

**UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

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 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**

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, 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)*

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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 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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## **UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES** (continued)

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, 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, an appropriate administrator shall determine whether interim measures are necessary during 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)

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)

*(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)*

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

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## **UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)**

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 a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying 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

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*

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

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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) by filing a written appeal, including a copy of the original complaint and the district's decision, within 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 discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, if applicable
11. A statement that copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge

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)*

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 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**

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:

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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)
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.
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, 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. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall be initiated no later than six months from the date that the alleged 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)
6. When a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, 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.

7. When a complainant of unlawful discrimination, 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

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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**

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.

Before initiating the mediation of a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree 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**

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.

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

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additional evidence or information received from the parties during the course of the investigation. The compliance officer shall individually interview all available witnesses 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 the parties of the status of the investigation.

To investigate a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination, 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.

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 any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. 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 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**

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, 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.

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### **Investigation Report**

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.

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## **UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES** (continued)

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, 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.

If the complaint 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.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, 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)
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](http://www.ed.gov/ocr) within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.

### **Corrective Actions**

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, 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

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

For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving a student as the respondent, appropriate corrective actions that may be provided to the student 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)*

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## **UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)**

When an employee is found to have committed retaliation or unlawful discrimination, 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, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, that the district does not tolerate it, and how to report and respond to it.

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 law 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 law regarding student fees, the district, by engaging in reasonable efforts, shall attempt in good faith 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**

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)

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 at least one of the following: (5 CCR 4632)

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.

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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.

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

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 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)

### **Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs**

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 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

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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 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)

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, 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)

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.

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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)

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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**Community Relations**

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## **CIVILITY**

The Governing Board recognizes the impact that civility has on the effective operation of the district, including its role in creating a safe and positive school climate and enabling a focus on student well-being, learning, and achievement. The Board believes that each person should be treated with dignity and respect in their interactions within the school community.

*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

The Board understands that the First Amendment provides strong protection for speech. However, the Board expects that all speech and expression will comport with norms of civil behavior on district grounds, in district facilities, during district activities or events, and in the use of district electronic/digital systems and platforms.

*(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)*

*(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)*

Civil behavior is polite, courteous, and reasonable behavior which is respectful to others and includes integrity, honesty, acceptance, timeliness, dependability, observance of laws and rules, and effective communication.

The Board and district staff shall model civil behavior as an example of behavior that is expected throughout the district. Practices that promote civil behavior include actively listening, giving full attention to the speaker, and refraining from interruptions; welcoming and encouraging participation, input, and feedback through stakeholder engagement; promptly responding to concerns; and embracing varying and diverse viewpoints. Such practices may be incorporated into governance standards adopted by the Board or Superintendent and/or professional standards or codes of conduct for employees as specified in district policies and regulations.

*(cf. 2111 - Superintendent Governance Standards)*

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

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

*(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)*

Students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members should be educated in the recognition, development, and demonstration of civil behavior. The Superintendent or designee may incorporate related concepts in the curriculum, provide staff development activities, and/or communicate this policy to the school community.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

Students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members shall not communicate or behave in a manner that causes disruption; hinders the orderly conduct of district operations, the

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educational program, or any other district program or activity; or creates an unsafe learning or working environment. The Superintendent or designee may respond to disruptive, violent, or threatening behavior in accordance with law and as specified in BP/AR 3515.2 - Disruptions.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

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

*(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)*

*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*

*(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)*

*(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)*

*(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*

*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*

*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*

Behavior by students or staff that is discriminatory, harassing, or intimidating, including sexual harassment, bullying, and/or hate violence, or behavior that is in any other way unlawful, is prohibited and is subject to discipline in accordance with law and as specified in district policy and regulations.

*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

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

*(cf. 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

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

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Educational equity

32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes

32212 Classroom interruptions

32280-32289.5 School safety plans

35181 Governing board authority to set policy on responsibilities of students

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44050 Employee code of conduct; interaction with students

44807 Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion, especially:

48907 Exercise of free expression; rules and regulations

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49330-49335 Injurious objects

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51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation

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54954.3 Opportunity for public to address legislative body; regulations

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243.5 Assault or battery on school property

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653b Loitering about schools or public places

653.2 Electronic communication devices; threats to safety

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 2 Freedom of speech and expression

Article I, Section 28 Right to safe schools

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Amendment 1, Freedom of speech and expression

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## **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The Governing Board believes that the conservation of water, energy, and other natural resources, the protection of the environment, and the implementation of an effective waste diversion program are connected to the district's educational mission and are essential to the health and well-being of the community. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a cost-effective, integrated waste management program that incorporates the principles of green school operations.

*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*  
*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*  
*(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)*  
*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

The district's integrated waste management program shall include strategies designed to promote waste management practices of source reduction, recycling, and composting to help the district reduce and recycle solid and organic waste, properly dispose of potentially hazardous materials, improve efficiency in the use of natural resources, and minimize the impact of such use on the environment. The program shall address all areas of the district's operations, including, but not limited to, procurement, resource utilization, and facilities management practices.

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*  
*(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)*

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with city, county, and state agencies and other public or private agencies in developing and implementing the district's integrated waste management program.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities for the district's integrated waste management program, including applying for available grants or other cost-reduction incentives.

The Superintendent or designee may provide appropriate educational and training opportunities to students and staff regarding the benefits and methods of conserving natural resources and the manner in which integrated waste management strategies impact such efforts.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)  
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

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## **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor all aspects of the district's integrated waste management program and shall provide an update to the Board on its effectiveness as necessary.

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California Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov>  
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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
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

*(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**

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

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

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### **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

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
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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## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

The Governing Board is committed to protecting the safety of students and staff and the security of district property. The district shall develop a multi-tiered approach focused on the prevention of school violence and crime and the development of a positive school culture, which may include providing mental health services and other student support services, implementing restorative justice practices, implementing professional development addressing cultural competency, and employing and/or contracting with a law enforcement agency to provide school resource officers (SROs) on school campuses and/or school activities.

In order to reduce unnecessary law enforcement interactions with students, the Superintendent or designee shall provide training to school staff regarding the role of SROs and the appropriate circumstances for contacting such officers.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*  
*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*  
*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*  
*(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)*  
*(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)*  
*(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)*  
*(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*  
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*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*  
*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*  
*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*  
*(cf. 5136 - Gangs)*  
*(cf. 5141.5 - Mental Health)*  
*(cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)*  
*(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)*  
*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

The Board shall approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the local law enforcement agency which includes, at a minimum:

1. The purpose of the agreement
2. A clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the district, school site, law enforcement agency, and SROs, including responsibility for supervision of the SRO
3. The extent to which information will be shared between the district and law enforcement agency consistent with state and federal laws
4. Requirements for qualifications and training of SROs
5. Assigned hours of SRO duty in and around schools

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### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS** (continued)

6. Performance monitoring

The Board may expand on the above requirements to include more specific terms, such as acknowledgement of nondiscrimination requirements, training focused on eliminating disproportionalities in SRO contacts with students, and staffing of an SRO position when the assigned SRO is on leave.

#### **Duties**

SROs are duly sworn peace officers who are authorized to carry out their duties pursuant to state law.

Job duties of the SRO shall not include the handling of student code of conduct violations or routine student disciplinary matters that should be addressed by school administrators, or conduct that would be better addressed by mental health professionals.

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

SROs shall be expected to collaborate with district staff in problem solving and, when circumstances warrant intervention with students, to use positive and restorative approaches in accordance with Penal Code 13651. SROs shall use tactics such as de-escalation techniques to mitigate the use of force in an educational setting and shall strictly adhere to the policy on minimum use of force pursuant to Government Code 7286.

When approved by the Superintendent or designee, an SRO may provide classroom presentations and/or parent/guardian education pertaining to safety issues and may link students, parents/guardians, and staff with resources and services.

#### **Qualifications of Officers**

Prior to beginning their assignment when possible, SROs shall complete specialized training in school policing, the unique experiences of the diverse populations within the school community, and the law enforcement agency's use of force policy.

### **Nondiscrimination**

SROs shall not discriminate against or treat any person differently on the basis race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

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*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board disaggregated data on student interactions with SROs to evaluate the appropriateness of such interactions and ensure compliance with the prohibition against nondiscrimination. Such reports may include the number of arrests and referrals for prosecution, the number of reports provided to the school or district regarding student misconduct, or other actions taken by SROs with respect to individual students or others on campus.

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement practices to prevent disproportionality of student interactions with SROs based on student characteristics and to minimize the potential for referrals of students into the juvenile justice system.

### **Access to Records**

SROs shall not have access to student records, nor release student information to another person, agency, or organization, without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student, unless specifically allowed or required by state or federal law. (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.1)

SROs shall not solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members or provide assistance with immigration enforcement at district schools, except as may be required by state and/or federal law. (Education Code 234.7)

*(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (continued)

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<b>DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS</b>	4312.42

The Governing Board desires to ensure that district-provided transportation is safe for students, staff, and the public. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a drug and alcohol testing program designed to prevent the operation of buses or the performance of other safety-sensitive functions by a driver who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, including a driver of a school bus, student activity bus, or other school transportation vehicle or any other employee who holds a commercial driver's license which is necessary to perform duties related to district employment.

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)  
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)  
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)  
(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)  
(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)*

A driver shall not report for duty or remain on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.11. A driver is also prohibited from reporting for duty or remaining on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.12-1308.15, unless the driver is using the drug under the direction of a physician who has advised the driver that the substance will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a bus. (49 CFR 382.213)

In addition, a driver shall not consume alcohol while on duty and/or performing safety-sensitive functions, or for four hours prior to on-duty time. (49 CFR 382.205, 382.207)

Drivers shall submit to drug and alcohol testing as required under federal law and specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. The district's testing program for drivers shall include pre-employment drug testing and reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing of drivers. (49 USC 31306; 49 CFR 382.301-382.311)

The Board shall contract for testing services upon verifying that the personnel are appropriately qualified and/or certified and that testing procedures conform to federal regulations.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the Superintendent or designee shall not release individual test results or medical information about a driver to a third party without the driver's specific written consent. (49 CFR 40.321)

### **Consequences Based on Test Results**

No driver shall be temporarily removed from the performance of safety-sensitive functions based only on a laboratory report of a confirmed positive test for a drug or drug metabolite before the certified medical review officer has completed verification of the test results, unless the district has obtained a waiver from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.21, 382.107, 382.119)

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Any driver for whom the district receives a verified positive drug test result or who is found to have a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04 or higher shall be immediately removed from performing safety-sensitive functions in accordance with 49 CFR 40.23 and 382.211. An alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04 requires temporary removal of the bus driver for a 24-hour period following the test. Any driver who refuses to take a required drug or alcohol test shall not be permitted to perform or continue to perform safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 40.23, 382.211)

Not later than five days after receiving notification of the test result or refusal to comply, the Superintendent or designee shall report any refusal, failure to comply, or positive test result to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) using a form approved by the DMV. (Vehicle Code 13376)

A driver who has violated federal drug and alcohol regulations may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in accordance with law, administrative regulations, and the district's collective bargaining agreement.

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

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

Any driver provided with an opportunity to return to a safety-sensitive duty following a violation shall be evaluated by a qualified substance abuse professional and complete the evaluation recommendations before returning to such duty. (49 CFR 40.289)

If the substance abuse professional recommends that further and ongoing services are needed to assist the driver to maintain sobriety or abstinence from drug use, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to participate in the recommended services as part of a return-to-duty agreement and shall monitor the driver's compliance. Any drop from a rehabilitation or return-to-duty program or a subsequent positive test result shall be reported to the DMV. (Vehicle Code 13376; 49 CFR 40.285, 40.287, 40.303, 382.605)

*(cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)*  
*(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)*  
*(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)*  
*(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)*  
*(cf. 4161.9/4261.9/4361.9 - Catastrophic Leave Program)*  
*(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)*

### **Voluntary Self-Identification**

Whenever a driver admits to alcohol or drug misuse under the district's voluntary self-identification program, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure all of the following: (49 CFR 382.121)

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1. No adverse action shall be taken against the driver by the district.
2. The driver shall be allowed sufficient opportunity to seek evaluation, education, or treatment to establish control over the drug or alcohol problem.
3. The driver shall be permitted to participate in safety-sensitive functions only after:
  - a. Successfully completing an education or treatment program, as determined by a drug and alcohol abuse evaluation expert, such as an employee assistance professional, substance abuse professional, or qualified drug and alcohol counselor
  - b. Undergoing a return-to-duty test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02 and/or a verified negative result for drug use

A driver who admits to alcohol or drug misuse shall not be subject to federal requirements related to referral, evaluation, and treatment, provided that the driver does not self-identify in order to avoid drug or alcohol testing, makes the admission prior to performing a safety-sensitive function, and does not perform a safety-sensitive function until the driver has been evaluated and has successfully completed education or treatment requirements in accordance with program guidelines. (49 CFR 382.121)

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## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)**

### *Legal Reference:*

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### **Definitions**

For purposes of drug testing required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), *drugs* include marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, phencyclidine (PCP), and opioids. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.85, 382.107)

*Alcohol concentration (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. (49 CFR 40.3, 382.107)

*Safety-sensitive function* means all time from the time 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 vehicle or vehicle equipment; loading or unloading the vehicle; supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading of the vehicle; and repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled 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)*

### **Designated Employer Representative**

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

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**

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 three years. To the

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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 there was a positive test, or 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 was not obtained. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413)

The driver shall not be permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions if 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 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)

A driver whom the district intends to hire or use shall undergo testing for drugs and 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. 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 the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and obtain information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.

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 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**

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)

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)

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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**

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, 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)

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**

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

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has 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**

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**

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**

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

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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
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

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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 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)

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**

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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## **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

The Governing Board recognizes that collective bargaining agreements are legally binding, bilateral agreements with the exclusive representatives of employees pertaining to terms and conditions of employment. The Board is committed to carrying out the provisions of each agreement and expects the agreements to be consistently and uniformly administered.

*(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)*  
*(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)*

Following adoption of the collective bargaining agreement, the Superintendent or designee shall review related Board policies and recommend to the Board any action needed to maintain consistency with the agreement. Whenever a Board policy conflicts with a provision in the collective bargaining agreement, the agreement shall be binding for those employees covered by the terms of the agreement. Whenever a law conflicts with a provision in the collective bargaining agreement, the law will prevail as to those employees for whom the law applies.

*(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)*

Upon request by the Public Employment Relations Board, the Superintendent or designee shall provide, within 15 days of the request, a copy of the written agreement and any amendments. (8 CCR 32120)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35035 *Additional powers and duties of superintendent, transfer authority*

35036 *Voluntary transfers*

35160 *Authority of governing boards*

35160.1 *Broad authority of school districts*

45220-45320 *Merit system, classified employees*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 *Educational Employment Relations Act*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

31001-32997 *Regulations of employee relations boards*

COURT DECISIONS

*Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31 (2018) 138 S.Ct. 2448*

*United Teachers of Los Angeles v. Los Angeles Unified School District (2012) 54 Cal. 4th 504*

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*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

California Public Employee Relations: <http://cper.berkeley.edu>

Center for Collaborative Solutions: <http://www.ccscenter.org>

Public Employment Relations Board: <http://www.perb.ca.gov>

State Mediation and Conciliation Service (SMCS): <http://www.dir.ca.gov/csmcs/smcs.html>

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**EMPLOYEE SECURITY**

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe and orderly work environment for all employees. As part of the district's comprehensive safety plan, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for protecting employees from potentially dangerous persons and situations and for providing necessary assistance and support when emergency situations occur.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*

Any person who threatens the safety of others at any district facility may be removed by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with AR 3515.2 - Disruptions.

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

Any employee against whom violence or any threat of violence has been directed in the workplace shall notify the Superintendent or designee immediately. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate legal and security measures to protect the employee and others in the workplace. Such measures may include seeking a temporary restraining order on behalf of the employee pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 527.8 and/or a gun violence restraining order pursuant to Penal Code 18150 and 18170.

Upon request by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the Superintendent or designee shall provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with Labor Code 230-230.1 and the accompanying administrative regulation to protect the employee's safety while at work.

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

The Superintendent or designee may pursue legal action on behalf of an employee against a student or the student's parent/guardian to recover damages for injury to the employee's person or property caused by the student's willful misconduct that occurred on district property, at a school or district activity, or in retaliation for lawful acts of the employee in the performance of the employee's duties. (Education Code 48904, 48905)

*(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)*  
*(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)*  
*(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)*  
*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development in crisis prevention and intervention techniques, which may include training in classroom management, effective communication techniques, procedures for responding to an active shooter situation, and crisis resolution.

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

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall inform teachers, administrators, and/or counselors of crimes and offenses committed by students who may pose a danger in the classroom. (Education Code 48201, 49079; Welfare and Institutions Code 827)

The Superintendent or designee may make available at appropriate locations, including, but not limited to, district and school offices, gyms, and classrooms, communication devices that would enable two-way communication with law enforcement and others when emergencies occur.

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

## **Use of Pepper Spray**

Employees shall not carry or possess pepper spray on school property or at school activities except when authorized by the Superintendent or designee for self-defense purposes. When allowed, an employee may only possess pepper spray in accordance with administrative regulations and Penal Code 22810. Any employee who is negligent or careless in the possession or handling of pepper spray shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

*(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

## Reporting of Injurious Objects

Employees shall take immediate action upon being made aware that any person is in possession of a weapon or unauthorized injurious object on school grounds or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity. Employees shall exercise their best judgment as to the potential danger involved and shall do one of the following:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately
2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately call 911 and the principal

*(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)*  
*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*  
*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

When informing the principal about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, an employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure.

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

32210-32212 *Willful disturbance, public schools or meetings*

32225-32226 *Communication devices*

35208 *Liability insurance*

35213 *Reimbursement for loss, destruction or damage of school property*

44014 *Report of assault by pupil against school employee*

44807 *Duty concerning conduct of students*

48201 *Transfer of student records*

48900-48926 *Suspension or expulsion*

49079 *Notification to teacher; student who has engaged in acts re: grounds suspension or expulsion*

49330-49335 *Injurious objects*

#### CIVIL CODE

51.7 *Freedom from violence or intimidation*

#### CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

527.8 *Workplace violence safety*

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

995-996.4 *Defense of public employees*

3543.2 *Scope of representation*

12926 *Definitions*

LABOR CODE

230-230.2 *Leave for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or specified felonies*

PENAL CODE

71 *Threatening public officers and employees and school officials*

240-246.3 *Assault and battery, especially:*

241.3 *Assault against school bus drivers*

241.6 *Assault on school employee including board member*

243.3 *Battery against school bus drivers*

243.6 *Battery against school employee including board member*

245.5 *Assault with deadly weapon against school employee including board member*

290 *Registration of sex offenders*

601 *Trespass by person making credible threat*

626-626.11 *School crimes*

646.9 *Stalking*

18150 *Gun violence restraining orders*

18170 *Gun violence restraining order issued after notice and hearing*

22810 *Purchase, possession, and use of tear gas*

*Legal Reference continued: (see next page)*

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**EMPLOYEE SECURITY (continued)**

*Legal Reference: (continued)*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

827 *Juvenile court proceedings; reports; confidentiality*

828.1 *District police or security department, disclosure of juvenile records*

COURT DECISIONS

*City of San Jose v. William Garbett, (2010) 190 Cal. App. 4th 526*

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WEB SITES

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## **EMPLOYEE SECURITY**

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)*

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

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)

### **Notice Regarding Student Offenses**

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

- 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)*

- b. Upon receiving a transfer student's record regarding acts committed by the student that resulted in 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 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)

## **2. Offenses Reported to the District by a Court**

- a. When informed by a court that a minor student has been found by 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 expeditiously notify the school principal. (Welfare and Institutions Code 827)
- 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 any teacher or administrator directly supervising or reporting on the student's behavior or progress whom the principal thinks may need the information 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 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)

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- 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)

In order to maintain confidentiality when providing information about student offenses to a counselor or teacher, the principal or designee shall send the staff member a written notification that a student has committed an offense that requires review of a student's file in the school office. This notice shall not name or otherwise identify the student. The staff member shall initial the notification and shall also initial the student's file when reviewing it in the school office.

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

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)*

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)

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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)

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)

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### **Use of Pepper Spray**

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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## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

The Governing Board is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of district students and desires to facilitate the prevention of and response to child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a student who is a victim of abuse with school-based mental health services or other support services and/or may refer the student to resources available within the community as needed.

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

*(cf. 5141.5 - Mental Health)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

### **Child Abuse Prevention**

The district's instructional program may provide age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum which explains students' right to live free of abuse, includes instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, informs students of available support resources, and teaches students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

The district's program also may include age-appropriate curriculum in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Upon written request of a student's parent/guardian, the student shall be excused from taking such instruction. (Education Code 51900.6)

The Superintendent or designee may display posters, in areas on campus where students frequently congregate, notifying students of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect. (Education Code 33133.5)

In addition, student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

The Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent feasible, seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs and may use these resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

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### **Child Abuse Reporting**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

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

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

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

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

District employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the duties of mandated reporters as required by law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

215.5 Student identification cards with National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number

32280-32289.5 Comprehensive school safety plans

33133.5 Posters of telephone number for students to report child abuse or neglect

33195 Heritage schools, mandated reporters

33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints

44252 Teacher credentialing

44691 Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect

44807 Duty concerning conduct of students

48906 Notification when student released to peace officer

48987 Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents

49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

51220.5 Parenting skills education

51900.6 Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention instruction

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340.1 Damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual abuse

PENAL CODE

152.3 Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act

273a Willfully causing unjustifiable pain or mental suffering of child; endangering life or health

286 Crime of sodomy

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289 Crime of sexual penetration

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

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

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Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office, Suspected Child Abuse Report Form:

[https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/childabuse/ss\\_8572.pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/childabuse/ss_8572.pdf)

California Department of Education, Child Abuse Prevention Training and Resources:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/ap>

California Department of Social Services, Information Resources Guide:

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov>

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## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

### **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
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 employment (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

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, 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)

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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)

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

*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, 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 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**

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, acting in a professional capacity or within the scope of employment, 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)

Any district employee who reasonably believes to have 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)

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

### **Responsibility for Reporting**

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

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)

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 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

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)

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

San Mateo County CWS  
400 Harbor Blvd.  
Belmont, CA 94002  
650-595-7922  
800-632-4615

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.

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### 2. Written Report

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

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

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

- 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. (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)

### 3. Internal Reporting

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

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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)

### **Training**

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. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

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)

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

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)

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

### **Victim Interviews by Social Services**

Whenever 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 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 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)

### **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**

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate

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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.

*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*  
*(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)*

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.

### **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 position shall sign a statement indicating knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and compliance with 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.

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 professional capacity or outside the scope of employment. Any other person making a

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- report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that the person 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 may be guilty of a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166)
  3. No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report unless it can be shown that the employee 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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## **SUICIDE PREVENTION**

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

In developing policy and procedures for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, suicide prevention experts, and, in developing policy for grades K-6, the county mental health plan. (Education Code 215)

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

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

School and community stakeholders and school mental health professionals with whom the Superintendent or designee shall consult may include district and school administrators, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, other staff, parents/guardians and caregivers, students, local health agencies, mental health professionals, community organizations, law enforcement, legal counsel, and/or the district's risk manager or insurance carrier. The Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with county and/or city governments in an effort to align district policy with any existing community suicide prevention plans.

Measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Staff development on suicide awareness and prevention for teachers, interns, school counselors, and others who interact with students, including, as appropriate, substitute teachers, coaches, expanded day learning staff, crossing guards, tutors, and volunteers

*(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)*

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2. Instruction to students in problem-solving, coping, and resiliency skills to promote students' mental, emotional, and social health and well-being, as well as instruction in recognizing and appropriately responding to warning signs of suicidal intent in others

*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

3. Methods for promoting a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and that is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures)*  
*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*

4. The review of materials and resources used in awareness efforts and communications to ensure they align with best practices for safe and effective messaging about suicide
5. The provision of information to parents/guardians and caregivers regarding risk and protective factors, warning signs of suicide, the severity of the suicide problem among youth, the district's suicide prevention curriculum, the district's suicide prevention policy and procedures, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, the

- importance of communicating with appropriate staff if suicide risk is present or suspected, access to suicide prevention training, and/or school and community resources that can help youth in crisis
6. Encouragement for students to notify appropriate school personnel or other adults when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions
  7. Crisis intervention procedures for addressing suicide threats or attempts
  8. Counseling and other postvention strategies for helping students, staff, and others cope in the aftermath of a student's suicide
  9. Establishment of district and/or school-site crisis intervention team(s) to ensure the proper implementation and review of this policy and other district practices related to the emotional and behavioral wellness of students, including, but not limited to, the oversight of mental health and suicide prevention training, collaboration with

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community mental health organizations, identification of resources and organizations that provide evidence-based treatment, collaboration to build community response, and compliance with Education Code 215

*(cf. 5141.5 - Mental Health)*

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

The Board shall ensure that measures and strategies for students in grades K-6 are age appropriate and delivered and discussed in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of young students. (Education Code 215)

If a referral is made for mental health or related services for a student in grade K-6 who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and consult with the county mental health plan. (Education Code 215)

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

District employees shall act only within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging district

employees to diagnose or treat mental illness unless they are specifically licensed and employed to do so. (Education Code 215)

The Board shall review, and update as necessary, this policy at least every five years. The Board may, at its discretion, review the policy more frequently. (Education Code 215)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review district data pertaining to school climate and reports of suicidal ideation, attempts, or death to identify patterns or trends and make recommendations regarding program development.

The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the district's web site, in a prominent location and in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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## **SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

215 Student suicide prevention policies

215.5 Suicide prevention hotline contact information on student identification cards

216 Suicide prevention online training programs

234.6 Posting suicide prevention policy on web site

32280-32289.5 Comprehensive safety plan

49060-49079 Student records

49602 Counseling; confidentiality of student information

49604 Suicide prevention training for school counselors

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 Government Claims Act

PENAL CODE

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

5698 Emotionally disturbed youth; legislative intent

5850-5886 Children's Mental Health Services Act

COURT DECISIONS

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

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2019

Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2008

Model Youth Suicide Prevention Policy

CALSCHLS PUBLICATIONS

California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)  
California School Parent Survey (CSPS)  
California School Staff Survey (CSSS)  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS  
School Connectedness: Strategies for Increasing Protective Factors Among Youth, 2009  
EACH MIND MATTERS: CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH MOVEMENT PUBLICATIONS  
Making Headlines: Guide to Engaging the Media in Suicide Prevention in California, 2012  
HEARD ALLIANCE PUBLICATIONS  
K-12 Toolkit for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention, 2017  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMUNICATIONS PUBLICATIONS  
Striving for Zero: California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention 2020-2025  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS PUBLICATIONS  
Preventing Suicide: Guidelines for Administrators and Crisis Teams, 2015  
SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER PUBLICATIONS  
After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools, 2nd Edition, 2018

Management Resources continued: (see next page)

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## **SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)**

Management Resources: (continued)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS  
National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: Goals and Objectives for Action, rev. 2012  
Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools, 2012  
WEB SITES  
American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.healthychildren.org>  
American Association of Suicidology: <http://www.suicidology.org>  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: <https://afsp.org>  
American Psychological Association: <http://www.apa.org>  
American School Counselor Association: <https://www.schoolcounselor.org>  
California Department of Education, Mental Health: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/mh>  
California Department of Health Care Services, Mental Health Services:  
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH>  
California Mental Health Services Authority: <https://www.calmhsa.org>  
CalSCHLS: <https://calschls.org>  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mental Health: <http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth>  
Crisis Text Line: <https://www.crisistextline.org>  
Each Mind Matters: California's Mental Health Movement: <https://emmresourcecenter.org>  
HEARD Alliance: <https://www.heardalliance.org>  
Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission: <https://mhsoac.ca.gov>  
National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention: <https://theactionalliance.org>  
National Association of School Psychologists: <https://www.nasponline.org>  
National Child Traumatic Stress Network: <https://www.nctsn.org>  
National Institute for Mental Health: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov>  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: <https://www.samhsa.gov>  
Suicide Prevention Lifeline: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>  
Suicide Prevention Messaging: <https://suicidepreventionmessaging.org>  
Suicide Prevention Resource Center: <https://www.sprc.org/about-suicide>

*Trevor Project: <http://thetrevorproject.org>  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
Administration: <http://www.samhsa.gov>*

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### **Staff Development**

Suicide prevention training shall be provided to teachers, interns, counselors, and others 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 with one or more county or community mental health agencies.

*(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:

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
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)*

3. Identification of students who may be at risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, 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

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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, 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
7. 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)*

8. 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
9. 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**

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 and risk factors associated with suicide, including, but not limited to, understanding how mental health challenges and emotional distress, such as feelings of depression, loss, isolation, inadequacy, and anxiety, can lead to thoughts of suicide

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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

*(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.

*(cf. 6145.8 - Assemblies and Special Events)*

### **Student Identification Cards**

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**

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.

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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, school counselor, or designated reporter, who shall implement district intervention protocols as appropriate.

Although any personal information that a student discloses to a school counselor shall generally not be revealed, released, 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

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

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)*

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## **SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)**

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 steps to ensure the student's readiness for return to school and determine the need for ongoing support.

### **Postvention**

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.

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 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)*

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#### **SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)**

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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## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Governing Board recognizes that walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school increase students' physical activity and reduce vehicle traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. As part of the district's coordinated approach to supporting student wellness and safety and enhancing student learning and achievement, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to establish and encourage safe routes to school program activities.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*  
*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

All students shall have equitable access and opportunity to participate in the district's safe routes to school program.

*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a program coordinator and identify or establish district and/or school site committees to oversee and coordinate related activities.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with local public works and public safety departments, transportation agencies, other city and county agencies, school staff, students, parents/guardians and parent organizations, health organizations, community organizations, and/or businesses in the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*  
*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

Strategies in support of the safe routes to school program shall be based on the grade levels of the students and an assessment of the conditions and needs of each school and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore the availability of grant funds and other sources of funding to support related projects and activities.

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*  
*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*  
*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*  
*(cf. 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management)*  
*(cf. 3471 - Parcel Taxes)*  
*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

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## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the implementation of program activities and progress toward program goals. Such reports may include, but are not limited to, levels of participation in promotional and educational activities, survey results of parent/guardian attitudes about allowing their child to walk or bicycle to school, tallies of the numbers of students using various modes of travel to and from school and how these numbers have changed over time, records of student attendance and on-time arrival, and injury data within the school and/or district attendance boundaries.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

32282 *Comprehensive safety plan*

44808 *Liability for conduct or safety of students when not on district property*

45450-45451 *Crossing guards*

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

65352.2 *General planning; communication between cities, counties and school districts*

#### STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE

2380-2385 *Active Transportation Program*

#### VEHICLE CODE

21200-21213 *Operation of bicycles, especially:*

21212 *Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates*

21949-21971 *Pedestrian rights and duties*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 23

133 *Surface transportation block grant program*

148 *Highway safety improvement program*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42  
1758b Local wellness policy  
COURT DECISIONS  
Cerna v. City of Oakland, (2008) 161 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1340

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLICATIONS  
Active Transportation Program Fact Sheet, January 2020  
ATP Purpose and Goals as Defined by the State Legislature and SB 99, March 2015  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS  
Safe Routes to School Guide  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATIONS  
Advancing Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety: A Primer for Highway Safety Professionals, April 2016  
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS  
Safe Routes to School by the Numbers: Using Data to Foster Walking and Biking to School, June 2016  
Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the Future: Building on Early Achievements, March 2009

*Management Resources continued: (see next page)*

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**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)**

*Management Resources: (continued)*

WEB SITES  
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>  
California Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>  
National Center for Safe Routes to School: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org>  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.gov>  
Safe Routes Partnership: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org>  
U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Safe Routes to School: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/safe\\_routes\\_to\\_school](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/safe_routes_to_school)

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## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

District strategies to improve student safety along routes to school and to promote walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school by students may include:

1. Education activities that promote safety and awareness, such as:
  - a. Instructing students about pedestrian, bicycle, and personal safety
  - b. Instructing students about the health, academic, and environmental benefits of walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school

*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*

*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

- c. Offering driver safety information to high school students, parents/guardians, and the community to promote safety around school campuses and routes
2. Encouragement strategies designed to generate interest in active transport to school, such as:
  - a. Organizing or facilitating "walking school buses" and/or "bicycle trains" whereby students walk or bike to school in groups escorted by parents/guardians or other volunteers as needed
  - b. Organizing special events and activities, such as Walk or Bike to School Day, International Walk to School Month, or year-round competitions

- c. Publicizing the district's efforts in order to build support of parents/guardians and the community, including providing information about the district's safe routes to school program in parent/guardian communications and in any notifications about transportation options

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

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

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

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

3. Enforcement strategies to deter unsafe behaviors of drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, such as:
  - a. Initiating or expanding crossing guard, student safety patrol, and/or parent/guardian safety patrol programs

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

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#### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)**

- b. Partnering with local law enforcement to help ensure that traffic laws are obeyed in the vicinity of schools and to implement appropriate measures such as placement of speed feedback monitors, ticketing, and/or driver safety campaigns
- c. Monitoring to ensure that students who bicycle to school or who use skateboards, skates, or nonmotorized scooters wear helmets in accordance with Vehicle Code 21212
4. Engineering strategies that address the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of traffic control devices or physical measures, such as:
  - a. Working with local government agencies, parents/guardians, school staff, and others as appropriate to gather data about environmental conditions and hazards along routes to school

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*

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

*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

- b. Working with local government agencies to make operational and physical improvements that reduce or eliminate hazards, such as reducing motor vehicle traffic speeds in the area and establishing safer and fully accessible crosswalks, walkways, trails, and bikeways

- c. Assessing the adequacy, accessibility, and safety of bicycle parking at schools and making modifications as needed, such as increasing the number of or relocating bicycle racks and/or equipment storage areas

*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

- d. Considering safe routes to school when making decisions about siting and designing of new schools

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

*(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)*

- 5. Evaluation to assess progress toward program goals, including:

- a. Gathering and interpreting data based on indicators established by the Superintendent and the Governing Board

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#### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)**

- b. Presenting data to the Board, program partners, and the public
- c. Recommending program modifications as needed

- 6. Emerging technologies that aid in the prevention and mitigation of accidents

- 7. Emergency response in managing injuries after an accident occurs, including, but not limited to, training staff, crossing guards, student and/or parent/guardian safety patrols, and other volunteers who assist with drop-off and pick-up in emergency procedures

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

- 8. Equity, such that resources are distributed in a manner that provides safe access and participation in an equitable manner

*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

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## **SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

The Governing Board is fully committed to promoting a safe learning environment and, to the extent possible, eliminating the possession and use of weapons, illegal drugs, and other controlled substances by students on school premises and at school activities. As necessary to protect the health and welfare of students and staff, and only as authorized by law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, school officials may search students, their property, and/or district property under their control and may seize illegal, unsafe, or otherwise prohibited items. School officials shall exercise discretion and use good judgment when conducting searches.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*

*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

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

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff who conduct student searches receive training regarding the requirements of the district's policy and administrative regulation and other legal issues, as appropriate.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

### **Searches Based on Individualized Suspicion**

School officials may search an individual student, the student's property, or district property under the student's control when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law, Board policy, administrative regulation, or other rules of the district or the school. Reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific and objective facts that the search will produce evidence related to the alleged violation.

Any search of a student, the student's property, or district property under the student's control shall be limited in scope and designed to produce evidence related to the alleged violation. Factors to be considered by school officials when determining the scope of the search shall include the danger to the health or safety of students or staff, such as the possession of weapons, drugs, or other dangerous instruments, and whether the item(s) to be searched by school officials are reasonably related to the contraband to be found. In addition, school officials shall consider the intrusiveness of the search in light of the student's age, gender, and the nature of the alleged violation.

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#### **SEARCH AND SEIZURE (continued)**

The types of student property that may be searched by school officials include, but are not limited to, lockers, desks, purses, backpacks, and student vehicles parked on district property.

A student's personal electronic device may be searched only if a school official, in good faith, believes that an emergency involving danger of death or serious physical injury to the student or others requires access to the electronic device information.

*(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)*

Employees shall not conduct strip searches or body cavity searches of any student. (Education Code 49050)

Searches of individual students shall be conducted in the presence of at least two district employees.

The principal or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of a student subjected to an individualized search as soon as possible after the search.

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

#### **Searches of Student Lockers and Desks**

All student lockers and desks are the property of the district. The principal or designee may conduct a general inspection of school properties that are within the control of students, such as lockers and desks, on a regular, announced basis, with students standing by their assigned

lockers or desks. Any items contained in a locker or desk shall be considered to be the property of the student to whom the locker or desk was assigned.

### **Use of Metal Detectors**

The Board finds that the presence of weapons in the schools threatens the district's ability to provide the safe and orderly learning environment to which district students and staff are entitled. The Board also finds that metal detector searches offer a reasonable means to keep weapons out of the schools and mitigate the fears of students and staff.

The Superintendent or designee shall use metal detectors as necessary to keep weapons out of schools and help provide a safe learning environment. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a plan to ensure that metal detector searches are conducted in a uniform and consistent manner.

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## **SEARCH AND SEIZURE (continued)**

### **Use of Contraband Detection Dogs**

In an effort to keep the schools free of dangerous contraband, the district may use specially trained, nonaggressive dogs to sniff out and alert staff to the presence of substances prohibited by law or Board policy. The dogs may sniff the air around lockers, desks, or vehicles on district property or at district-sponsored events. Dogs shall not sniff within the close proximity of students or other persons and may not sniff any personal items on those persons without individualized suspicion.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

35160 *Authority of governing boards*

35160.1 *Broad authority of school districts*

48900-48927 *Suspension and expulsion*

49050-49051 *Searches by school employees*

49330-49334 *Injurious objects*

PENAL CODE

626.9 *Firearms*

626.10 *Dirks, daggers, knives or razor*

1546-1546.1 *Production of or access to electronic communication information*

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*Article I, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools*

COURT DECISIONS

*In G.C. v. Owensboro Public Schools* (6th Cir. 2013) 711 F.3d 623

*In re Sean A.* (2010) 191 Cal. App. 4th 182

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*Jennings v. Joshua Independent School District* (5th Cir. 1992) 948 F.2d 194

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*In Re William V.* (2003) 111 Cal.App.4th 1464

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*In re William G* (1985) 40 Cal. 3d 550

*New Jersey v. T.L.O.*, (1985) 469 U.S. 325

*Horton v. Goose Creek Independent School District*, (5th Cir. 1982) 690 F.2d 470

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83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 257 (2000)

75 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 155 (1992)

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

*The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999*

WEB SITES

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

California Attorney General's Office: <http://caag.state.ca.us>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lr/ss>

National Institute of Justice: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

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**HATE-MOTIVATED BEHAVIOR**

The Governing Board is committed to providing a respectful, inclusive, and safe learning environment that protects students from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or any other type of behavior that is motivated by hate.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

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

*(cf. 5131- Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*

*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*

*(cf. 5136 - Gangs)*

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

*(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

*Hate-motivated behavior* is any behavior intended to cause emotional suffering, physical injury, or property damage through intimidation, harassment, bigoted slurs or epithets, force or threat of force, or vandalism motivated in part or in whole by bias or hostility toward the victim's real or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55.

The Superintendent or designee shall design strategies to promote harmonious relationships among students, prevent incidents of hate-motivated behavior to the extent possible, and address such incidents in a timely manner when they occur.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with regional programs and community organizations to promote an environment where diversity is celebrated and hate-motivated behavior is not tolerated. Such collaborative efforts shall focus on the development of effective prevention strategies and response plans, provision of assistance to students affected by hate-motivated behavior, and/or education of students who have perpetrated hate-motivated acts.

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

*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

The district shall provide students with age-appropriate instruction that:

1. Includes the development of social-emotional learning

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2. Promotes an understanding, awareness, appreciation, and respect for human rights, human relations, diversity, and acceptance in a multicultural society
3. Explains the harm and dangers of explicit and implicit biases
4. Discourages discriminatory attitudes and practices
5. Provides strategies to manage conflicts constructively

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*

*(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*

*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

*(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*

As necessary, the district shall provide counseling, guidance, and support to students who are victims of hate-motivated behavior and to students who exhibit such behavior.

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

When appropriate, students who engage in hate-motivated behavior shall be disciplined.

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff with training that:

1. Promotes an understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion
2. Discourages the development of discriminatory attitudes and practices
3. Includes social-emotional learning and nondiscriminatory instructional and counseling methods
4. Supports the prevention, recognition, and response to hate-motivated behavior
5. Raises the awareness and sensitivity of staff to potentially prejudicial and discriminatory behavior
6. Includes effective enforcement of rules for appropriate student conduct

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

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Employees who engage in hate-motivated behavior shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

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

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

Rules prohibiting hate-motivated behavior and procedures for reporting a hate-motivated incident shall be provided to students, staff, and parents/guardians.

This policy shall be posted in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is readily and easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

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

## **Complaints**

Any staff member who is notified that hate-motivated behavior has occurred, observes such behavior, or otherwise becomes aware of an incident shall immediately contact the compliance officer responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and complying with state and federal civil rights laws. As appropriate, the staff member shall also contact law enforcement.

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

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

A student or parent/guardian who believes the student is a victim of hate-motivated behavior is encouraged to report the incident to a teacher, the principal, the district's compliance officer, or other staff member.

Any complaint of hate-motivated behavior shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, shall be resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures or other applicable procedure. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory behavior, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

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

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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## **HATE-MOTIVATED BEHAVIOR (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

32282 School safety plans

48900.3 Suspension for hate violence

48900.4 Suspension or expulsion for harassment, threats, or intimidation

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Prohibition of discrimination in programs or activities

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

422.6 Crimes, harassment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.3 Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin

104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX

106.30 Discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities; definitions

106.44 Recipient's response to sexual harassment

106.45 Grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment

110.25 Prohibition of discrimination based on age

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Bullying at School, 2003

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOUNDATION PUBLICATIONS

California LGBTQ Youth Report, 2019

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WEB SITES

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

California Association of Human Relations Organizations: <http://www.cahro.org>

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

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.stopbullying.gov>

U.S. Department of Justice: <https://www.justice.gov>

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## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Governing Board desires to provide child care and development services which meet the developmental needs of children and offer a convenient child care alternative for parents/guardians in the community.

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

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

*(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*

The Board shall enter into a contract with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the provision of child care and development services by the district.

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

The district shall work cooperatively with the local child care and development planning council, public and private agencies, parents/guardians, and other community members to assess child care needs in the community, establish program priorities, obtain ongoing feedback on program quality, and supply information about child care options.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

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

*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

The Board shall approve for the district's child care and development program a written philosophical statement, goals, and objectives that reflect the cultural and linguistic

characteristics of the families to be served and address the program components specified in 5 CCR 18272-18281 and the accompanying administrative regulation. (5 CCR 18271)

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*

### **Eligibility and Enrollment**

Child care admissions policies and procedures shall be in writing and available to the public. Such policies and procedures shall include criteria designating those children whose needs can be met by the child care center's program and services, the ages of children who will be accepted, program activities, any supplementary services provided, any field trip provisions, any transportation arrangements, food service provisions, and health examination requirements. (5 CCR 18105; 22 CCR 101218)

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

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### **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that subsidized child care is provided to eligible families to the extent that state and/or federal funding is available and shall establish enrollment priorities in accordance with Education Code 8263 and 5 CCR 18106.

To the extent that space is available after the enrollment of children who are eligible for subsidized services, priority for admissions shall be given to district students, children of district students, and children of district employees.

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

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

### **Staffing**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that individuals working in child care and development programs have the necessary qualifications and have satisfied all legal requirements.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

*(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)*

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

## **Facilities**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board may approve any of the following for the provision of child care and development services:

1. The use of existing district facilities that have capacity
2. Renovation or improvement of district facilities to make them suitable for such services
3. Purchase of relocatable child care facilities
4. Inclusion of child care facilities in any new construction
5. Agreement with a public agency or community organization for the use of community facilities

*(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

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## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that facilities used for child care services meet all applicable health and safety standards. (5 CCR 18020; 22 CCR 101238-101239.2)

### **Complaints**

For a licensed child care center, any complaint alleging health and safety violations shall be referred to CDSS. (5 CCR 4611)

Any other alleged violation of state or federal laws governing child care and development programs shall be investigated and resolved using the district's procedures in BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

### **Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually conduct an evaluation of the district's child care and development services in accordance with state requirements. The results of the evaluation shall be used to develop an action plan which establishes program goals and objectives for the coming year and addresses any areas identified as needing improvement. (5 CCR 18279-18281)

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

- 8200-8499.10 Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:*
  - 8200-8209 General provisions for child care and development services*
  - 8210-8216 Resource and referral program*
  - 8220-8226 Alternative payment program*
  - 8230-8233 Migrant child care and development program*
  - 8235-8239 California state preschool program*
  - 8240-8244 General child care programs*
  - 8250-8252 Programs for children with special needs*
  - 8263 Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services*
  - 8263.3 Disenrollment of families due to reduced funding levels*
  - 8263.4 Enrollment of students ages 11-12 years*
  - 8273-8273.3 Fees*
  - 8360-8370 Personnel qualifications*
  - 8400-8409 Contracts*
  - 8482-8484.65 After-school education and safety program*
  - 8484.7-8484.8 21st Century community learning centers*
  - 8493-8498 Facilities*
  - 8499-8499.7 Local planning councils*
  - 49540-49546 Child care food program*
  - 49570 National School Lunch program*
  - 56244 Staff development funding*
- HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
- 1596.70-1596.895 California Child Day Care Act*
  - 1596.90-1597.21 Day care centers*

120325-120380 *Immunization requirements*  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE  
10200-10206 *Early Childhood Development Act of 2020*  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
4610-4687 *Uniform complaint procedures*  
18000-18434 *Child care and development programs, especially:*  
18012-18122 *General requirements*  
18180-18192 *Federal and state migrant programs*  
18210-18213 *Severely handicapped program*  
18220-18231 *Alternative payment program*  
18240-18248 *Resource and referral program*  
18270-18281 *Program quality, accountability*  
18290-18292 *Staffing ratios*  
18295 *Waiver of qualifications for site supervisor*  
18300-18308 *Appeals and dispute resolution*  
80105-80125 *Commission on Teacher Credentialing, child care and development permits*

*Legal Reference continued: (see next page)*

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## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

*Legal Reference: (continued)*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22  
101151-101239.2 *General requirements, licensed child care centers, especially:*  
101151-101163 *Licensing and application procedures*  
101212-101231 *Continuing requirements*  
101237-101239.2 *Facilities and equipment*  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42  
1751-1769j *National School Lunch Programs*  
9831-9852 *Head Start programs*  
9858-9858q *Child care and development block grant*  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7  
210.1-210.31 *National School Lunch program*  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45  
98.2-98.93 *Child care and development fund*  
COURT DECISIONS  
*CBS Inc. v. The Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State Department of Social Services, (2001)*  
91 Cal.App.4th 892

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES  
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>  
California Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.caeyc.org>  
California Child Development Administrators Association: <http://www.cdada.org>  
California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd>

*California Department of Education, Early Education Management Bulletins: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/allmbs.asp>*  
*California Department of Social Services: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov>*  
*California Head Start Association: <http://caheadstart.org>*  
*California School-Age Consortium: <http://calsac.org>*  
*Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>*  
*National Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.naeyc.org>*  
*U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>*

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### **Licensing**

All district child care and development services shall be licensed by the California Department of Social Services, unless exempted pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.792 or 22 CCR 101158.

The license shall be posted in a prominent, publicly accessible location in the facility. (Health and Safety Code 1596.8555)

Licensed child care centers shall be subject to the requirements of Health and Safety Code 1596.70-1597.21, 22 CCR 101151-101239.2, and, when applicable, 22 CCR 101451-101539.

### **Program Components**

The district's child care and development program shall include the following components:

1. The use of a developmental profile reflecting each child's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development to plan and conduct developmentally and age appropriate activities (Education Code 8203.5; 5 CCR 18272)

Program staff shall complete the developmental profile for each child who is enrolled in the program for at least 10 hours per week and for any child with disabilities

regardless of the number of hours enrolled. The profile shall be completed within 60 days of enrollment and at least once every six months thereafter for children of all ages. (Education Code 8203.5; 5 CCR 18270.5, 18272)

2. An educational program that complies with 5 CCR 18273, including the provision of services that are developmentally, linguistically, and culturally appropriate and inclusive of children with special needs

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

3. A staff development program which complies with 5 CCR 18274

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

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## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

4. Parent/guardian involvement and education that comply with 5 CCR 18275 and include an orientation, at least two individual conferences per year, meetings with program staff, an advisory committee, participation in daily activities, and information regarding their child's progress

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

5. A health and social services component that complies with 5 CCR 18276 and includes referrals to appropriate community agencies as needed

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

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

6. A community involvement component that complies with 5 CCR 18277

7. As applicable, a nutrition component that ensures children in the program are provided nutritious meals, beverages, and snacks that meet state and federal standards and have access to drinking water throughout the day, including meal times (Health and Safety Code 1596.808; 5 CCR 18278; 42 USC 1766)

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*

8. Programs that promote age-appropriate structured and unstructured opportunities for physical activity and that limit the amount of time spent in sedentary activities to an appropriate level
9. An annual plan for program evaluation which conforms with the state's system and includes a self-evaluation, parent/guardian survey, and environment rating scale (5 CCR 18270.5, 18279, 18280)

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

### **Health and Safety**

When a child enrolls or reenrolls in a licensed child care program, the center shall provide the child's parent/guardian with written information on the risks and effects of lead exposure, blood lead testing recommendations and requirements, and options for obtaining blood lead testing, including any state or federally funded programs that offer free or discounted tests. (Health and Safety Code 1596.7996)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

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### **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

If a licensed child care center is located in a building that was constructed before January 1, 2010, the center shall have its drinking water tested for lead contamination every five years following an initial test conducted between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2023. The center shall notify the parents/guardians of enrolled children of the requirement to test a facility's drinking water and of the test results. If notified of elevated lead levels, the center shall immediately make inoperable and cease using the fountains and faucets where elevated lead levels may exist and shall obtain a potable source of water for children and staff at that location. (Health and Safety Code 1597.16)

### **Staffing**

The district's child care and development program shall maintain at least the minimum adult-child and teacher-child ratios specified in 5 CCR 18290-18292 based on the ages of the children served.

All persons employed at a licensed district child care center and all volunteers who provide care and supervision to children at such a center shall be immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles. If they meet all other requirements for employment or volunteering, as applicable, but need additional time to obtain and provide immunization records, they may be employed or volunteer conditionally for a maximum of 30 days upon signing and submitting a written statement attesting that they have been immunized as required. In

addition, employees and volunteers shall receive an influenza vaccination between August 1 and December 1 of each year. A person shall be exempt from these requirements only under any of the following circumstances: (Health and Safety Code 1596.7995)

1. The person submits a written statement from a licensed physician declaring either that immunization is not safe because of the person's physical condition or medical circumstances or that the person has evidence of current immunity to influenza, pertussis, and measles.
2. In the case of the influenza vaccine, the person submits a written declaration declining the vaccination.
3. In the case of the influenza vaccine required during the first year of employment or volunteering, the vaccine is not timely because the person was hired after December 1 of the previous year and before August 1 of the current year.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)*

Documentation of the required immunizations or exemptions from immunization shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file. (Health and Safety Code 1596.7995)

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

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## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

In addition to the above immunization requirements, teachers employed in a licensed child care center shall present evidence of a current tuberculosis clearance and meet other requirements specified in Health and Safety Code 1597.055. (Health and Safety Code 1597.055)

### **Eligibility and Enrollment**

The district's subsidized child care and development services may be available to infants and children through 12 years of age and to individuals with disabilities through 21 years of age in accordance with their individualized education program and Education Code 8208. (Education Code 8208, 8263.4; 5 CCR 18089, 18407, 18422)

Eligible families shall be those who document both an eligibility basis and a need for care, as follows: (Education Code 8263, 8263.1)

1. The family is eligible for subsidized services on the basis of being a current aid recipient, income eligible, or homeless and/or the family's children are recipients of protective services or have been identified as being or at risk of being abused, neglected, or exploited.
2. The family has a need for child care based on either of the following:

- a. The unavailability of the parents/guardians to care for and supervise their children for some portion of the day because they are participating in vocational training leading directly to a recognized trade, paraprofession, or profession; are engaged in an educational program for English language learners or to attain a high school diploma or general educational development certificate; are employed or seeking employment; are seeking permanent housing for family stability; or are incapacitated
- b. The child is identified by a legal, medical, or social services agency, the district liaison for homeless students, a Head Start program, or an emergency or transitional shelter as being a recipient of protective services, as being or at risk of being neglected, abused, or exploited, or as being homeless

The Superintendent or designee shall consult the county's centralized eligibility list, when available, or shall maintain a district waiting list in accordance with admission priorities. As vacancies occur, applicants shall be contacted in order of their priority. (5 CCR 18106)

First priority for enrollment shall be given to neglected or abused children who are recipients of child protective services, or children who are at risk of being neglected or abused, upon written referral from a legal, medical, or social services agency. If unable to enroll a child in

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this category, the district shall refer the child's parent/guardian to local resource and referral services so that services for the child can be located. (Education Code 8263)

Second priority for enrollment shall be given to families who are income eligible, as defined in Education Code 8263.1. Families with the lowest gross monthly income in relation to family size shall be admitted first. If two or more families are in the same priority in relation to income, the family that has a child with disabilities shall be admitted first or, if there is no child with disabilities, the family that has been on the waiting list for the longest time shall be admitted first. (Education Code 8263, 8263.1)

The district shall allow eligible children 11-12 years of age to combine enrollment in a before-school or after-school program with subsidized child care services during the time that the before-school or after-school program does not operate. Children 11-12 years of age, except for children with disabilities, shall be eligible for subsidized child care services only for the portion of care needed that is not available in a before-school or after-school program. (Education Code 8263.4)

After all children eligible for subsidized services have been enrolled, the district may enroll children in accordance with the priorities established by the Governing Board.

The district's decision to approve or deny services shall be communicated to the parent/guardian through a written Notice of Action mailed or delivered within 30 days from the date the application is signed by the parent/guardian. (5 CCR 18094, 18118)

Upon establishing eligibility for services, a family shall be eligible for and shall receive services for not less than 12 months before having the family's eligibility or need recertified and shall not be required to report changes to income or other changes for at least 12 months. However, a family establishing eligibility on the basis of income shall report any increases in income that exceed the threshold for ongoing income eligibility specified in Education Code 8263.1, and the family's ongoing eligibility shall be recertified at that time. At any time a family may voluntarily report income or other changes, which shall be used, as applicable, to reduce the family's fees, increase the family's services, or extend the period of eligibility before recertification. (Education Code 8263)

The Superintendent or designee shall mail or deliver a Notice of Action to a parent/guardian at least 14 calendar days before any intended change in services, including, but not limited to, an increase or decrease in fees, an increase or decrease in the amount of services, or termination of services, due to any of the following circumstances: (5 CCR 18095, 18119)

1. A determination made during recertification or the update of the application that the need or eligibility requirements are no longer being met or the fee or amount of service needs to be modified

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2. Failure of the parent/guardian to document the family's need or eligibility after the district requested such documentation in writing
3. An indication by the parent/guardian that the service is no longer wanted
4. The death of a parent/guardian or child
5. The conclusion of a limited-term agreement, provided that the parent/guardian has been informed in writing of the date that the services would terminate

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a basic data file for each family receiving child care and development services containing the completed and signed application for services, documentation used to determine the child's eligibility and need, and copies of all Notices of Action. (5 CCR 18081, 18095)

#### **Fees and Charges**

Except when offering a program that is prohibited by law from charging any fees, the Superintendent or designee may charge fees for services according to the state fee schedule, the actual cost of services, or the maximum daily/hourly rate specified in the contract,

whichever is least. (Education Code 8250, 8263, 8273, 8273.1, 8447; 5 CCR 18078, 18108-18110)

However, no fee shall be charged to a family that is receiving CalWORKS cash aid, an income-eligible family whose child is enrolled in a part-day California State Preschool Program, or a family whose income level, in relation to family size, is less than the first entry in the fee schedule. (Education Code 8273.1; 5 CCR 18110)

In addition, any family receiving child care on the basis of having a child who is a recipient of child protective services, or having a certification by a county child welfare agency that child care services continue to be necessary, may be exempt from these fees for up to 12 months. (Education Code 8273.1)

Fees shall be assessed at initial enrollment and reassessed when a family is recertified or experiences a change in status. Fees shall be considered delinquent after seven days from the date that fees are due. Parents/guardians shall be notified in the event that fees are delinquent. If a reasonable plan for payment of the delinquent fees has not been provided by the parents/guardians, services shall be terminated if all delinquent fees are not paid within two weeks of such notification. Parents/guardians shall receive a copy of the district's regulations regarding fee collection at the time of initial enrollment into the program. (Education Code 8273; 5 CCR 18082, 18114, 18115)

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## **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process that involves parents/guardians in determining whether to require parents/guardians to provide diapers. This process shall also be used to determine whether and how much to charge parents/guardians for field trip expenses, within the limit specified in law. A child shall not be denied participation in a field trip due to the parent/guardian's inability or refusal to pay the fee, and no adverse action shall be taken against a parent/guardian for that inability or refusal. (Education Code 8273.3)

### **Disenrollment**

When necessary due to a reduction in state reimbursements, families shall be disenrolled from subsidized child care and development services in the following order: (Education Code 8263.3)

1. Families with the highest income in relation to family size shall be disenrolled first.
2. If two or more families have the same income ranking, children without disabilities who have been enrolled in child care services the longest shall be disenrolled first. After all children without disabilities have been disenrolled, children with disabilities shall be disenrolled, with those who have been enrolled in child care services the longest being disenrolled first.

3. Families whose children are receiving child protective services or are at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation, regardless of family income, shall be disenrolled last.

### **Health Examination and Immunizations**

Prior to or within six weeks of enrollment, a child enrolling in a child care center shall obtain a physical examination and evaluation and receive age-appropriate immunizations. (Education Code 8263)

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

The requirement for a physical examination and evaluation shall be waived if a parent/guardian submits a letter stating that such examination is contrary to the parent/guardian's religious beliefs. (Education Code 8263)

A child may be exempted from the immunization requirements only if: (Health and Safety Code 120335)

1. A licensed physician indicates that immunization is not safe due to the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child.

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### **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

A medical exemption shall be submitted using the standardized medical exemption certification form developed by California Department of Public Health and transmitted using the California Immunization Registry. The request shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the medical basis for which the exemption for each individual immunization is sought and whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary, including the date upon which a temporary medical exemption will expire. A temporary exemption shall not exceed one year. (Health and Safety Code 120372)

2. The parent/guardian submitted a letter or affidavit prior to January 1, 2016 stating that such examination is contrary to the parent/guardian's personal beliefs. An exemption from immunization granted for personal beliefs is effective only until the next grade span (i.e., birth through preschool, grades K-6, and grades 7-12).

If there is good cause to believe that a child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child shall be temporarily excluded from the child care and development program until it is determined that the child is not suffering from that contagious or infectious disease. (Education Code 8263)

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

## **Attendance**

Sign-in and sign-out sheets shall be used daily for all children for attendance accounting purposes. Attendance records shall include verification of excused absences, including the child's name, date(s) of absence, specific reason for absence, and signature of parent/guardian or district representative. (5 CCR 18065, 18066)

Absences shall be excused for the following reasons:

1. Illness or quarantine of the child or of the parent/guardian (Education Code 8208)
2. Family emergency (Education Code 8208)

A family emergency shall be considered to exist when unforeseen circumstances cause the need for immediate action, such as may occur in the event of a natural disaster or when a member of the child's immediate family dies, has an accident, or is required to appear in court.

3. Time spent with a parent/guardian or other relative as required by a court of law (Education Code 8208)

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4. Time spent with a parent/guardian or other relative which is clearly in the best interest of the child (Education Code 8208)

An absence shall be considered to be in the best interest of the child when the time is spent with the child's parent/guardian or other relative for reasons deemed justifiable by the program coordinator or site supervisor.

Except for children who are recipients of child protective services or are at risk of abuse or neglect, excused absences in the best interest of the child shall be limited to 10 days during the contract period. (5 CCR 18066)

Any absence due to a reason other than any of those stated above, or without the required verification, shall be considered an unexcused absence. After three unexcused absences during the year, the program coordinator or site supervisor shall notify the child's parent/guardian. Children who continue to have excessive unexcused absences may be removed from the program at the discretion of the program coordinator in order to accommodate other families on the waiting list for admission.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of the policies and procedures related to excused and unexcused absences for child care and development services. (5 CCR 18066)

## **Rights of Parents/Guardians**

At the time a child is accepted into a licensed child care and development center, the child's parent/guardian or authorized representative shall be notified of the rights specified in 22 CCR 101218.1, including, but not limited to, the right to enter and inspect the child care facility and the right to be informed, upon request, of the name and type of association to the center of any adult who has been granted a criminal record exemption. (Health and Safety Code 1596.857; 22 CCR 101218.1)

The written notice of parent/guardian rights also shall be permanently posted within the facility in a location accessible to parents/guardians. Notwithstanding these rights, access to the facility may be denied to an adult whose behavior presents a risk to children present in the facility or to noncustodial parents/guardians when so requested by the responsible parent/guardian. (Health and Safety Code 1596.857)

In addition, if a parent/guardian disagrees with any district action to deny a child's eligibility for subsidized child care services, disenroll the child due to a funding shortage, increase or decrease fees, increase or decrease the amount of services, terminate services, or otherwise change the level of services, the parent/guardian may file a request for a hearing with the Superintendent or designee within 14 calendar days of the date the Notice of Action was received. Within 10 calendar days of receiving the request for a hearing, the Superintendent

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or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of the time and place of the hearing, which, to the extent possible, shall be convenient for the parent/guardian. (5 CCR 18120)

The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in 5 CCR 18120 by a district administrator who is at a staff level higher in authority than the staff person who made the contested decision. Within 10 calendar days after the hearing, the district administrator shall mail or deliver a written decision to the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the written decision, the parent/guardian may, within 14 calendar days, appeal the decision to the CDE. (5 CCR 18120-18122)

## **Records**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of enrollment, attendance, types of families served, income received from all families participating in the district's child care and development program, and any other records required under the state contract.

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

The Governing Board recognizes that schools play a crucial role in educating students about the relationship between humans and the natural world and in preparing them to have the skills, knowledge, and principles needed to solve environmental problems. The Board believes that all students should understand ecological systems and the impact of human action on such systems, including, but not limited to, climate change. The district's environmental education program shall promote environmental literacy and shall prepare students to be stewards of natural resources and live an environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

*(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)*  
*(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*

The district's local control and accountability plan may include local goals and priorities for environmental literacy.

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

The district's environmental education program may be taught across the district curriculum in science, history-social science, English language arts, health, and, to the extent practicable, mathematics. Such instruction shall be aligned with state-adopted standards and curriculum frameworks and may include, but not be limited to, the interactions and interdependence of human societies and natural systems, people's dependence and influence on natural systems, the ways that natural systems change and how people can benefit and influence that change, the fact that there are no boundaries to prevent matter from flowing between systems, and the

fact that decisions affecting resources and natural systems are complex and involve many factors.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

The district's program may also provide for active student participation in onsite resource conservation and management programs and the promotion of service learning partnerships. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with other local educational agencies and/or community-based organizations to enhance the curriculum and learning experiences provided to students.

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)*  
*(cf. 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management)*  
*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*  
*(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that environment-based learning experiences are made available on an equitable basis and that the environmental literacy curriculum reflects the linguistic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of California.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development for teachers in the development and effective implementation of curriculum and activities inside and outside of the classroom that promote environmental literacy.

### *Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE  
8700-8707 *Environmental education*  
8720-8723 *Conservation education service*  
8760-8773 *Outdoor science, conservation, and forestry*  
33541 *Science requirements*  
37222 *John Muir; recognition of his contributions*  
51210 *Areas of study, grades 1-6*  
51220 *Areas of study, grades 7-12*  
51227.3 *Environmental principles and concepts*

51795-51797 School instructional gardens  
60041 Ecological systems and their protection  
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE  
71300-71305 Statewide environmental education

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Environmental Education and Environmental Literacy:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/sc/oeintrod.asp>

California Education and the Environment Initiative: <https://www.californiaeei.org>

California Regional Environmental Education Community: <http://www.creec.org>

Green Schoolyards America: <https://www.greenschoolyards.org>

Green Schoolyards America, National COVID-19 Outdoor Learning Initiative:

<https://www.greenschoolyards.org/covid-learn-outside>

North American Association for Environmental Education:

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## **STATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

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.

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)*

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)

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)

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)*

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

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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)

### **Tests Included in the State Assessment System**

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

1. The 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 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)*

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2. 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 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)*

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

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may administer 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)

The 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 CDE of an agreement between the district and the state testing contractor. (Education Code 60640)

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**

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)*

Parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for the school year, and such a request

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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**

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, assessments shall be administered between the date on which at least 66 percent of the school's or track's annual instructional days 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.

2. 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.
3. The CSA shall be administered to English learners within the testing window specified in item #1.

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 #1-2 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**

All CAASPP tests 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, 853-854.4)

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1. Universal tools specified in 5 CCR 854.1-854.4 may be used with any student.
2. Designated supports specified in 5 CCR 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 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.
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 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 CDE for approval to use that unlisted resource during that year. If 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 854.9)

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, 854.5)

### **Report of Test Results**

For any state assessments that produce valid individual student results, the Superintendent or designee shall forward or transmit the student's test results to 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 the school and teacher(s) and shall be included in the student record. (Education Code 60641; 5 CCR 863)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

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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**

In order to finance the construction or reconstruction of school facilities needed to accommodate increased student enrollment resulting from new development, the Governing Board may establish, levy, and collect developer fees on residential, commercial, and industrial construction within the district, subject to restrictions specified by law.

### **Level 1 Fees: Residential, Commercial and Industrial Construction**

Before taking action to establish, increase, or impose Level 1 developer fees, the 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 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 facility or portion of the facility attributed to the development for which the fee is imposed

Before levying developer fees or prior to increasing an existing fee, the Board shall hold a public hearing. The Superintendent or designee shall mail notice of the time and place of the meeting at which a public hearing shall occur, 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 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, the use to which the fee is to be put, and the public improvement(s) that the fee will be used to finance (Government Code 66001, 66006)

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2. The Board's findings of reasonable relationship which justify the fees pursuant to Government Code 66001
3. If the district requires payment of the fee at a time earlier than the date of final inspection or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the district's determination of either of the following conditions which allow collection of the fees at the time when building permits are issued: (Government Code 66007)
  - 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

In the case of any commercial or industrial development, the Board shall make findings on either an individual project basis or on the basis of categories of commercial or industrial development. Those categories may include, but are not limited to, the following uses:

office, retail, transportation, communications and utilities, light industrial, heavy industrial, research and development, and warehouse. The Board shall also conduct a study to determine the impact of the increased number of employees anticipated to result from the commercial or industrial development upon the cost of providing school facilities within the district. (Education Code 17621)

### **Level 2 Fees: Residential Construction**

In order to impose Level 2 residential construction fees within the limits of Government Code 65995.5, the Board shall, in addition to fulfilling the requirements above for Level 1 fees, undertake the following: (Government Code 65995.5)

1. Make a timely application to the State Allocation Board (SAB) for new construction funding and be determined to be eligible by SAB
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)

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)

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*(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)

This analysis shall 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)

Not 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)

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)

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)

The fees authorized by Government Code 65995.6 and 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 Fees: Residential Construction**

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

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### **DEVELOPER FEES (continued)**

The notice and hearing requirements, resolution requirement, and term of effectiveness for Level 3 fees shall be the same as the requirements for Level 2 fees as specified above. (Government Code 65995.7)

### **Use of Fees**

The Board shall review information provided by the Superintendent or designee pursuant to Government Code 66006 regarding each account or fund into which developer fees have been deposited, 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)

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)

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
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

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

17070.10-17079.30 *Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998*

17582 *District deferred maintenance fund*

17620-17626 *Levies against development projects by school districts*

101122 *Schedule for allocation of proceeds from sale of bonds*

GOVERNMENT CODE

6061 *One time notice*

6066 *Two weeks' notice*

65352.2 *Level 2 funding notification requirement*

65864-65869.5 *Development agreements*

65995-65998 *Payment of fees against a development project*

66000-66008 *Fees for development projects*

66016-66019 *Procedures for adopting various fees*

66020-66025 *Protests, legal actions, and audits*

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1859-1859.108 *School facility program*

COURT DECISIONS

Tanimura & Antle Fresh Foods, Inc. v. Salinas Union High School District (2019) 34 Cal. App. 5th 775  
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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)
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
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

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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)

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**

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 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.

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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 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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