

CSBA Sample

Board Policy

All Personnel

BP 4127(a)

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TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES

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The Governing Board desires to employ highly qualified coaches for the district's sports and interscholastic athletic programs in order to enhance the knowledge, skills, motivation, and safety of student athletes.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee may **employ hire** a certificated or noncertificated employee, other than a substitute employee, to supervise or instruct interscholastic athletic activities as a temporary employee in a limited assignment capacity. (5 CCR 5590)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Note: When hiring a temporary athletic team coach, Education Code 44919 requires districts to first make the position available to a credentialed teacher presently employed by the district. In CTA v. Rialto Unified School District, the California Supreme Court held that the law is intended to grant a current certificated employee a limited advantage in the hiring process over a noncertificated employee or a nonemployee, provided that the applicant applies for the position and meets qualification criteria established by the district.

When hiring a person to fill a position as a temporary athletic team coach, the position shall first be made available to qualified certificated teachers currently employed by the district. (Education Code 44919)

Note: 5 CCR 5596 specifies a code of ethical conduct for athletic coaches; see the accompanying administrative regulation. In addition, the California Interscholastic Federation (**CIF**) has adopted a set of principles to guide the conduct of coaches and other participants in interscholastic athletic competitions; see BP 6145.2 - Athletic Competition.

All coaches shall be subject to Board policies, administrative regulations, and California Interscholastic Federation bylaws and codes of ethical conduct.

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

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

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

(cf. 5141.1 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

Noncertificated coaches **shall** have no authority to **give assign** grades to students. (5 CCR 5591)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES (continued)

Qualifications and Training

Note: 5 CCR 5593 establishes the minimum qualifications for employees serving as temporary athletic team coaches; see the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish qualification criteria for all athletic coaches in accordance with law and district standards. These criteria shall ensure that coaches possess an appropriate level of competence, knowledge, and skill.

Note: ~~Effective July 9, 2010, AB 346 (Ch. 52, Statutes of 2010) amended~~ Pursuant to Education Code 49024, ~~to require any noncertificated employee or any volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored student activity program, such as an interscholastic athletic program, is required to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate (ASCC) from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, unless the district requires the candidate to clear a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check prior to beginning the paid or volunteer duties.~~ See BP/AR 1240 - Volunteer Assistance **and AR 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check.** This legislation was introduced in response to legislation passed in 2009 (AB 1025, Ch. 379, Statutes of 2009) which had required noncertificated personnel or volunteers who "supervise, direct, or coach the activity" to obtain an ASCC. Thus, the Governing Board may choose whether to (1) require a temporary athletic team coach to obtain the ASCC (Option 1 below) and/or to obtain a DOJ/FBI criminal background check; (Option 2 below). The Board may select either one of the options below, combine them to allow (2) permit an individual, at his/her discretion, to obtain either the ASCC or DOJ/FBI check at the individual's discretion; or (3) to apply different requirements to different positions in the district (e.g., head coaches vs. assistant coaches; employees vs. volunteers). **The following paragraph should be modified to reflect district practice.**

In addition, ~~AB 346 amended~~ Education Code 45125.01 ~~to allow~~ multiple districts within a county or within contiguous counties to share criminal record information of noncertificated employees and volunteers working in a student activity program.; ~~see AR 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check.~~

OPTION 1: Any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall, prior to beginning his/her duties, ~~possess~~ **submit to the Superintendent or designee either** an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing **or a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background clearance.** (Education Code 49024)

~~An individual who obtained both a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background clearance through the district prior to July 9, 2010 shall have satisfied this requirement. (Education Code 49024)~~

TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES (continued)

OPTION 2: Any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall, prior to beginning his/her duties, obtain a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check through the district. (Education Code 49024)

An individual who possesses a current Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, issued prior to July 9, 2010, shall have satisfied district requirements for the criminal background check. (Education Code 49024)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

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

Following the selection of a temporary athletic team coach, the Superintendent or designee shall certify to the Board, at the next regular Board meeting or within 30 days, whichever is sooner, that the coach meets the qualifications and competencies required by 5 CCR 5593. By April 1 of each year, the Board shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of 5 CCR 5593 have been met. (5 CCR 5594)

Note: Education Code 49032 requires that all high school coaches complete a district or CIF-developed coaching education program that meets the guidelines of Education Code 35179.1 and includes training on the signs, symptoms, and appropriate response to concussions. Additionally, Education Code 33479.6, as added by AB 1639 (Ch. 792, Statutes of 2016), requires coaches, beginning July 1, 2017, to complete a training course related to the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest and to retake such a course every two years thereafter. See the accompanying administrative regulation.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the extent to which the district's coaches have completed the trainings required by law, including those required pursuant to Education Code 33479.6 and 49032, and by district policy.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35179-35179.7 Interscholastic athletics

33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

44010 Sex offense

44011 Controlled substance offense

44332-44332.5 Temporary certificates

44424 Conviction of a crime

44808 Liability when students are not on school property

44916 Written statement indicating employment status

44919 Classification of temporary employees

45125.01 Interagency agreements for criminal record information

45347 Instructional aides subject to requirements for classified staff

45349 Use of volunteers to supervise or instruct students

49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate

49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances

49406 Examination for tuberculosis

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities

5590-5596 Duties of temporary athletic team coaches

COURT DECISIONS

Neily v. Manhattan Beach Unified School District, (2011) 192 Cal. App. 4th 187

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Management Resources:

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A School Board Member's Guide to CIF and Interscholastic Sports, 1997

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS

California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws

Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING CODED CORRESPONDENCE

10-11 Information on Assembly Bill 346 Concerning the Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate (ASCC), July 20, 2010

WEB SITES

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

California Athletic Trainers' Association: <http://www.ca-at.org>

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

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

National Athletic Trainers' Association: <http://www.nata.org>

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