AR 4158(a)

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EMPLOYEE SECURITY

4358

An employee may use reasonable and necessary force for self-defense or defense of another person, to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others or damage to property, or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of a student. (Education Code 44807, 49001)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44014, it is the duty of an employee and his/her immediate supervisor to report to law enforcement any attack, assault, or physical threat made against the employee by a student. Failure to report such an attack, assault, or physical threat is an infraction punishable by a fine. It is also an infraction for a Governing Board member or employee to prevent the filing of the report or to impose any sanction against an employee for so doing.

Although the law only requires employees to report attacks, assaults, or threats made by students, the following paragraph requires employees to report any attack, assault, or threat made against them by any other individual on school grounds.

An employee shall promptly report to the principal or other immediate supervisor any attack, assault, or physical threat made against him/her the employee by a student or by any other individual in relation to the employee's performance of his/her the employee's duties, and any action the employee took in response. When appropriate, the employee and the principal or other immediate supervisor shall report the incident to law enforcement. Reports of an attack, assault, or threat shall be forwarded immediately to the Superintendent or designee.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44014, it is the duty of an employee and his/her the employee's immediate supervisor to report to law enforcement any attack, assault, or physical threat made against the employee by a student. Compliance with district procedures related to reporting incidents, as specified in the paragraph above, does not exempt an employee or supervisor from the duty to make a report to law enforcement. Failure to report such an attack, assault, or physical threat is an infraction punishable by a fine. It is also an infraction for a Governing Board member or employee to prevent the filing of the report or to impose any sanction against an employee for doing so.

Although the law only requires employees to report attacks, assaults, or threats made by students, the following paragraph requires district may revise the following paragraph to require employees to report any attack, assault, or threat made against them by any other individual on school grounds.

In addition, the employee and the principal or other immediate supervisor shall promptly report to local law enforcement authorities an attack, assault, or physical threat made against the employee by a student. (Education Code 44014)

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(cf. 3515.2—Disruptions)

Reports of attack, assault, or threat shall be forwarded immediately to the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 3320—Claims and Actions Against the District)
(cf. 3515.4—Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 3530—Risk Management/Insurance)

Notice Regarding Student Offenses ~~Committed While Under School Jurisdiction~~

When a student commits certain offenses that may endanger staff or others, the following procedures shall be implemented to notify staff members as appropriate:

1. Acts That Are Grounds for Suspension or Expulsion

Note: Education Code 49079 requires the district to inform teachers of students who have committed specified acts that constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion. School district officers or employees who knowingly fail to provide this information are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.

- a. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the teacher(s) of each student who, during the previous three school years, has engaged in or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in any act, except the possession or use of tobacco products, that would constitute a ground for suspension or expulsion as specified in AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. This information shall be based upon district records maintained in the ordinary course of business or records received from a law enforcement agency. (Education Code 49079)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Note: Education Code 48201 requires districts to request records of a transferring student regarding acts that resulted in the student's suspension or expulsion from the previous school, as specified below; see AR 5125 - Student Records. Once the record is received, the Superintendent or designee must inform the student's teacher(s) of the acts as specified below.

- b. Upon receiving a transfer student's record regarding acts committed by the student that resulted in ~~his/her~~ suspension or expulsion, the Superintendent or

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designee shall inform the student's teacher(s) that the student was suspended from school or expelled from **his/her the** former district and of the act that resulted in the suspension or expulsion. (Education Code 48201)

- c.** Information received by teacher(s) shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher. (Education Code **48201**, 49079)

Notice Regarding Student Offenses Committed While Outside School Jurisdiction

2. Offenses Reported to the District by a Court

Note: The following ~~optional~~ paragraph is for use by districts maintaining a district police or security department. Welfare and Institutions Code 828 specifies that information gathered by a law enforcement agency relating to a minor taken into custody may be disclosed to a school district police or security department. The following paragraph addresses the authority of the district police department to utilize such information as it pertains to certain offenses committed by students. Welfare and Institutions Code 827 requires a court, within seven days, to provide written notification to the Superintendent when a minor student has been found by the court to have committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses. Upon receiving such notification, the Superintendent must notify certain counselors, teachers, and administrators, as described in item #2.

In addition, Welfare and Institutions Code 828.1 specifies that a school district police or security department may provide written notification to the Superintendent when a minor student has been found by a court to have illegally used, sold, or possessed a controlled substance or committed specified crimes involving serious acts of violence. In such cases, the information may be transmitted to a teacher, counselor, or administrator with direct supervisory or disciplinary responsibility over the student, and such information must be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided. Districts that maintain their own police or security department may expand the following item to authorize the department to notify the Superintendent of such offenses.

~~When a minor student has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have illegally used, sold, or possessed a controlled substance or committed specified crimes involving serious acts of violence, the district police or security department may provide written notification to the Superintendent. (Welfare and Institutions Code 828.1)~~

~~(cf. 3515.3—District Police/Security Department)~~

- a.** When informed by **the a** court that a minor student has been found by **a the** court to have committed any felony or any misdemeanor involving curfew, gambling, alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, carrying of weapons, a sex offense listed in Penal Code 290, assault or battery, larceny, vandalism, or graffiti, the Superintendent or designee shall ~~so inform~~ **expeditiously notify** the school principal. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)

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- b.** The principal shall **expeditiously** disseminate this information to any counselor who directly supervises or reports on the student's behavior or progress. ~~and to The principal shall also inform~~ any teacher or administrator directly supervising or reporting on the student's behavior or progress whom ~~he/she~~ **the principal** thinks may need the information ~~so as~~ **in order** to work with the student appropriately, avoid being needlessly vulnerable, or protect others from vulnerability. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- c.** Any court-initiated information that a teacher, counselor, or administrator receives shall be kept confidential and used only to rehabilitate the student and protect other students and staff. The information shall be further disseminated only when communication with the student, parent/guardian, law enforcement staff, and probation officer is necessary to rehabilitate the student or to protect students and staff. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- d.** When a student is removed from school as a result of ~~his/her~~ **an** offense, the Superintendent shall hold the court's information in a separate confidential file until the student is returned to the district. If the student is returned to a different district, the Superintendent shall transmit the information provided by the student's parole or probation officer to the superintendent of the new district of attendance. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- e.** Any confidential file of court-initiated information shall be kept until the student becomes 18, graduates from high school, or is released from juvenile court jurisdiction, whichever occurs first, and shall then be destroyed. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)

~~Procedures to Maintain Confidentiality of Student Offenses~~

Note: The following ~~section optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.~~ describes procedures for maintaining confidentiality of student records and documenting the district's good faith effort to notify counselors or teachers about student offenses. Intentional violation of the confidentiality provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code 827 is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine. ~~This section may be modified to reflect district practice.~~

In order to maintain confidentiality when providing information about student offenses to ~~a~~ **a** counselors ~~and or~~ **or** teachers of classes/programs to which a student is assigned, the principal or designee shall send the staff member a written notification that ~~one of his/her students~~ **a student** has committed an offense that requires ~~his/her~~ review of a student's file in the school office. This notice shall not name or otherwise identify the student. The staff member shall ~~be asked to~~ initial the notification and ~~return it to the principal or designee.~~ He/she shall also initial the student's file when reviewing it in the school office.

EMPLOYEE SECURITY (continued)

Accommodations for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking

Note: Pursuant to Labor Code 230, the district is required to provide reasonable accommodations at work, upon request, to an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The district is not required to provide reasonable accommodations to an employee who has not disclosed the employee's status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking nor to undertake an action that constitutes an undue hardship, as defined by Government Code 12926.

In addition, Labor Code 230 and 230.1 allow employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to use available leave for the purposes of (1) obtaining relief (e.g., a temporary restraining order, restraining order, or injunctive relief) to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or the employee's child; (2) seeking medical attention for injuries caused by the crime or abuse; (3) obtaining services from a domestic violence shelter, program, rape crisis center, or victim services organization or agency; (4) obtaining psychological counseling or mental health services related to an experience of crime or abuse; and/or (5) participating in safety planning and taking other actions to increase safety from future crime or abuse, including temporary or permanent relocation. As amended by AB 2992 (Ch. 224, Statutes of 2020), Labor Code 230 and 230.1 expand these provisions to include employees who are victims of a crime that caused physical injury, or mental injury with a threat of physical injury, and employees whose immediate family member is deceased as the direct result of a crime. See AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.

When requested by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the district shall provide the employee reasonable accommodations which may include the implementation of safety measures, including: (Labor Code 230)

1. A transfer, reassignment, or modified schedule
2. A changed work telephone or work station
3. An installed lock
4. Assistance in documenting domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other crime that occurs in the workplace
5. Referral to a victim assistance organization
6. Another safety procedure or adjustment to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement in response to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other crime

(cf. 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves)

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The Superintendent or designee shall engage in a timely, good faith, and interactive process with the employee to determine effective reasonable accommodations that do not pose an undue hardship on the district. In determining whether an accommodation is reasonable, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any exigent circumstance or danger facing the employee. (Labor Code 230)

Upon the request of the Superintendent or designee, an employee requesting a reasonable accommodation shall provide a written statement, signed by the employee or an individual acting on the employee's behalf, certifying that the accommodation is for an authorized purpose. The Superintendent or designee may also request that the employee provide certification of the employee's status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such certification may include: (Labor Code 230)

1. A police report indicating that the employee was a victim
2. A court order protecting or separating the employee from the perpetrator of the crime or abuse, or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that the employee has appeared in court
3. Documentation from a licensed medical professional or health care provider, domestic violence or sexual assault counselor, victim advocate, or counselor that the employee was undergoing treatment or receiving services for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting in victimization from the crime or abuse
4. Any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred, including, but not limited to, a written statement signed by the employee or by an individual acting on the employee's behalf

Any verbal or written statement, police or court record, or other documentation identifying an employee as a victim shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the district except as required by federal or state law or as necessary to protect the employee's safety in the workplace. The employee shall be notified before any authorized disclosure. (Labor Code 230)

Every six months after the date of the certification, the Superintendent or designee may request recertification of the employee's status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking or ongoing circumstances related to the crime or abuse. The employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee if, due to changing circumstances, the employee needs a new accommodation or no longer needs an accommodation. (Labor Code 230)

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The district shall not retaliate against an employee because of the employee's status as a victim of crime or abuse or for requesting a reasonable accommodation, regardless of whether the request was granted. (Labor Code 230)

Use of Pepper Spray

Note: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice. See the accompanying Board policy for further information and the Board's determination to allow or disallow, with certain exceptions, the possession of pepper spray on school property or at school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees of the district's policy prohibiting the possession of pepper spray on school property or at school-related activities without prior approval of the Superintendent or designee. Employees wishing to carry pepper spray shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a written request setting forth the need for the pepper spray. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the employee in writing as to whether the request was approved or denied.

When approving an employee's request, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the employee of the following conditions:

1. The pepper spray shall be used only in self-defense pursuant to Penal Code 22810.
2. An employee who uses pepper spray other than in self-defense shall be subject to disciplinary action by the district and, in accordance with law, a fine and/or imprisonment.

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

3. The pepper spray must be stored in a secure place and not be accessible to students or other individuals. Negligent storage of the pepper spray may subject the employee to disciplinary action.

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Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5141.4(a)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44691, as amended by AB 1432 (Ch. 797, Statutes of 2014), the California Department of Education (CDE) is required to disseminate information to all school districts regarding the detection and reporting of child abuse and to provide guidance on the responsibilities of mandated reporters. See the CDE's web site for information and resources.

Definitions

Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

1. A physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 11165.1, as amended by AB 1145 (Ch. 180, Statutes of 2020), sexual assault does not include voluntary conduct in violation of Penal Code 286, 287, or 289 (sodomy, oral copulation, or sexual penetration) if there are no indicators of abuse, unless such conduct is between a person who is 21 years of age or older and a minor who is under 16 years of age. AB 1775 (Ch. 264, Statutes of 2014) amended Penal Code 11165.1 to revise the definition of sexual exploitation to also include knowingly downloading, streaming, or accessing through any electronic or digital media a film, photograph, videotape, video recording, negative, or slide in which a child is engaged in an act of obscene sexual conduct.

2. Sexual abuse of a child, including sexual assault or sexual exploitation, as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures)

Child abuse or neglect does not include:

1. A mutual affray between minors (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his/her employment (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

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Note: Education Code 44807 provides that physical control of a student under the conditions specified in item #3 below is not subject to criminal prosecution or penalties.

3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, vice principal, principal, or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be **legally** privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a school employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, **for purposes of self-defense to protect himself/herself**, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of a student (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 11165.15, **as added by AB 652 (Ch. 486, Statutes of 2013)**, the fact that a child is homeless or is classified as an unaccompanied minor, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11434a), is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect.

6. Homelessness or classification as an unaccompanied minor (Penal Code 11165.15)

Note: The following definition of "mandated reporters" does not list non-school persons (e.g., physicians, clergy members) who are also mandated to report suspected child abuse or neglect and may be revised to reflect additional positions applicable to the district as specified in Penal Code 11165.7.

Penal Code 11165.7 clarifies that volunteers whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children are not mandated reporters. However, the law encourages volunteers to obtain training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect and to report known or suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect.

Mandated reporters include, but are not limited to, teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; athletic coaches, administrators,

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and directors; **licensees**, administrators, and employees of a licensed child day care facility; Head Start **program** teachers; district police or security officers; licensed nurses or health care providers; and administrators, presenters, and counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Reasonable suspicion means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on **the person's his/her** training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. However, *reasonable suspicion* does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Reportable Offenses

Note: Penal Code 11166 specifies that a mandated reporter has a duty to report when acting in **a his/her** professional capacity or within the scope of employment. When a mandated reporter is acting in a private capacity, like other private citizens, ~~he/she has the discretion whether or not to make~~ **making** a report **is discretionary**.

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, **acting in a his/her** professional capacity or within the scope of **his/her** employment, **he/she the mandated reporter** has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage, based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code **11165.9**, 11166.05, 11167)

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 152.3, it ~~is may be~~ a misdemeanor, with specified exceptions, for a witness to not report a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act as defined in Penal Code 288 where the victim is under age 14. Persons who fail to report such offenses may be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment.

Any district employee who reasonably believes **to have that he/she has** observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury against a victim who is a child under age 14 shall notify a peace officer. (Penal Code 152.3, 288)

Responsibility for Reporting

The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

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When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

Note: Penal Code 11166.01 provides that it **may be is** a crime, punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment, for a supervisor or administrator to knowingly inhibit or impede a mandated reporter from making a report.

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom **he/she the person** knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

Reporting Procedures**1. Initial Telephone Report**

Note: Penal Code 11165.9 specifies the agencies that are authorized to receive reports of suspected child abuse and neglect, as detailed in the following paragraph. The agency must accept a report even if it lacks subject matter or geographical jurisdiction to investigate the case; the agency is then responsible for referring the case to an agency with proper jurisdiction.

Immediately or as soon as practicable after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11165.9, 11166)

Note: It is recommended that the district's administrative regulation include the name, address, and phone number of the appropriate agencies in its area **to whom reports should be made.**

Such reports shall be made to the following agency(ies):

SJC Child Protective Services

(Name of appropriate agency)

102 S. San Joaquin Street, Stockton, CA

(Address)

209-468-1333

(Phone number)

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Note: The following paragraph is **optional**.

When the initial telephone report is made, the mandated reporter shall note the name of the official contacted, the date and time contacted, and any instructions or advice received.

2. **Written Report**

Within 36 hours of knowing or observing the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall **then** prepare and either send, fax, or electronically **transmit submit** to the appropriate agency a written follow-up report, which includes a completed **California** Department of Justice **(DOJ)** form **(BCIASS 8572)**. (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code 11168, the **California** Department of Justice **(DOJ)** form shall be distributed by the police department, sheriff's department, county probation department, or county welfare department as appropriate and is available on the **DOJ's Department of Justice's** web site. It may also be made available at the district office or school site. The following **optional** paragraph should be revised to reflect district practice.

The **DOJ Department of Justice** form may be obtained from the district office or other appropriate agencies, such as **the police department, or sheriff's department, or county probation or welfare department or the police or sheriff's department.**

Note: Penal Code 11167 requires the mandated reporter's **to give his/her** name when reporting known or suspected child abuse. However, the reporter's name and the report are confidential and are only disclosed in limited circumstances provided by law.

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location, and, where applicable, school, grade, and class
- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person(s) who might have abused or neglected the child

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- e. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information

The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to **the mandated reporter him/her**. (Penal Code 11167)

The mandated reporter may give to an investigator from an agency investigating the case, including a licensing agency, any information relevant to an incident of child abuse or neglect or to a report made for serious emotional damage pursuant to Penal Code 11166.05. (Penal Code 11167)

Note: Item #3 below is **optional** and may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Penal Code 11166, school districts may establish internal reporting procedures encouraging employees to notify supervisors and administrators of reports that are made. These internal procedures must not inhibit or impede immediate and direct reporting by employees to appropriate agencies, **direct an employee to allow the employee's supervisor to file or process a mandated report under any circumstances, or require any employee to disclose the employee's identity to the employer.** ~~Penal Code 11166 prohibits internal procedures from requiring the employee to make a report to the district or requiring that the identity of the mandated reporter be disclosed to the district.~~

3. Internal Reporting

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose **the mandated reporter's his/her** identity to **his/her a** supervisor, the principal, or the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166)

However, employees reporting child abuse or neglect to an appropriate agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the principal as soon as possible after the initial telephone report to the appropriate agency. When so notified, the principal shall inform the Superintendent or designee.

The principal so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that reporting procedures are carried out in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. At the mandated reporter's request, the principal may assist in completing and filing the necessary forms.

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, principal, school counselor, co-worker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)**Training**

Note: As amended by AB 1432 (Ch. 797, Statutes of 2014), Education Code 44691 and Penal Code 11165.7 require districts to annually train their employees and any other mandated reporters working on their behalf regarding the duties of mandated reporters. Education Code 44691, as amended, also requires the CDE to develop an online training module to be provided to the California Department of Social Services for use by districts.

Within the first six weeks of each school year, **or within the first six weeks of employment if hired during the school year**, the Superintendent or designee shall provide training on mandated reporting requirements to district employees and persons working on their behalf who are mandated reporters. ~~Any school personnel hired during the school year shall receive such training within the first six weeks of employment.~~ (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Note: Education Code 44691 requires school districts to use the online training module provided by the California Department of Social Services **(CDSS)**, **available on the CDSS web site**. However, if the online training module is not used, the Superintendent or designee is required to report to **the** CDE regarding the training being used in its place.

The Superintendent or designee shall use the online training module provided by the California Department of Social Services **(CDSS)**. (Education Code 44691)

The training shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, training in identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. In addition, the training shall include information that failure to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect as required by law is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine as specified. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

Note: Education Code 44691, ~~as amended by AB 1432 (Ch. 797, Statutes of 2014)~~, requires districts to develop a process by which all persons required to receive training must provide proof of receiving the training (e.g., the use of a sign-in sheet, submission of a certificate of completion). The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain and retain proof of each mandated reporter's completion of the training. (Education Code 44691)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 44691, ~~as amended by AB 1058 (Ch. 748, Statutes of 2015)~~, encourages districts to provide training to all school employees, at least once every three years, on the prevention of child abuse on school grounds, by school personnel, or in school-sponsored programs. ~~As amended, Pursuant to~~ Education Code 44691, **also requires**

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the CDE's web site includes to establish best practices for prevention of abuse and to provide links on its web site to training resources.

In addition, at least once every three years, school personnel may receive training in the prevention of child abuse, including sexual abuse, on school grounds, by school personnel, or in school-sponsored programs. (Education Code 44691)

Victim Interviews by Social Services

Note: Penal Code 11174.3 authorizes a representative from ~~the Department of Social Services~~ **CDSS** or another government agency investigating suspected child abuse or neglect to interview a student during school hours, on school grounds, concerning a report of child abuse or neglect that occurred at home or in an out-of-home care facility. However, there is no clear guidance regarding the procedures to be followed if a social worker is accompanied by law enforcement. In *Greene v. Camreta*, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled that, absent exigent circumstances, a social worker and sheriff could not question a student in school without obtaining a warrant, court order, or parent/guardian consent. Subsequently, that ruling was vacated by the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal (*Camreta v. Greene*) since the case was then moot. Districts should proceed with caution and consult ~~with~~ legal counsel as necessary.

Whenever ~~the Department of Social Services~~ **CDSS** or another government agency is investigating suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility, the student may be interviewed by an agency representative during school hours, on school premises. The Superintendent or designee shall give the student the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the student. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the principal or designee shall inform **the person him/her** of the following requirements **prior to the interview**: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable **the child him/her** to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)**Release of Child to Peace Officer**

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the Superintendent or designee and/or principal shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. (Education Code 48906)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

Parent/Guardian Complaints

Note: Education Code 48987 requires the district, **upon request**, to disseminate guidelines, ~~upon request, adopted by CDE~~ advising parents/guardians of procedures for filing child abuse complaints. ~~As required by Education Code 33308.1, the CDE has prepared sample guidelines for this purpose, which were updated in March 2014 and~~ Such **sample guidelines** are available on ~~the~~ CDE's web site.

Claims against the district for childhood sexual assault are governed by the timelines and procedures specified in Code of Civil Procedure 340.1; see AR 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District.

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is not English, such procedures shall be in their primary language and, when communicating orally regarding those **guidelines and/or** procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

To file a complaint against a district employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school site, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person, or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint about an employee to any other employee, the employee receiving the information shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the appropriate agency. **The employee shall also file a report when obligated to do so pursuant to Penal Code 11166 using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.** ~~The employee also is obligated pursuant to Penal Code 11166 to file a report himself/herself using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.~~

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

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

Note: **5 CCR 3201, as added by Register 2020, No. 21, authorizes p**Parents/guardians of special education students ~~also may to~~ file a complaint with ~~the~~ CDE as provided in the following paragraph. ~~The~~ CDE does not investigate allegations of child abuse or neglect, but may investigate conditions that may involve **immediate physical safety concerns as such concerns interfere with the provision of danger or threaten the health, safety, or welfare of the child and which may result in denial of a free appropriate public education.**

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In addition, if the child is enrolled in special education, a separate complaint may be filed with the California Department of Education pursuant to 5 CCR **3200-3205 4650**.

(cf. 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them of their status as mandated reporters, their reporting obligations

under Penal Code 11166, and their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167. The district also shall provide these new employees with a copy of Penal Code 11165.7, 11166, and 11167. (Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5)

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

Before beginning employment, any person who will be a mandated reporter by virtue of **the person's** ~~his/her~~ position shall sign a statement indicating ~~that he/she has knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and~~ **will comply compliance** with ~~those such~~ provisions. The signed statement shall be retained by the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be notified of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630-15637.

Note: The remainder of this section is **optional** and should be deleted by districts that do not provide these additional notifications.

The Superintendent or designee also shall notify all employees that:

1. A mandated reporter who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report and this immunity shall apply even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect outside of **the mandated reporter's** ~~his/her~~ professional capacity or outside the scope of ~~his/her~~ employment. Any other person making a report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that **the person** ~~he/she~~ knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11172)
2. If a mandated reporter fails to timely report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, **the mandated reporter** ~~he/she~~ may be guilty of a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166)

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3. No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report unless it can be shown that **the employee** ~~he/she~~ knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11166, **11172**)

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Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5141.52(a)

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Note: Education Code 215, as amended by AB 1767 (Ch. 694, Statutes of 2019), mandates policy on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention for grades K7-12 and, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, for grades K-6. See the accompanying Board policy. The following administrative regulation provides additional strategies that fulfill the mandate and may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 215, the following regulation should be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, suicide prevention experts, and, in developing strategies for grades K-6, the county mental health plan.

Examples of suicide prevention strategies are also available in the California Department of Education's (CDE) Model Youth Suicide Prevention Policy, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission's (MHSOAC) *Striving for Zero: California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention 2020-2025*, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services publication *Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools*, and resources issued by other state and federal agencies and organizations. For further information about strategies to protect students from bullying, cyberbullying, and other harassment, see BP 5131 - Conduct, BP 5131.2 - Bullying, BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment, BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment, and BP 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior.

Staff Development

Note: Education Code 215, as amended by AB 1767, mandates that the district's policy address any training on suicide awareness and prevention to be provided to teachers of students in all grade levels served by the district. In addition, Education Code 49604 encourages each district to provide suicide prevention training at least once to each middle, junior high, and high school counselor.

CDE recommends that employees receive training on the core components of suicide prevention at the beginning of employment, and also receive training each year on risk factors, protective factors, warning signs of suicide, suicide prevention, intervention, referral, and postvention, with a minimum of one hour of general suicide prevention training. The following section may should be revised to reflect district practice.

Education Code 216 requires CDE to identify evidence-based online training program(s), aligned with the requirements of Education Code 215, that districts may can use to train students and staff.

Additionally, Education Code 216 also requires CDE, dependent upon funds being appropriated in the annual Budget Act, CDE will to provide grants, upon application, to county offices of education for the acquisition of such training programs to disseminate to districts at no cost.

Suicide prevention training shall be provided to teachers, interns, counselors, and others district employees who interact with students, including, as appropriate, substitute teachers, coaches, expanded day learning staff, crossing guards, tutors, and volunteers. The training shall be offered under the direction of a district counselor, psychologist, and/or social worker who has received advanced training specific to suicide and who may collaborate and/or in cooperation with one or more county or community mental health agencies.

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(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)
(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)
(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Materials for training shall include how to identify appropriate mental health services at the school site and within the community, and when and how to refer youth and their families to those services. Materials also may include programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials. (Education Code 215)

Additionally, Staff development shall include research and information related to the following topics:

Note: Education Code 215 **mandates** that the district's policy specifically address the needs of high-risk groups; see the accompanying Board policy. One strategy to specifically address their needs is to increase staff awareness of the higher rates of suicide among these groups, as provided in item #1 below.

1. The higher risk of suicide among certain groups, including, but not limited to, students who are impacted 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

Note: Staff development may include training about individual risk factors associated with suicide, as provided in item #2 below. Information about risk factors is available from **MHSOAC's Striving for Zero: California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention 2020-2025 CDE, the** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Association of Suicidology, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Trevor Project, and other **publications,** agencies, and organizations.

2. Individual risk factors such as previous suicide attempt(s) or self-harm, history of depression or mental illness, family history of suicide or violence, feelings of isolation, interpersonal conflicts, a recent severe **or traumatic** stressor or loss, family instability, impulsivity, and other factors

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

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3. **Identification of students who may be at risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, w**Warning signs that may indicate depression, emotional distress, or suicidal intentions, such as changes in students' personality or behavior and verbalizations of hopelessness or suicidal intent
4. Protective factors that may help to decrease a student's suicide risk, such as resiliency, problem-solving ability, access to mental health care, and positive connections to family, peers, school, and community
5. Instructional strategies for teaching the suicide prevention curriculum, **and promoting mental and emotional health, reducing the stigma associated with mental illness, and using safe and effective messaging about suicide**
6. **The importance of early prevention and intervention in reducing the risk of suicide**
76. School and community resources and services, including resources and services that meet the specific needs of high-risk groups

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

87. Appropriate ways to interact with a student who is demonstrating emotional distress or is suicidal and procedures for intervening when a student attempts, threatens, or discloses the desire to die by suicide, including, but not limited to, appropriate protocols for **constant monitoring and supervision of the student, during the time the student is in the school's physical custody**, while the immediate referral of the student to medical or mental health services is being processed
98. District procedures for responding after a suicide has occurred

10. Common misconceptions about suicide

The district may provide additional professional development in suicide risk assessment and crisis intervention to district mental health professionals, including, but not limited to, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and nurses.

Instruction

Note: The state's content standards for health education include voluntary standards pertaining to mental, emotional, and social health at selected elementary and secondary grades and suicide prevention instruction at grade 7 or 8 and in high school.

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CDE recommends that the instruction be under the supervision of district-employed mental health professionals following consultation with county and community health agencies, and that it be incorporated into areas of the curriculum in addition to health classes.

The district's comprehensive health education program shall promote the healthy mental, emotional, and social development of students and shall be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework. Suicide prevention instruction shall be incorporated into the health education curriculum in an age **and developmentally** appropriate manner and shall be designed to help students:

1. Identify and analyze **warning signs of and risk factors associated with suicide, including, but not limited to, understanding how mental health challenges and emotional distress, such as** ~~depression and self-destructive behaviors in oneself and others and understand how~~ feelings of depression, loss, isolation, inadequacy, and anxiety, can lead to thoughts of suicide
2. Develop coping and resiliency skills **for dealing with stress and trauma, and building** self-esteem
3. Learn to listen, be honest, share feelings, and get help when communicating with friends who show signs of suicidal intent
4. Identify trusted adults; school resources, **including the district's suicide prevention, intervention, and referral procedures;** and/or community crisis intervention resources where youth can get help ~~and recognize that there is no stigma associated with seeking services for mental health, substance abuse, and/or suicide prevention~~

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

5. **Develop help-seeking strategies** and recognize that there is no stigma associated with seeking services for mental health, substance abuse, and/or suicide prevention

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

6. **Recognize that early prevention and intervention can drastically reduce the risk of suicide**

The Superintendent or designee may develop and implement school activities that raise awareness about mental health wellness and suicide prevention.

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)*(cf. 6145.8 - Assemblies and Special Events)***Student Identification Cards**

Note: The following section is for use by districts that serve students in grades 7-12. Education Code 215.5 requires districts that issue or reissue student identification cards to have printed on either side of the card the telephone number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255), and allows to have printed on the card the Crisis Text Line (texting HOME to 741741) and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. **If, as of July 1, 2020, the district has unissued student identification cards that do not comply with the above requirements, the cards should be issued until the supply is depleted.**

Student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and may also include the Crisis Text Line and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

Intervention

Note: Education Code 215 **mandates** that the district's policy and procedures address suicide intervention. The following section should be revised to reflect district practice. **In addition, the district may choose to incorporate crisis intervention strategies in its comprehensive school safety plan adopted pursuant to Education Code 32280-32289.5; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.**

The following paragraph is for use by districts that have formed and trained district and/or school site crisis intervention team(s) to assist with suicide intervention; see the accompanying Board policy. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) recommends that crisis intervention teams assign one or more individuals as a "designated reporter" to receive and act upon all reports from teachers, other staff, and students who may be suicidal.

In addition, the district may choose to incorporate crisis intervention strategies in its comprehensive school safety plan adopted pursuant to Education Code 32280-32289.5; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the name, title, and contact information of the members of the district and/or school crisis intervention team(s) to students, staff, parents/guardians, and caregivers and on school and district web sites. Such notifications shall identify the mental health professional who serves as the crisis intervention team's designated reporter to receive and act upon reports of a student's suicidal intention.

Students shall be encouraged to notify a teacher, principal, counselor, **designated reporter**, or other adult when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions.

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)

Every statement regarding suicidal intent shall be taken seriously. Whenever a staff member suspects or has knowledge of a student's suicidal intentions based on the student's verbalizations or act of self-harm, the staff member shall promptly notify the principal, **or** school counselor, **or designated reporter**, who shall implement district intervention protocols as appropriate.

Note: Education Code 49602 generally protects the confidentiality of information of a personal nature disclosed to a school counselor by a student age 12 years or older or by a parent/guardian. However, in certain circumstances, the counselor may disclose such information to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others within in the school community. Also see BP 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services.

Although any personal information that a student discloses to a school counselor shall generally not be revealed, released, **referenced, or** discussed, **or referred to** with third parties, the counselor may report to the principal or student's parents/guardians when there is reasonable cause to believe that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others within the school community. In addition, the counselor may disclose information of a personal nature to psychotherapists, other health care providers, or the school nurse for the sole purpose of referring the student for treatment, **or to report child abuse and neglect as required by Penal Code 11164-11174.3.** (Education Code 49602)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Whenever schools establish a peer counseling system to provide support for students, peer counselors shall receive training that includes identification of the warning signs of suicidal behavior and referral of a suicidal student to appropriate adults.

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported, the principal or designee shall ensure student safety by taking the following actions:

1. Immediately securing medical treatment and/or mental health services as necessary
2. Notifying law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened
3. Keeping the student under continuous adult supervision **and providing comfort to the student** until the parent/guardian and/or appropriate support agent or agency can be contacted and has the opportunity to intervene
4. Removing other students from the immediate area as soon as possible

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

The principal or designee shall document the incident in writing, including the steps that the school took in response to the suicide attempt or threat.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. If a student's parents/guardians refuse or neglect to access treatment for a student who has been identified to be at risk for suicide, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether a referral to child protective services for child neglect is needed. Pursuant to Penal Code 11164-11174.3, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, school employees who are mandated reporters are required to report child abuse or neglect, as defined in law, when they have knowledge of or reasonably suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse or neglect. See BP/AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

The Superintendent or designee shall follow up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed. If the parent/guardian does not access treatment for the student, the Superintendent or designee may meet with the parent/guardian to identify barriers to treatment and assist the family in providing follow-up care for the student. If follow-up care is still not provided, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether it is necessary, pursuant to laws for mandated reporters of child neglect, to refer the matter to the local child protective services agency.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

For any student returning to school after a mental health crisis, the principal or designee and/or school counselor may meet with the parents/guardians and, if appropriate, with the student to discuss re-entry and appropriate **next**-steps to ensure the student's readiness for return to school and determine the need for ongoing support.

Postvention

Note: Education Code 215 **mandates** that the district's policy and procedures address suicide postvention. The following section should be revised to reflect district practice.

In the event that a student dies by suicide, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate with the student's parents/guardians to offer condolences, assistance, and resources. In accordance with the laws governing confidentiality of student record information, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the parents/guardians regarding facts that may be divulged to other students, parents/guardians, and staff.

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)

Note: Research has identified an increased risk of suicide among youth who are grieving the suicide of another (so-called "suicide contagion"). The ~~National Association of School Psychologists~~ **NASP**, in its Preventing Suicide: Guidelines for Administrators and Crisis Teams, recommends that memorials should be implemented with care so as not to sensationalize or glamorize suicide and thereby increase the suicide risk to other students. If a memorial is conducted for a student who dies by suicide, the association suggests a living memorial, such as making donations to a local crisis center, participating in an event that raises awareness about suicide prevention, or providing other opportunities for service activities in the school that emphasize the importance of students taking care of each other.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures to address students' and staff's grief and to minimize the risk of imitative suicide or suicide contagion. The Superintendent or designee shall provide students, parents/guardians, and staff with information, counseling, and/or referrals to community agencies as needed. Students significantly affected by suicide death and those at risk of imitative behavior should be identified and closely monitored. School staff may receive assistance from school counselors or other mental health professionals in determining how **to** best **to** discuss the suicide or attempted suicide with students.

Any response to media inquiries shall be handled by the district-designated spokesperson who shall not divulge confidential information. The district's response shall not sensationalize suicide and shall focus on the district's postvention plan and available resources.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

After any suicide or attempted suicide by a student, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an opportunity for all staff who responded to the incident to debrief, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used, and make recommendations for future actions.

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STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Note: The following administrative regulation reflects requirements of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) (Education Code 60600-60649) and should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall administer the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) to all district students at applicable grade levels, except those students exempted by law.

Note: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect programs offered by the district.

5 CCR 851 clarifies responsibility for the testing of charter school students who attend locally funded charter schools. Pursuant to Education Code 47651, a locally funded charter school is one that receives the state aid portion of its local control funding formula allocation through the district that either authorized the charter or was designated by the State Board of Education (SBE) as the oversight agency, rather than directly from the state.

The students of any charter school that receives its state funding allocation through the district shall be tested in coordination with the testing of district students. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the testing of students in any alternative education program or program conducted off campus, including, but not limited to, non-classroom based programs, continuation schools, independent study, community day schools, county community schools, juvenile court schools, or nonpublic, nonsectarian schools. No test shall be administered in a home or hospital except by a test administrator or test examiner. (5 CCR 851)

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)

(cf. 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. Pursuant to 5 CCR 853, if the district identifies students who are unable to access the computer-based assessments, as required by 5 CCR 857, the district may use a paper and pencil version of the assessment, if available.

On or before July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall identify any district school(s) with students who are unable to access the computer-based assessment of a CAASPP test and shall report the number of such students to the test contractor. If available, a paper and pencil version of the assessment may be administered to such students. (5 CCR 853, 857)

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Note: 5 CCR 857, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, establishes a deadline of July 1 of each year for designating a district test coordinator.

On or before July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall designate a district coordinator who shall oversee all matters related to the testing program and serve as the district representative and liaison with the test contractor and the California Department of Education (CDE). The Superintendent or designee shall also designate a coordinator for each test site. The duties of the district and site test coordinators shall include those specified in 5 CCR 857-858. (5 CCR 857-858)

Note: 5 CCR 850, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, defines "test administrator" as an employee trained to administer the CAASPP achievement tests and "test examiner" as a certificated or licensed employee of a local educational agency trained to administer the California Alternate Assessments (CAA) for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

The Superintendent or designee also shall appoint trained test administrator(s) to administer the CAASPP achievement tests and test examiner(s) to administer the California Alternate Assessments. A test examiner shall be a certificated or licensed employee **or contractor** of the district or county office of education. (5 CCR 850)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 850, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, a student's sibling is prohibited from serving as his/her translator or scribe during test administration.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall assign a specially trained district employee to serve as a test proctor to assist the test examiner; a specially trained district employee, or other person supervised by a district employee, to serve as a translator to translate the test directions into a student's primary language; and a district employee to serve as a scribe to transcribe a student's responses to the format required by the test. A student's parent/guardian or sibling shall not be eligible to be that student's translator or scribe. (5 CCR 850)

All test administrators, test examiners, proctors, translators, scribes, district and site test coordinators, and other persons having access to any of the CAASPP achievement tests and corresponding test materials, assessment technology platform, or tests administered pursuant to Education Code 60640 shall acknowledge the limited purpose of their access to the achievement tests by signing a test security affidavit. In addition, all district and site test coordinators shall sign a test security agreement before receiving any CAASPP achievement tests and corresponding test materials. The test security affidavit and test security agreement shall be those set forth in 5 CCR 859. (5 CCR 850, 859)

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Tests Included in the State Assessment System

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60640 and 5 CCR 851.5, ~~as added by Register 2015, No. 48,~~ the CAASPP consists of the required assessments listed in items #1-3 below and optional use of a primary language assessment.

Pursuant to Education Code 60640 and 99300-99301, the CAASPP also includes the Early Assessment Program (EAP) designed to assess the college readiness of students in grade 11 in English language arts and/or mathematics. The EAP is included within the summative assessments listed in item #1 below.

The district shall administer the following CAASPP assessments: (Education Code 60640; 5 CCR 851.5)

1. The ~~CAASPP achievement tests~~ **Smarter Balanced summative assessments** for English language arts and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11, except that:

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

- a. Recently arrived English learners, defined pursuant to Education Code 60603 as English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending a school in the United States, shall be exempted from taking the English language arts assessment to the extent allowed by federal law. A recently arrived English learner may be administered the test upon request by ~~his/her~~ **the student's** parent/guardian.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

- b. Students with disabilities who are unable to participate in the English language arts and mathematics assessments, even with the resources described in the section "Testing Variations" below, shall be provided an alternate test when designated in their individualized education program (IEP), as provided in item #3 below.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

Note: Education Code 60640 provides that the California Standards Tests will be administered in science at grades 5, 8, and 10. When available, the SBE shall adopt an assessment that is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, which were adopted by the SBE in September 2013. Pursuant to Education Code 60640, SBE has determined that the California Science Test (CAST), which is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, must be administered in grades 5, 8, and once in grades 10-12. According to the CAASPP Online Test Administration Manual, districts can elect to administer the CAST to students in grade 10 or 11. Students in grade 12 who have not yet met the science testing

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requirement will automatically be registered to take the CAST. The California Department of Education (CDE) recommends testing high school students when they are enrolled in their last science course. Item #2 may be revised to reflect district practice.

2. ~~Science assessments~~ **The California Science Test (CAST)** at grades 5, 8, and **once in grades 10-12**

However, students with disabilities who are unable to participate in the ~~science assessments~~ **CAST**, even with the resources described in the "Testing Variations" section below, shall be provided an alternate test when designated in their IEP, as provided in item #3 below.

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 1412 and Education Code 60640, students with disabilities must be included in the CAASPP program with accommodations where necessary (see section on "Testing Variations" below), unless they are exempted by their parents/guardians or are eligible to take an alternate assessment.

~~For the English language arts and mathematics assessments, students with significant cognitive disabilities may be administered the CAA. For the science assessment, students with disabilities may take the CAPA or the California Modified Assessment, in accordance with their individualized education program (IEP).~~

3. **The California Alternate Assessments (CAA) in English language arts, mathematics, and science** ~~For students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the tests specified in items #1-2 above, even with appropriate accommodations or other testing resources, and who have an IEP that designates the use of alternate tests at the applicable grade levels:~~

- a. ~~California Alternate Assessment in English language arts and mathematics for students with significant cognitive disabilities~~
- b. ~~For the science assessment, either the California Modified Assessment or, for students with significant cognitive disabilities, the California Alternate Performance Assessment~~

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. In addition to administering the CAASPP achievement tests described in items #1-3 above to English learners, Education Code 60640 authorizes the district to administer a primary language assessment to English learners, ~~in grades 2-11. Education Code 60640 provides that districts may use the Standards-Based Test in Spanish (STS) for this purpose until a test is available that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards in English language arts. The SBE is required to adopt such an assessment to be used no later than the 2016-17 school year. Pursuant to 5 CCR 851.5, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, the successor primary language assessment will be available for students in grade 3-8 and 11. The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) is available to measure competency in Spanish reading/language arts of students in grades 3-8 and high school.~~

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Pursuant to Education Code 60640, the district will receive a per pupil apportionment from the state for administration of the primary language assessment to English learners.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may administer ~~a primary language assessment~~ **the California Spanish Assessment (CSA)** to English learners. Administration of this test shall not replace the administration of the above tests, administered in English, to English learners. (Education Code 60640)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. Pursuant to Education Code 60640, the district may, at its own expense, administer the ~~STS or successor state assessment~~ **CSA** to students in a dual immersion program who are not limited English proficient or who are redesignated fluent English proficient. If the district chooses to use the primary language assessment for this purpose, it must enter into an agreement with the state testing contractor, subject to the approval of ~~the~~ CDE.

The ~~primary language assessment~~ **CSA** also may be used to assess students in a dual language immersion program who are not limited English proficient or who are redesignated fluent English proficient, subject to approval by ~~the California Department of Education (CDE)~~ of an agreement between the district and the state testing contractor. (Education Code 60640)

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 60642.6, the CAASPP includes optional computer-based interim assessments, available at no cost to districts, that provide teachers and administrators with results that can be used to support teaching and learning and to gauge student progress toward mastery of the skills measured by the summative assessments. The interim assessments were developed for grades 3-8 and high school, but can be administered at any grade level. The timing and frequency of the interim assessments may be determined by the district.

CAASPP also offers formative assessment tools (i.e., assessment tools and processes that are embedded in instruction and used by teachers to receive real-time feedback for purposes of adjusting instruction). **Tools for Teachers**, available on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium web site, is an online collection of resources aligned with the Common Core State Standards.

Throughout the school year, schools may use Smarter Balanced interim assessments and formative assessment tools at any grade level to provide timely feedback regarding students' progress toward mastery of the skills measured by the summative assessments in English language arts and mathematics and to assist teachers in continually adjusting instruction to improve learning. The Superintendent or designee may determine the timing and frequency of the administration of such assessments.

Exemptions

Note: In addition to the exemption of recently arrived English learners from the English language arts assessment (see item #1a in the section "Tests Included in the State Assessment System" above), Education Code 60615 allows students to be exempted from the CAASPP upon written request from their parents/guardians. 5 CCR 852 requires the district to notify parents/guardians regarding this exemption and provides that any exemption will be granted only for the current school year.

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Districts should be aware of the need to maintain a high student participation level on state assessments. Pursuant to 20 USC 6311, ~~as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95),~~ states must annually measure the achievement of not less than 95 percent of all students **and of each numerically significant subgroup of students.** ~~The state legislature will need to determine how to factor the participation requirement into the state's school accountability system.~~

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their child's participation in the CAASPP and of the provisions of Education Code 60615 related to exemptions from testing. (5 CCR 852)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

~~A parent/guardian~~ **Parents/guardians** may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse ~~his/her~~ **their** child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for the school year, and such a request shall be granted by the Superintendent or designee. However, district employees shall not solicit or encourage any exemption request on behalf of any student or group of students. (Education Code 60615; 5 CCR 852)

If a parent/guardian submits an exemption request after testing has begun, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored and the results reported to the parent/guardian and included in the student's records. (5 CCR 852)

Testing Period

Note: Education Code 60640 requires the SBE to establish **a testing windows** that allows all schools to administer the CAASPP tests at approximately the same time during the instructional year and takes into account the need to provide make-up days for students who were absent during testing. ~~5 CCR 855, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, establishes the testing windows specified below beginning in the 2015-16 school year.~~ Within these testing windows, the district may establish its own testing dates.

The following section should be revised to reflect grade levels offered by the district. In addition, districts that do not maintain any schools on a year-round schedule may revise the following section to delete references to schedules based on tracks.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish testing days for district students within the following available testing windows: (5 CCR 855)

1. **Unless otherwise specified in state regulations, a** ~~Assessments in English language arts and mathematics~~ shall be administered between the date on which at least 66 percent of the school's or track's annual instructional days ~~for grades 3-8, or at least 80 percent of the annual instructional days for grade 11,~~ have been completed, **but no earlier than the second Tuesday in January,** and the last day of instruction for the regular annual calendar of the school or track, **but no later than July 15 or, if July 15 is not a weekday, then the next weekday following July 15**

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2. All science assessments, including CAPA and CMA, shall be administered during an available testing window of 25 instructional days that includes 12 instructional days before and after completion of 85 percent of the school's or track's annual instructional days. The CAA for science shall be administered annually beginning on a date in September as determined by CDE through the last day of instruction for the regular annual calendar of the school or track, but no later than July 15 or, if July 15 is not a weekday, then the next weekday following July 15.

Note: Item #3 below reflects the available testing window for the CAA effective beginning in the 2016-17 school year, pursuant to 5 CCR 855, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48.

3. Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, the CAA shall be administered during the available testing windows specified in item #1.

Note: Optional item 4.3 below is for use by districts that have chosen to administer the primary language assessment CSA to English learners as authorized by Education Code 60640; see section "Tests Included in the State Assessment System" above.

- 4.3. The primary language assessment CSA shall be administered to English learners within the testing window specified in item #2.1.

Note: Within the available testing windows specified above, the district may designate specific testing dates that will be used within the district. 5 CCR 855, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, allows the district to designate one selected testing period for each school or track subject to the conditions specified below. If the district does not designate a selected testing period for a school or track, then the available testing windows specified in items #1-2 below shall be the selected testing period for that school or track.

Within the above testing windows, the Superintendent or designee may designate one testing period for each school or track or, if a school has multiple tracks, a selected testing period for each track. The district shall not exceed six selected testing periods within the available testing window. The testing period shall be no fewer than 25 consecutive instructional days and may be extended up to an additional 10 consecutive instructional days if still within the available testing window set forth in items #1-4.2 above. (5 CCR 855)

Students who are absent during testing shall be provided an opportunity to take the tests within the testing window.

Testing Variations

Note: The following section describes allowable testing resources that may be used during test administration pursuant to 5 CCR 853.5-853.8, 854.1-854.4 as amended by Register 2015, No. 48. For further information, see the CDE's matrix of allowable testing variations, available on its web site.

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All CAASPP achievement tests and the primary language test shall be administered in accordance with the manuals or other instructions provided by the test contractor or CDE except that, as appropriate, the following testing variations may be used: (5 CCR 850, 853-853.8-854.4)

1. Universal tools specified in 5 CCR 853.5 854.1-854.4 may be used with any student.
2. Designated supports specified in 5 CCR 853.5 and, if an English learner, in 5 CCR 853.7, 854.1-854.4 may be used with a student for whom the need has been indicated by an educator or team of educators, with parent/guardian and student input as appropriate, or for whom the need is specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan.
3. Accommodations specified in 5 CCR 853.5 854.1-854.4 may be used with a student with disabilities when included in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan as resources that are regularly used in the classroom for the student's instruction and/or assessment(s). Such accommodations shall be either utilized in the assessment environment or consist of changes in procedures or materials that increase equitable access during the assessment.

Note: 5 CCR 853.8, as added by Register 2015, No. 48, 854.9 authorizes the use of "unlisted resources" (i.e., resources that have not been identified as a universal tool, designated support, or accommodation) with students with disabilities, provided that the resource is designated in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan and the CDE has approved the use of the resource. Pursuant to 5 CCR 853.8-854.9, the district must electronically submit a request to the CDE at least 10 business days prior to the first day of CAASPP testing, and the district will receive a response from the CDE within four business days of submitting the request. The CDE will not approve the use of an unlisted resource that threatens the security of the test or changes the construct being measured, including, but not limited to, those resources specified in 5 CCR 853.8-854.9. The district may nevertheless use a disapproved unlisted resource that changes the construct being measured, but the student will not be counted in the participation rate for state and federal accountability measures.

4. An unlisted resource that has not been specifically identified as an approved universal tool, designated support, or accommodation may be used with a student who has an IEP or Section 504 plan provided that the resource is one that is regularly used in the classroom for instruction and/or assessment and the CDE has approved its use. At least 10 business days prior to the student's first day of CAASPP testing, the district or school site test coordinator may electronically submit a request to the CDE for approval to use that unlisted resource during that year. If the CDE determines that the unlisted resource changes the construct being measured, the unlisted resource may nevertheless be used with the student in order to generate an individual score report even though the student shall not be counted in the participation rate for accountability measures. (5 CCR 853.8 854.9)

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Note: 5 CCR 853.8, as amended by Register 2015, No. 48, authorizes the use of "instructional supports" (i.e., all supports that may be used in daily instruction or assessment, including language and physical supports) during administration of the CAA, as described in the following paragraph.

In the administration of the CAA to a student with significant cognitive disabilities, the student may have all instructional supports that may be used in daily instruction or assessment, including language and physical supports, with the exception of any inappropriate test practices listed in test administration manuals. (5 CCR 850, 853.6 854.5)

Report of Test Results

Note: Education Code 60641 requires that valid test results for individual students, when available, be reported to the student's parents/guardians, school, and teacher(s). Pursuant to Education Code 60641, it is the Legislature's intent that districts are not precluded from using electronic media formats to provide this report, provided that the format secures the confidentiality of the student and the student's results. In addition, district personnel are not required to prepare individualized explanations of each student's test scores as part of the report described in the following paragraph.

For any state assessments that produce valid individual student results, the Superintendent or designee shall forward or transmit the student's test results to his/her the student's parents/guardians within 20 working days from receipt of the results from the test contractor or, if the district receives the results from the contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year, then within the first 20 working days of the next school year. The report shall include a clear explanation of the purpose of the test, the student's score, and its intended use by the district. An individual student's scores shall also be reported to his/her the school and teacher(s) and shall be included in his/her the student record. (Education Code 60641; 5 CCR 863)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

With parent/guardian consent, the Superintendent or designee may release a student's test results to a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, determination of readiness for college-level coursework, or admission. (Education Code 60641)

The Superintendent or designee shall present districtwide, school-level, and grade-level results to the Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board shall not receive individual students' scores or the relative position of any individual student. (Education Code 49076, 60641)

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DEVELOPER FEES

Note: Government Code 65995 provides authority for three different levels of developer fees to be levied by school districts. Pursuant to Education Code 17620 and Government Code 65995, Level 1 fees for residential, commercial and industrial construction may be assessed as long as the district's Developer Fee Justification Study, as required by Government Code 66001, justifies the amount. Pursuant to Education Code 17620, some types of construction may be exempted. Districts should consult with legal counsel as appropriate.

Level 1 Funding Fees: Residential, Commercial and Industrial Construction

Note: In order to levy or increase developer fees, Government Code 66001 requires that a district develop a Fee Justification Study which justifies the amount of the fee. The State Allocation Board sets the developer fee rates; these rates will be increased every two years. It is important to note that, in order to increase their rates, Government Code 66001 and 66016 requires districts to update their Fee Justification Study and to satisfy the notice and hearing requirements, as specified below. Education Code 17622 requires separate, special findings when levying fees on spaces enclosed for agricultural purposes.

Before taking action to establish, increase or impose developer fees, the Governing Board shall conduct a fee justification study which: (Government Code 66001)

1. Identifies the purpose of the fee and the use to which the fee will be put
2. Determines a reasonable relationship between the fee's use and the type of development project for which the fee is imposed
3. Determines a reasonable relationship between the need for the public facility and the type of development project for which the fee is imposed
4. Determines a reasonable relationship between the amount of the fee and the cost of the public facility or portion of the public facility attributed to the development for which the fee is imposed

Level 1 Funding Fees: Notice and Hearing Requirements

Before levying developer fees or prior to increasing an existing fee, the Board shall schedule a public hearing. The Superintendent or designee shall mail notice of the time and place of the meeting, including a general explanation of the matter to be considered and a statement that the required data are available, at least 14 days prior to the meeting to any interested party who has requested such information. Any written request for mailed notices shall be

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valid for one year from the date on which it is filed unless a renewal request is filed. Renewal requests for mailed notices shall be filed on or before April 1 of each year. The district may charge a fee reasonably related to the cost of providing these materials. (Government Code 66016)

Information on the anticipated amount of fees, other available funds and funding sources, and the estimated cost of planning, land acquisition and school construction shall be made available to the public at least 10 days before the hearing. (Government Code 66016)

At the hearing, the Board shall adopt a resolution for the levying of the developer fees. (Government Code 66016) The resolution shall set forth:

1. The purpose of the fee and the public improvement(s) that the fee will be used to finance (Government Code 66006)
2. The Board's findings of reasonable relationship which justify the fees pursuant to Government Code 66001
3. The district's determination of either of the following conditions: (Government Code 66007)

Note: In order to collect fees earlier than the date of final inspection or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the district must determine either item #a or #b below:

- a. That the fees are to reimburse the district for previous expenditures
- b. That the fees shall be collected for public improvements or facilities for which an account has been established, funds have been appropriated and the district has adopted a proposed construction schedule or plan

Level 2 Funding Fees: Residential Construction

Note: Government Code 65995.5 allows the Board to impose a fee on residential construction that is higher than the Level 1 fee limit set forth in Government Code 65995 if the district is considered eligible pursuant to Education Code 17071.10-17078.10 and a timely application is made to the State Allocation Board. In addition, Government Code 65995.5 requires the district to adopt a "Facility Needs Analysis" and to satisfy the cost-saving/revenue-enhancing measures described in that section. Government Code 65995.5 clarifies that developer fees may be expended on the costs of performing the needs analysis as well as on the administrative costs associated with collecting the fees.

In order to impose residential construction fees within the limits of Government Code 65995.5, the Board shall: (Government Code 65995.5)

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1. — Make a timely application to the State Allocation Board for new construction funding for which it is eligible

Note: The Needs Analysis required by Government Code 65995.6 serves a similar purpose as the Fee Justification Study detailed above, but specifies different legal requirements, as well as a different approval and adoption process.

2. — Conduct and adopt a school facility needs analysis pursuant to Government Code 65995.6
3. — Satisfy at least two of the requirements set forth in Government Code 65995.5(b)(3)(A-D) (Government Code 65995.5)

Level 2 Funding Fees: Notice and Hearing Requirements

Note: Government Code 65352.2, as added by AB 1367 (Ch. 396, Statutes of 2001), requires the district to provide the notification specified below to the appropriate city or county planning agency. If the parties decide to meet, Government Code 65352.2 specifies issues that may be considered at the meeting.

At least 45 days prior to completion of the school facility needs analysis, the Board shall notify and provide copies of the analysis to the planning commission or agency of the city or county with land use jurisdiction within the district. Upon request of either party, the Board and city or county shall meet within 15 days following notification. (Government Code 65352.2)

(cf. 7131—Relations with Local Agencies)

The Board shall adopt the school facility needs analysis by resolution at a public hearing. (Government Code 65995.6)

Note: Government Code 65995.6 provides that if the school facility needs analysis is revised during the period of public review or at the public hearing, the approval process must recommence (e.g., another 30-day review period, published notice, etc.).

This analysis may not be adopted until the analysis, in its final form, has been made available to the public for a period of not less than 30 days. Prior to its adoption, the public shall have the opportunity to review and comment on the analysis and the Board shall respond to written comments it receives regarding the analysis. (Government Code 65995.6)

During the period of public review, the analysis shall be provided to the local agency responsible for land use planning for its review and comment. (Government Code 65995.6)

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No less than 30 days prior to the hearing, notice of the time and place of the hearing, including the location and procedure for viewing or requesting a copy of the proposed analysis, shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the district. If there is no paper of general circulation, the notice shall be posted in at least three conspicuous places within the district's jurisdiction not less than 30 days prior to the hearing. (Government Code 65995.6)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the needs analysis not less than 30 days prior to the hearing to any person who has made a written request if the written request was made 45 days prior to the hearing. The district may charge a fee reasonably related to the cost of providing these materials. (Government Code 65995.6)

The school facility needs analysis may be revised at any time. The revision is subject to the same conditions and requirements applicable to the adoption of the analysis. The existing school building capacity shall be recalculated as part of any revision to the needs analysis. (Government Code 65995.6)

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 65995.6, the fees take effect immediately upon adoption and are effective for only one year. After one year, the district must repeat the adoption process.

The fees authorized by Government Code 65995.6 and Government Code 65995.7 shall be adopted by resolution as part of the adoption or revision of the school facilities needs analysis. The fees shall take effect immediately upon adoption of the resolution and may not be effective for more than one year. (Government Code 65995.6)

Level 3 Funding Fees: Residential Construction

Note: Government Code 65995.7 has authorized a district that is eligible to receive the Level 2 funding the authority to levy a still higher fee on residential construction (Level 3 Funding) upon a determination by the State Allocation Board that state funds are no longer available. However, with the passage of the 2002 School Facilities Bond (Proposition 47) and its implementing legislation, AB 16 (Ch. 33, Statutes of 2002), districts are prohibited from levying Level 3 fees until the 2004 primary election.

When Level 3 fees are authorized by law and the district qualifies for Level 2 funding pursuant to Government Code 65995.5, the Board may assess a fee on residential construction pursuant to the requirements of Government Code 65995.7.

Level 3 Funding Fees: Notice and Hearing Requirements

Pursuant to Government Code 65995.7, the notice and hearing requirements, resolution requirement, and term of effectiveness for Level 3 funding shall be the same as the requirements for Level 2 funding as specified above.

DEVELOPER FEES (continued)**All Developer Funding Fees: Additional Requirements**

The district shall send a copy of any **Governing Board** resolution adopting or increasing **Level 1, 2, or 3** developer fees to the city and county, accompanied by all relevant supporting documentation and a map indicating the boundaries of the area subject to the fee. (Education Code 17621)

In cooperation with local governmental agencies issuing building permits, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a means by which all of the following shall be accomplished:

1. The project applicant shall receive a written statement of the amount of the fees and notification that the 90-day approval period during which the applicant may protest has begun. (Government Code 66020)

Note: Item #2 below is **optional** and is intended to ensure that the district will have evidence that the required notification was delivered.

2. The Superintendent or designee shall receive and retain acknowledgment that the above notification was received.
3. Before a permit is issued and upon the payment of the applicable fee or requirement, the Board shall immediately certify that the fee has been paid or that the district has determined that the fee does not apply to the development project. (Education Code 17620)

Developer fees shall be deposited, invested, accounted for, and expended pursuant to Government Code 66006. Developer fees shall be deposited in a separate capital facilities account, except for temporary investments allowed by law, and shall be used only for the purpose for which they were collected. Interest income earned by the capital facilities account shall also be deposited in that account and used only for the purpose for which the fee was originally collected. (Government Code 66006)

For each separate account so established, the Superintendent or designee shall, within 180 days after the last day of each fiscal year, make available to the public **and the Board** the following information for the fiscal year: (Government Code 66006)

1. A brief description of the type of fee in the account or fund
2. The amount of the fee
3. The beginning and ending balance of the account or fund
4. The amount of the fees collected and the interest earned

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5. An identification of each public improvement on which fees were expended and the amount of the expenditures on each improvement, including the total percentage of the cost of the public improvement that was funded with fees
6. An identification of an approximate date by which the construction of the public improvement will commence if the district determines that sufficient funds have been collected to complete financing on an incomplete public improvement
7. A description of each interfund transfer or loan made from the account or fund, including the public improvement on which the transferred or loaned fees will be expended, and, in the case of an interfund loan, the date on which the loan will be repaid, and the rate of interest that the account or fund will receive on the loan
8. The amount of refunds made pursuant to Government Code 66001(e) and any allocations made pursuant to Government Code 66001(f)

~~The Board shall review the above information at the first regularly scheduled public Board meeting which occurs 15 days after the information is made available to the public. Fifteen-day prior notice of this meeting shall be mailed to any parties filing a written request pursuant to Government Code 66006. (Government Code 66006)~~

~~Note: Pursuant to Government Code 66006, the district may establish a reasonable annual charge, based on estimated cost, for sending the above notice.~~

~~In addition to discharging its public disclosure duties regarding the levying of developer fees, the Board shall, for the fifth fiscal year after the first deposit into the account or fund and every five years thereafter, make all of the following findings with respect to the portion of the account or fund that remains unexpended, whether committed or uncommitted: (Government Code 66001)~~

~~Note: Pursuant to Government Code 66001, if the findings are not made every five years as required, the district may be required to refund the moneys in the account or fund pursuant to Government Code 66006(e).~~

1. ~~Identify the purpose to which the fee is to be put~~
2. ~~Demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it is charged~~
3. ~~Identify all sources and amounts of funding anticipated to complete financing in incomplete improvements originally identified~~

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4. ~~Designate the approximate dates on which the funding referred to in item #3 is expected to be deposited into the appropriate account or fund~~

When sufficient funds have been collected to complete the financing of public improvements but such improvements remain incomplete, the district shall, within 180 days of the date that a determination of sufficient funding was made, either identify an approximate date by which construction will begin or refund the unexpended revenues in accordance with Government Code 66001. (Government Code 66001)

Appeals Process for Protests by Developers

~~Note: Pursuant to Education Code 17621, a developer may protest the imposition of any developer fees listed above in accordance with the requirements in Government Code 66020.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an appeals process for the handling of protests by developers. (Education Code 17621)

Developers of residential, commercial, and industrial projects who claim that the developer fee has been inappropriately levied shall use the following procedures: (Government Code 66020)

1. The developer shall tender any required payment in full or provide satisfactory evidence of arrangements to pay the fee when due or ensure performance of the conditions necessary to meet the requirements of the imposition.
2. The developer shall serve written notice to the Board. ~~This notice~~ **which** shall include:
 - a. A statement that the required payment is tendered or will be tendered when due, or that any conditions which have been imposed are provided for or satisfied, under protest
 - b. A statement informing the Board of the factual elements of the dispute and the legal theory forming the basis for the protest
3. The protest shall be filed at the time of approval or conditional approval of the development or within 90 days after the date of the imposition of the fees.

At the time of the imposition of the fee, the Superintendent or designee shall provide each project applicant written notice that the 90-day period in which the applicant may initiate a protest has begun. The developer may file an action to attack, review, set aside, void, or

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annul the imposition of the fees imposed on the development project within 180 days of delivery of the notice. (Government Code 66020)

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