

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

BP 0420.42 - Charter School Renewal

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which requires alternative measures for meeting the student achievement criteria for charter renewal in lieu of the Academic Performance Index (API) and **NEW LAW (AB 406)** which prohibits a charter school that is renewed on or after July 1, 2019 from being operated as a for-profit corporation or organization. Policy also clarifies that district boards do not review renewal petitions for charter schools that were authorized by county boards on appeal, and addresses the definition of "receipt" of the petition for purposes of determining the timeline for granting or denying the petition.

BP 1100 - Communication with the Public

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add definition of the types of mass mailings that cannot be sent at district expense and to reflect law which prohibits certain mass mailings, which are otherwise permissible, from being sent within 60 days preceding an election. Policy also deletes references to repealed Title 2 regulation (Register 2018, No. 12).

BP 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add new section on "Online Fundraising" addressing considerations for approving a crowdfunding Internet platform to raise funds for district, school, or classroom projects or equipment. Policy also adds a prohibition against accepting any gift, grant, or bequest that promotes the use of non-nutritious foods or beverages and provides that any advertising used by a corporate sponsor meet the standards specified in BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion.

AR 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1053)** which clarifies that districts do not have the authority to use district-established claims procedures for claims of childhood sexual abuse and that such claims are governed by the timelines and procedures of Code of Civil Procedure 340.1.

AR 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to add new section on "Report on Expenditures of State Facilities Funds" reflecting state law, as amended by **NEW LAW (AB 1808)**, which requires districts that receive state facilities funding under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act to annually report a list of expenditures for completed facilities projects and conclude an audit within one year of project completion.

BP 4114 - Transfers

(BP revised)

Policy updated to delete provision regarding a principal's right to refuse a teacher's transfer request for a school ranked in deciles 1-3 on the API, as the API is no longer being calculated. Policy also adds philosophical statement regarding the assignment of staff in an equitable manner that meets the needs of students and each school.

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BP/AR 5141.6 - School Health Services

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to delete references to the obsolete API, Healthy Start program, and Healthy Families program. Regulation updated to expand section on "Types of Health Services" to include additional services for which districts can receive Medi-Cal reimbursement. Regulation also includes the requirement for employees to complete a random-moment time study for the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program and reflects **NEW LAW (AB 3192)** which requirements the Department of Health Care Services to develop a program guide for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option.

BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 752, 2017)** which prohibits the expulsion of a child enrolled in a California State Preschool Program (CSPP) unless the district has taken specified steps and the child's continued enrollment presents a serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children. Policy also adds data collection on the type of firearm involved in any expulsion for firearm possession, in accordance with federal law. Regulation also revises section on "Final Action by the Board" to correct the location in policy where acts requiring "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" are listed.

BP/AR 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which (1) exempts CSPP programs from specified licensure and regulation requirements if they are operated in a school building and (2) requires that the district's Williams uniform complaint procedures be used to resolve allegations of deficiencies related to health and safety requirements in license-exempt CSPP programs. Policy and regulation reflect a provision of AB 1808 which allows districts to commingle 4-year-old children enrolled in a CSPP program with children enrolled in a transitional kindergarten (TK) program under specified conditions. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2626)** which changes the birthdate by which children are eligible for CSPP programs, **NEW LAW (AB 273, 2017)** which revises eligibility criteria for CSPP preschool to include parents/guardians engaged in an educational program for English learners or for attainment of a high school diploma or general educational development certificate, and **NEW LAW (AB 752, 2017)** which prohibits the expulsion or unenrollment of a child enrolled in a CSPP program unless the district has taken specified steps and the child's continued enrollment presents a serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children.

BP 6142.3 - Civic Education

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add new section on "Student Voter Registration" containing material formerly in BP 1400 - Relations Between Governmental Agencies and the Schools. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 24, 2017)** which establishes the State Seal of Civic Engagement to recognize high school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in civic education and participation based on criteria to be approved by the State Board of Education by January 31, 2021. Examples of activities that link civic knowledge to practical experience expanded to reflect additional concepts in the state curriculum framework.

BP/AR 6145.2 - Athletic Competition

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2009)** which requires any district that offers an interscholastic athletic program to develop a written emergency action plan to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency. Regulation updated to reflect requirement of AB 2009 to make an automated external defibrillator available at athletic events. Regulation also includes new section on "Heat

Illness" reflecting NEW LAW (AB 2800) which requires coaching education programs to include training on the signs and symptoms of, and appropriate response to, heat illness.

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BP/AR 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses

(BP revised; AR added)

Policy updated to clarify which policy components are mandated and to expand program evaluation to include a report on the percentage of students who have successfully completed mathematics courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and California State University. New regulation includes material formerly in BP, including the appeals process, the requirement to post the policy on the district's web site, and circumstances under which staff recommendations may be considered in course placement. Regulation also includes examples of objective academic measures that may be used to place students in mathematics courses.

BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1808) which allows districts to place 4-year-old children enrolled in a CSPP program into a TK program and to commingle children from both programs into the same classroom under specified conditions.

BP/AR 6178 - Career Technical Education

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect NEW FEDERAL LAW (P.L. 115-224) which reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, retitled as the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, and NEW LAW (AB 1808) which amends the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program. Material regarding activities for special populations and consultation with private school representatives moved to AR. Material on program evaluation revised to add requirement to review measures of career technical education pathway completion as part of the annual review of progress toward the goals in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). Regulation revises section on "Federal Grants for Career Technical Education (Perkins)" to reflect P.L. 115-224, including streamlining the uses of grant funds, adding a requirement for a needs assessment, and changing the definition of "special needs populations." Regulation also deletes section on "Tech Prep Programs" as those programs are no longer funded and are repealed by P.L. 115-224. Section on "Linked Learning Programs" deletes Note regarding linked learning pilot program which repealed on its own terms.

BP 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program

(BP revised)

Policy updated to delete references to the obsolete API and add the California School Dashboard as a source for multiple state and local indicators of strengths and areas in need of improvement in each priority area addressed by the LCAP. Section on "Federal Program Monitoring" deleted as the focus of the policy is on program effectiveness rather than compliance with program requirements.

BB 9110 - Terms of Office

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2449) which changes the commencement of the term of office of board members from the first Friday in December following their election to the second Friday in December. Bylaw also provides that, if the district chooses or is required to consolidate its board elections with the local municipal or state primary or general elections, elections could occur in even-numbered years and the term of incumbent board members would be extended to align with the next election.

CSBA Sample Board Policy

Community Relations

BP 1100(a)

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

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

The Governing Board recognizes the district's responsibility to keep the public informed regarding the goals, programs, achievements, and needs of the schools and district and to be responsive to the concerns and interests of the community. The Superintendent or designee shall establish strategies for effective two-way communications between the district and the public and shall consult with the Board regarding the role of Board members as advocates for the district's students, programs, and policies.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Note: Protocols for media relations, including the identification of Governing Board and staff spokespersons designated to meet with the media on behalf of the district, are addressed in BP 1112 - Media Relations. The district may choose to establish additional protocols for communications with other segments of the public.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board and staff with communications protocols and procedures to assist the district in presenting a consistent, unified message on district issues. Such protocols and procedures may include, but are not limited to, identification of the spokesperson(s) authorized to speak to the media on behalf of the district, strategies for coordinating communications efforts and activities, and legal requirements pertaining to confidentiality as well as the public's right to access records.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 2111 - Superintendent Governance Standards)
(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)
(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

The Superintendent or designee shall utilize a variety of **communications** methods ~~in order~~ to provide **information to** the public with access to information. Such methods may include, but are not limited to, district and school newsletters, web sites, social ~~networking pages~~ **media**, ~~or other online communications technologies, direct email~~ **electronic** communications, mailings, notices sent home with students, recorded telephone messages for parent/guardian information, community forums and public events, news releases, meetings with education reporters and editorial boards, presentations at parent organization meetings, and meetings with representatives of local governments, community organizations, and businesses.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC (continued)

- (cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)*
- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*
- (cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*
- (cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)*
- (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*
- (cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48985, when 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a school speak a single primary language other than English, all notices and reports sent to the parents/guardians of those students must also be written in that primary language. In addition, the Americans with Disabilities Act (28 CFR 35.130 and 35.160) requires districts to provide services and aids to ensure that a disabled individual is not excluded from participation or denied a benefit, service, or program on the basis of a disability. See BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

In developing communications strategies, the Superintendent or designee shall take into account the needs of all members of the public, including individuals with disabilities and those whose primary language is not English.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff members are responsive to requests by parents/guardians or members of the public for information or assistance and may provide staff members with professional development in their "customer service" role as needed to assist them in effectively responding to requests for information or assistance by parents/guardians or members of the public.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall provide multiple avenues and opportunities for members of the public to give input on district and school issues and operations. Community members are encouraged to become involved in school activities, participate on district and school committees, provide input at Board meetings, submit suggestions to district staff, and use the district's complaint procedures as appropriate.

- (cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*
- (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*
- (cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*
- (cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*
- (cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*
- (cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*
- (cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*
- (cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*
- (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*
- (cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*
- (cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC (continued)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

Prohibition Against Mass Mailings at Public Expense

Note: Education Code 7054 and 2 CCR 18901.1 prohibit the use of public funds for a mass mailing that (1) expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot measure or (2) if taken in context, unambiguously urges an election result. Violation of these provisions could result in an enforcement action by the Fair Political Practices Commission. See BP 1160 - Political Processes for language regarding the use of district funds for activities related to ballot measures, candidates, or lobbying.

Any newsletters or mass mailings regarding ballot measures, candidates, legislative activities, or any other campaign activities shall be sent and distributed in accordance with law and Board policy.

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

Note: Government Code 82041.5, and 89001, and 89002 and 2 CCR 18901 prohibit the use of public funds for a mass mailing which features a Board member or includes the name, signature, or photograph of a Board member, except as specifically allowed by law. "Mass mailing" is defined as over 200 substantially similar pieces of mail sent in a single calendar month or course of an election. A "mass mailing" does not include form letters or mail sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter, or other inquiry, or permissible informational materials otherwise authorized by law, Government Code 89002. Because these laws are very complex, with complicated definitions and numerous exceptions, districts should consult with legal counsel if there is a question about the appropriateness of a planned mailing.

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No newsletter or other mass mailing, as defined in Government Code 82041.5 and 2 CCR 18901 shall be sent by the district at public expense if such material aggrandizes one or more Board members. The name, signature, or photograph of a Board member may be included in such materials only as permitted by 2 CCR 18901. (Government Code 82041.5, 89001; 2 CCR 18901)

Any newsletter or mass mailing regarding ballot measures, candidates, legislative activities, or any other campaign activities shall be sent and distributed in accordance with law and Board policy.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC (continued)

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

A mass mailing is prohibited if all of the following criteria are met: (Government Code 89001-89002)

- 1. The mailing involves sending a tangible item, such as a videotape, record, button, or written document, which is delivered by any means to recipients at their residence, place of employment or business, or post office box**
- 2. The item features a Board member or includes the name, office, photograph, or other reference to a Board member and is prepared or sent in cooperation, consultation, coordination, or concert with the Board member.**
- 3. The costs of distribution, or any costs of design, production, and printing exceeding \$50, are paid with district funds.**
- 4. More than 200 substantially similar items, as defined in Government Code 89002, are sent in a single calendar month.**

The above prohibition does not apply to the types of mass mailings specified in Government Code 89002(b), including, but not limited to: (Government Code 89002)

- 1. An item in which the Board member's name appears only in a roster containing the names of all Board members or in the letterhead or logotype of the stationery, forms, and envelopes of the district, a district committee, or the Board member**
- 2. An announcement including only a single mention of the Board member's name which concerns a public meeting related to the Board member's duties or any official district event(s) for which the district is providing the use of its facilities, staff, or other financial support**
- 3. A business card that contains only one mention of the Board member's name and no photograph of the Board member**

However, any of the excepted mailings listed in items #1-3 above that meets the criteria for prohibited mass mailings shall not be sent within 60 days preceding an election in which a Board member to whom the mailing relates will appear on the ballot as a candidate. (Government Code 89003)

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC (continued)

Comprehensive Communications Plan

Note: **The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice.** A comprehensive district communications plan may include strategies for internal and external communications on issues that are important to the district and community. The plan also may incorporate specific communications strategies required by other Board policies and administrative regulations. For example, see AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan, BP 1112 - Media Relations, AR 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan, and BP/AR 6020 - Parent Involvement.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written communications plan which establishes priorities for proactive community outreach to build support for district programs and issues. The plan shall identify specific communications goals aligned with the district's vision and goals for student learning. For each communications goal, the plan shall identify key messages, individuals or groups that can help the district achieve its goal, strategies tailored to each target audience, timelines, persons responsible for each activity, and budget implications.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

As appropriate for each issue, target audiences may include parents/guardians, the media, local governmental agencies, businesses, community organizations and civic groups, postsecondary institutions, health care professionals, child care providers, community leaders, state or federal legislators or agencies, and/or other segments of the public.

The plan shall incorporate strategies for effective communications during a crisis or other emergency situation that may arise.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the district's communications plan and recommend to the Board whether the goals and key issues identified in the plan need to be revised to meet changing circumstances or priorities.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

7054 *Use of district property or funds re: ballot measures and candidates*

35145.5 *Board meetings, public participation*

35172 *Promotional activities*

38130-38138 *Civic Center Act*

48980-48985 *Parental notifications*

GOVERNMENT CODE

54957.5 *Meeting agendas and materials*

82041.5 *Mass mailing*

89001-89003 *Newsletter or mass mailing*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

~~18901~~ *Mass mailings sent at public expense*

18901.1 *Campaign-related mailings sent at public expense*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California School Public Relations Association: <http://www.calspra.org>

Fair Political Practices Commission: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>

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CSBA Sample Board Policy

Business and Noninstructional Operations

BP 3290(a)

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

Note: Education Code 41032 authorizes the Governing Board to accept gifts on behalf of the district and to prescribe conditions for their acceptance. Criteria listed in this optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board may accept any gift, grant, or bequest of money, property, or service to the district from any individual, private agency or organization, foundation, or other public or private agency that desires to support the district's educational program. While greatly appreciating suitable donations, the Board shall reject any gift which may directly or indirectly impair its authority to make decisions in the best interest of district students or its ability or commitment to provide equitable educational opportunities.

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 0415 - Equity)
(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

Note: A donor may impose restrictions and conditions on the use of a gift. Unless the conditions are illegal, the district will be subject to those conditions if it accepts the gift.

Before accepting any gift, grant, or bequest, the Board shall carefully consider any conditions or restrictions imposed by the donor to ensure their consistency with the district's vision, philosophy, and operations. If the Board believes the district will be unable to fully satisfy the donor's conditions, the gift shall not be accepted.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

In addition, the Board shall ensure that acceptance of the gift, grant, or bequest does not:

1. Involve creation of a program which the Board would be unable to sustain when the donation is exhausted
2. Entail undesirable or excessive costs
3. Promote the use of violence, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol or the violation of any law or district policy

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS (continued)

4. Advertise or endorse the use of non-nutritious food or beverages during the school day

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

5. Encourage or enable the violation of any law or district policy

4-6. Imply endorsement of any business or product or unduly commercialize or politicize the school environment

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

Any gift of books **and or** instructional materials **shall may only** be accepted **only** if they meet **regular** district criteria for selection of instructional materials.

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

All gifts, grants, and bequests shall become district property. Donors are encouraged to donate all gifts to the district rather than to a particular school, **classroom, or teacher**. At the Superintendent or designee's discretion, a gift may be used at a particular school **or classroom**.

Note: Education Code 41030 allows districts to invest monies gifted to them when not immediately needed. Education Code 41031 requires that such funds be placed in a district special fund in the county treasury and designated as the Foundation Fund. Funds donated for specific purposes must be placed in a separate account in that fund. **Pursuant to Education Code 41035-41038, districts Boards** that place money in a foundation fund pursuant to these laws must adopt related rules and regulations and appoint an advisory committee to advise the board about investments to be made. ~~(Education Code 41035-41038)~~

When any gift of money received by the district is not immediately used, it shall be placed in the county treasury in accordance with law. (Education Code 41030-41031)

(cf. 3430 - Investing)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide a report to the Board indicating the gifts, grants, and/or bequests received on behalf of the district in the preceding fiscal year. The report shall include a statement of account and expenditure of all gifts of money and an inventory of all gifts of physical assets.

(cf. 3440 - Inventories)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS (continued)

Appreciation

The Board may show appreciation for any donation to the district in any manner it deems appropriate. Such appreciation may take the form of letters of recognition or Board resolutions; plaques, commendations, or awards; planting of commemorative trees or gardens; or naming or renaming of buildings, grounds, or facilities. Conferment of any such honor shall be in accordance with applicable Board policy.

(cf. 1150 - Commendations and Awards)

(cf. 7310 - Naming of Facility)

Corporate Sponsorship

Note: Under the general authority granted to boards pursuant to Education Code 35160, the Board is authorized to enter into a corporate sponsorship agreement with an outside entity including for-profit and nonprofit corporations. In exchange for funds, products, and services provided by such entities, the Board may allow them to advertise and/or promote their products and services within district buildings or facilities. The Board may set guidelines for entering into such agreements to ensure that they are limited to appropriate matters. Standards related to advertising and promotions are addressed in BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion. The Board may revise the following optional section to ensure consistency with those standards.

The Board may enter into an agreement or arrangement with an outside entity for the sponsorship of an educational, athletic, or other program or activity. When appropriate, the agreement may allow the outside entity to advertise or promote its business, product, or service in district publications or on district property or web sites.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

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

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Every sponsorship agreement shall be in writing and shall be approved by the Board. The Board shall ensure that the district's relationship and arrangement with the sponsor are consistent with the district's mission, values, and goals. Any advertising or promotional message, image, or other depiction to be used by the sponsor shall meet the standards set for commercial advertising on district property and in district-sponsored publications in accordance with BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion. No message, image, or other depiction that promotes the use of obscene language, pornography, alcohol, tobacco, or prohibited drugs or that advocates unlawful discrimination, use of violence, or the violation of law or district policy shall be allowed.

Each sponsorship agreement shall contain statements including, but not limited to:

1. The purpose of the relationship with the sponsor, details of the benefits to the district, and how the benefits will be distributed.

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS (continued)

2. The duration of the agreement and the roles, expectations, rights, and responsibilities of the district and the sponsor, including whether and to what extent the sponsor is allowed to advertise or promote its products and/or services.
3. The authority of the Board to retain exclusive right over the use of the district's name, logo, and other proprietary information **and the requirement that the sponsor obtain prior approval of the Board before using such information.** ~~The sponsor's use of such information shall require prior approval of the Board.~~
- ~~5.~~ **4.** The prohibition against the collection or distribution of students' personal information except as allowed by law.
- ~~4.~~ **5.** The authority of the Board to terminate the agreement without any penalty or sanction to the district if the sponsor's message, business, or product becomes inconsistent with **the** district's vision, mission, or goals or the sponsor engages in any prohibited activity.
- ~~5.~~ ~~The prohibition against the collection of students' personal information except as allowed by law.~~

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Online Fundraising

Note: The following optional section addresses the practice of using a crowdfunding Internet platform (e.g., GoFundMe, PledgeCents, Donors Choose, etc.) to raise funds for district, school or classroom projects or equipment and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Any person or entity who wishes to conduct an online fundraising campaign, including a crowdfunding campaign, for the benefit of the district, a school, or a classroom shall submit a written request for prior approval to the Superintendent or designee. Approval of requests shall take into consideration compatibility with the district's vision and goals, core beliefs, instructional priorities, and infrastructure; the manner in which donations are collected and distributed; equity of the use of funds; and any other factors deemed relevant or appropriate by the district.

Any person or entity approved to conduct an online fundraising campaign shall comply with relevant district policies and procedures, including ensuring financial transparency in describing the purpose and use of the funds and protecting student privacy as applicable. Such person or entity shall specify that the district, rather than a staff member, classroom, or school, will own the funded resources.

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS (continued)

Funds raised by an online fundraising campaign and donated to the district shall be subject to the same terms, criteria for acceptance, and accountability measures as any other donation as specified in this policy.

Appreciation

The Board may show appreciation for any donation to the district in any manner it deems appropriate. Such appreciation may take the form of letters of recognition or Board resolutions; plaques, commendations, or awards; planting of commemorative trees or gardens; or naming or renaming of buildings, grounds, or facilities. Conferment of any such honor shall be in accordance with applicable Board policy.

(cf. 1150 - Commendations and Awards)
(cf. 7310 - Naming of Facility)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1834 Acquisition of materials and apparatus

35160 Powers and duties

35162 Power to sue, be sued, hold and convey property

41030 School district may invest surplus monies from bequest or gifts

41031 Special fund or account in county treasury

41032 Authority of school board to accept gift or bequest; investments; gift of land requirements

41035 Advisory committee

41036 Function of advisory committee

41037 Rules and regulations

41038 Applicability of other provisions of chapter

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Consortium of Education Foundations: <http://www.cceflink.org>

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CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Business and Noninstructional Operations

AR 3460(a)

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Interim Reports

Note: Education Code 42130 requires that the district issue two interim fiscal reports; see the accompanying Board policy for information about the use of these reports to certify whether the district will be able to meet its fiscal obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and, based on current forecasts, for the two subsequent fiscal years.

Each interim fiscal report developed pursuant to Education Code 42130 shall include an assessment of the district budget as revised to reflect current information regarding the adopted state budget, district property tax revenues, if any, and ending balances for the preceding fiscal year. (Education Code 42130, 42131)

Note: Interim reports must be based on the criteria and standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) pursuant to Education Code 33127. These criteria and standards are specified in 5 CCR 15453-15464 and address the areas listed below.

The interim reports shall be based on State Board of Education (SBE) criteria and standards which address fund and cash balances, reserves, deficit spending, estimation of average daily attendance (ADA), projected enrollment, ratio of ADA to enrollment, projected local control funding formula (LCFF) revenue, salaries and benefits, other revenues and expenditures, and facilities maintenance. For purposes of assessing projections of LCFF revenue, the first interim report shall be compared to the adopted district budget, and the second interim report shall be compared to the projections in the first interim report. (Education Code 42130; 5 CCR 15453-15464)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3220.1 - Lottery Funds)
(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)
(cf. 3314 - Payment for Goods and Services)

The report shall also provide supplemental information regarding contingent liabilities, use of one-time revenues for ongoing expenditures, contingent revenues, contributions (i.e., projected contributions from unrestricted general fund resources to restricted general fund resources, projected transfers to or from the general fund to cover operating deficits in the general fund or any other fund, and capital project cost overruns that may impact the general fund budget), long-term commitments, unfunded liabilities, temporary interfund borrowings, the status of labor agreements, and the status of other funds. (Education Code 42130; 5 CCR 15453, 15464)

(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)**Audit Report**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 41020, each year the district is required to arrange for an independent audit of all the district's funds. The audit must be approved by the Governing Board and submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools, California Department of Education (CDE), and State Controller within specified timelines. See the accompanying Board policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a timetable for the completion and review of the annual audit within the deadlines established by law.

Note: The following paragraph is optional. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34 contains requirements for the contents of the district's annual audited financial reports.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the necessary financial records and cooperate with the auditor selected by the Governing Board to ensure that the audit report contains all information required by law and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 41020, the audit must include an audit of income and expenditures for all district funds, as provided below. Additionally, Education Code 41020 requires that the audit include a determination of whether funds were expended in accordance with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). Pursuant to Education Code 52061, the annual update to the LCAP must list expenditures for specific actions to be taken to achieve the goals in the LCAP, including expenditures for services to English learners, foster youth, and students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan for requirements pertaining to the LCAP.

The audit shall include an audit of income and expenditures by source of funds for all funds of the district, including the student body and cafeteria funds and accounts, state and federal grant funds, and any other funds under the control or jurisdiction of the district, as well as an audit of student attendance procedures. The audit shall also include a determination of whether LCFF funds were expended in accordance with the district's local control and accountability plan or an approved annual update of the plan. (Education Code 41020)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)
(cf. 3430 - Investing)
(cf. 3451 - Petty Cash Funds)
(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that elect to participate in the school district of choice program (Education Code 48300-48316); see BP/AR 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance. Pursuant to Education Code 48301, any district that elects to participate in the school district of choice program must ensure that its annual financial audit includes a review of the district's compliance with program requirements to establish a random, unbiased process for student admittance and to provide appropriate and factually accurate parent/guardian communications. ~~A summary of any audit exceptions found by the auditor must be included in reports to each geographically adjacent school district, the county office of education, CDE, and Department of Finance as required by Education Code 48313.~~

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If the district participates in the school district of choice program to accept interdistrict transfers, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the auditor, prior to the commencement of the audit, that the audit must include a review of the district's compliance with specified program requirements. (Education Code 48301)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 41344 and 41344.1, the district may appeal to the Education Audit Appeals Panel (EAAP) when an audit finding requires the district to repay an apportionment or pay a penalty. If the EAAP finds that there has been substantial compliance with the law, it may waive or reduce repayments or order other remedial measures to induce future compliance.

If an audit finding results in the district being required to repay an apportionment or pay a penalty, the district may appeal the finding to the Education Audit Appeals Panel by making an informal summary appeal within 30 days of receiving the final audit report or initiating a formal appeal within 60 days of receiving the report. (Education Code 41344, 41344.1)

While a public accounting firm is performing the audit of the district, it shall not provide any nonauditing, management, or other consulting services for the district except as provided in Government Auditing Standards, Amendment #3, published by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. (Education Code 41020)

Report on Expenditures of State Facilities Funds

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 41024, as added by AB 99 (Ch. 15, Statutes of 2017) and amended by AB 1808 (Ch. 32, Statutes of 2018), districts that receive state facilities funding pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act (Education Code 17070.10-17079.30) must annually report a detailed list of all expenditures of state funds, including interest, and of the district's matching funds for completed projects. Education Code 41024 requires that an audit of completed facilities projects be submitted within one year of project completion.

Education Code 41024 requires CDE to provide the Office of Public School Construction with a copy of the audit identifying any adjustments to be made in grant funding as a result of the audit findings. The district may appeal any finding in accordance with the timelines and process specified in Education Code 41344.

When the district participates in the school facilities program pursuant to Education Code 17070.10-17079.30, the Superintendent or designee shall annually report a detailed list of all expenditures of state facilities funds, including interest, and of the district's matching funds for completed projects until all such funds are expended. The report shall identify expenditures on a project-by-project basis, reflect completed projects that were reimbursed within that fiscal year, and clearly indicate the list of projects that have been completed. (Education Code 41024; 2 CCR 1859.104)

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Audits of facilities projects shall be concluded within one year of project completion, and shall be included as part of the district's audit for the fiscal year in which the project is reported as completed. A project shall be deemed completed when any of the following conditions is met: (Education Code 41024; 2 CCR 1859.104)

- 1. When the notice of completion for the project has been filed, all outstanding invoices, claims, and change orders have been satisfied, and the facility is currently in use by the district**
- 2. Three years from the date of the final fund release for an elementary school project**
- 3. Four years from the date of the final fund release for a middle or high school project**

Fund Balance

Note: The following optional section reflects GASB Statement 54, which addresses the manner in which fund balances in the general fund must be reported in external financial reports. Pursuant to GASB 54, the Board has sole authority to specify purposes of committed funds (item #3 below) and also must express, or **delegate** the authority to express, intended purposes of resources resulting in the assigned fund balance (item #4 below); see BP 3100 - Budget.

In accordance with GASB Statement 54, external financial reports shall report fund balances in the general fund within the following classifications based on the relative strength of constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

1. Nonspendable fund balance, including amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as resources that are not in a spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact
2. Restricted fund balance, including amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers or by law
3. Committed fund balance, including amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Board
4. Assigned fund balance, including amounts which the Board or its designee intends to use for a specific purpose
5. Unassigned fund balance, including amounts that are available for any purpose

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)**Negative Balance Report**

Note: When applicable, Education Code 42127.5 requires districts to report the reasons for a negative unrestricted fund balance or negative cash balance. "Unrestricted funds" are any funds that are not constrained by law to be spent on specific purposes and which therefore may be spent as the Board deems appropriate. Such funds may be reported in the committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, or unassigned fund balance as provided in items #3-5 in the section "Fund Balance" above.

Whenever the district reports a negative unrestricted fund balance or a negative cash balance in its annual budget or annual audit report, it shall include in the budget a statement that identifies the reasons for the negative unrestricted fund balance or negative cash balance and the steps that have been taken to ensure that the negative balance will not occur at the end of the current fiscal year. (Education Code 42127.5)

Non-Voter-Approved Debt Report

Note: The following section addresses notices regarding the issuance of revenue bonds, certificates of participation, and other non-voter-approved debts. Pursuant to Education Code 17150 and 17150.1, the County Superintendent and county auditor may, within 15 days of receiving these notices from the district, comment publicly to the Board regarding the capability of the district to repay the debt obligation.

Pursuant to Education Code 42133, a district that has a qualified or negative certification in any fiscal year cannot issue non-voter-approved debt in that fiscal year or in the next fiscal year unless the County Superintendent determines that the district's repayment of the debt is probable.

Upon approval by the Board to proceed with the issuance of revenue bonds or any agreement for financing school construction pursuant to Education Code 17170-17199.5, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools and the county auditor. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board, the county auditor, the County Superintendent, and the public with related repayment schedules and evidence of the district's ability to repay the obligation. (Education Code 17150)

(cf. 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management)
(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)

When the Board is considering the issuance of certificates of participation and other debt instruments that are secured by real property and do not require the approval of the voters of the district, the Superintendent or designee shall provide notice to the County Superintendent and county auditor no later than 30 days before the Board's approval to proceed with issuance. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board, the county auditor, the County Superintendent, and the public with information necessary to assess the anticipated effect of the debt issuance, including related repayment schedules, evidence of the district's ability to repay the obligation, and the issuance costs. (Education Code 17150.1)

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Other Postemployment Benefits Report

Note: The following section reflects GASB Statement 75, which replaces Statement 45 for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017 or sooner at the district's discretion. GASB 75 contains reporting requirements pertaining to "other postemployment benefits" (OPEBs) (i.e., medical, dental, vision, hearing, life insurance, long-term care, long-term disability, and other nonpension benefits for retired employees). Under GASB 75, districts that do not provide OPEB through a trust are required to report the total unfunded liability (i.e., OPEBs that are not prefunded), as calculated in the most recent actuary report, in the district's financial statements. Previously, districts were allowed to amortize the unfunded liability over a period of up to 30 years and report the annual amount in financial statements. The decision of whether to prefund the benefits, and by how much, is at the Board's discretion; see BP 3100 - Budget.

The SBE's criteria and standards for budget adoption (5 CCR 15440-15451) require districts to estimate unfunded OPEBs as well as the unfunded portion of any self-insured benefits program. Changes to the unfunded liabilities are disclosed at interim reporting periods pursuant to 5 CCR 15453 and 15464. These reports are included in the state's standardized account code structure software used to develop budget and interim reports.

CSBA's OPEB Solutions Program provides access to qualified actuaries and consultants and a GASB 45-75-compliant trust to prefund future obligations. See CSBA's web site for further information.

The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice and should be deleted by districts that do not provide OPEBs.

In accordance with GASB Statement 75, the district's financial statements shall report the expense of nonpension other postemployment benefits (OPEBs) on an accrual basis over retirees' active working lifetime, as determined by a qualified actuary procured by the Superintendent or designee. To the extent that these OPEBs are not prefunded, the district shall report a liability on its financial statements.

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)
(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually present the estimated accrued but unfunded cost of OPEBs and the actuarial report upon which those costs are based at a public meeting of the Board. (Education Code 42140)

Note: Pursuant to GASB 75, the district must arrange for an actuary to update the valuation of its OPEB obligations every two years. The exception allowing OPEB plans with fewer than 200 members to perform the actuarial valuation every three years has been eliminated effective June 15, 2017. However, GASB 75 includes an option for the use of a specified alternative method in lieu of an actuarial valuation for purposes of determining the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through an OPEB plan with fewer than 100 members. Such districts may modify the following paragraph to reflect district practice.

The district's financial obligation for OPEBs shall be reevaluated every two years in accordance with GASB 75.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)

Workers' Compensation Claims Report

Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that are self-insured for workers' compensation claims, either individually or as part of a joint powers agency. See BP 3100 - Budget for provisions related to funding the estimated accrued cost of workers' compensation claims.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide the Board, at a public meeting, information and related actuarial reports showing the estimated accrued but unfunded cost of workers' compensation claims. The estimate of costs shall be based on an actuarial report completed at least every three years by a qualified actuary. (Education Code 42141)

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Instruction

BP 6145.2(a)

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35179, the Governing Board has control of and responsibility for all aspects of district interscholastic athletic policies, programs, and activities.

Pursuant to Education Code 51242, the Board may exempt any high school student engaged in a school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program after regular school hours from the requirement to attend physical education courses; see BP 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity.

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The district's athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)
(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35179, the Board is responsible for ensuring that district and interscholastic athletic policies, programs, and activities are in compliance with ~~federal and state~~ law. Gender equity and nondiscrimination in district and interscholastic athletic programs and activities are governed by both federal ~~law and state laws~~ (Title IX, 20 USC 1681-1688) and ~~state law~~ (Education Code 200-262.4; 5 CCR 4900-4965).

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In Mansourian v. Regents of University of California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a university receiving federal funds can be held liable for failing to effectively accommodate the athletic interests of both men and women even if the aggrieved women did not first provide the appropriate university officials with notice of their disadvantageous treatment and an opportunity to cure it. See the accompanying administrative regulation for factors the district must consider in determining whether equivalent opportunities are being provided.

Education Code 221.2-221.3 (the California Racial Mascot Act) declare the use of racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames in public schools to be contrary to an equal education and specifically prohibit public schools from using the term "Redskins" as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The following paragraph includes an expansion of this prohibition to cover any racially derogatory or discriminatory athletic team name, mascot, or nickname and may be revised to reflect district practice. Also see BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Any complaint regarding **alleging discrimination in** the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

California Interscholastic Federation

Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that maintain grades 9-12. Pursuant to Education Code 35179, the district may join an association, such as the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), for the purpose of providing regional or statewide interscholastic athletic programs and activities for district students. Pursuant to Education Code 33353, CIF is responsible for setting rules governing interscholastic athletic programs. Students who attend schools that participate in interscholastic sports are therefore subject to CIF regulations as well as applicable district rules.

Any district school that participates in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall conduct its athletic activities in accordance with CIF bylaws and rules and any applicable district policy and regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall have responsibility for the district's interscholastic athletic program, while the principal or designee at each participating school shall be responsible for site-level decisions, as appropriate.

ATHLETIC COMPETITION (continued)

Note: Pursuant to CIF rules established in accordance with Education Code 33353, the Board is required to designate an individual from each school that participates in CIF sports to serve as a representative to the local CIF league. The name and contact information of these representatives must be annually reported to CIF. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Board shall annually designate a representative to the local CIF league from each school that participates in CIF sports. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a candidate for the position who demonstrates an understanding of the district's goals for student learning and interscholastic activities, knowledge of the athletic programs, awareness of the implications of league decisions for the school and the district, and interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

The designated representative(s) shall vote on issues that impact interscholastic athletics at the league and section levels, perform any other duties required by the CIF league, and report regularly to the Board on league, section, and statewide issues related to athletic programs.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Student Eligibility

Note: The following section provides that student eligibility for participation in athletic programs shall be based on the same criteria adopted by the Board for all other extracurricular or cocurricular activities (see BP/AR 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities), and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Education Code 48850 specifies that a homeless student, or a foster youth whose residence changes pursuant to a court order or decision of a child welfare worker, shall be deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports; see AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children and AR 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth.

In addition, Education Code 49700-49701 establish a uniform means of assisting children of active duty military families transferred from one state to another, by reducing or eliminating the barriers to their educational success caused by the frequent moves and deployments of their parents/guardians; see BP/AR 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families. Among other things, Education Code 49701 requires flexibility of districts' local rules to facilitate eligibility for extracurricular activities of children of military personnel.

Eligibility requirements for student participation in the district's interscholastic athletic program, including requirements pertaining to academic achievement, shall be the same as those set by the district for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

ATHLETIC COMPETITION (continued)

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that participate in CIF. CIF bylaws specify eligibility criteria for participating student athletes, including criteria related to age, grade, attendance, scholastic achievement, residence, transfers, and discipline. In addition, in accordance with CIF bylaws, students in home schooling or home study/independent study programs are not eligible for CIF interscholastic competition unless they are enrolled in a program under the jurisdiction of a CIF member school district (i.e., a program in which the district approves the curriculum, administers the program, and evaluates the student).

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in interscholastic athletics governed by CIF satisfy CIF eligibility requirements.

Note: Education Code 49010-49011 and the California Department of Education's (CDE) Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, clarify that districts may not charge a fee for student participation in extracurricular activities, regardless of whether the activity is elective. Such prohibited fees include, but are not limited to, the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, and equipment.

However, pursuant to Education Code 32220-32224, the district may charge a fee for required medical and accident insurance for athletic team members that is not paid for with school district or student body funds, as long as costs for insurance are covered for those determined to be financially unable to pay; see the accompanying administrative regulation and AR 5143 - Insurance. The district may also charge a fee for other students to attend athletic events as spectators since such attendance is not directly related to the educational program. Districts are advised to seek legal counsel before charging a fee for any activity which may be construed as related to the educational program.

Students shall not be charged a fee to participate in an athletic program, including, but not limited to, a fee to cover the cost of uniforms, locks, lockers, or athletic equipment.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Sportsmanship

Note: CIF has adopted a set of principles entitled Pursuing Victory with Honor to provide the tools for teaching character development to student athletes. Districts that are not affiliated with CIF may delete or modify the following optional section to reflect district practice.

The Board values the quality and integrity of the athletic program and the character development of student athletes. Student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship, and the Code of Ethics adopted by CIF.

Students and staff shall be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

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

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

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(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

Health and Safety

Note: See the accompanying administrative regulation for additional requirements pertaining to the health and safety of student athletes, including students who experience concussions or other head injuries, heat illness, or sudden cardiac arrest.

The Board desires to give student health and safety the highest consideration in planning and conducting athletic activities.

Note: CIF requires students in grades 9-12 to undergo medical examinations before participating in interscholastic competition; see BP 5141.3 - Health Examinations. Pursuant to Education Code 49458, any examination required for participation in an interscholastic athletic program may be conducted by a physician or physician assistant.

Students shall have a medical clearance before participating in interscholastic athletic programs. Care shall be taken to ensure that all athletic trainings and competitions are conducted in a manner that will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. When appropriate, protective equipment shall be used to prevent or minimize injuries.

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all athletic equipment is cleaned and inspected for safety before the beginning of each school year.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Note: Education Code 35179.4, as added by AB 2009 (Ch. 646, Statutes of 2018), requires any district that offers an interscholastic athletic program to develop a written emergency action plan, as provided below. A sample emergency action plan that may be used in the event of sudden cardiac arrest, catastrophic injury, or other medical emergency is available on CIF's web site.

ATHLETIC COMPETITION (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written emergency action plan that describes the location of automated external defibrillator(s) and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergency related to the athletic program's activities or events. The plan shall be posted in accordance with guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations. (Education Code 35179.4)

Note: Education Code 49475 requires that a student at any grade level who is suspected of sustaining a concussion be immediately removed from the athletic activity and not returned until a health care provider provides written clearance. Education Code 33479.5, as added by AB 1639 (Ch. 792, Statutes of 2016), and CIF bylaws require that a student athlete who passes out or faints, or is known to have passed out or fainted, while participating in or immediately following an athletic activity be removed from participation and not be allowed to return until he/she has been evaluated and given written clearance to return to participation by a health care provider. See the accompanying administrative regulation.

Education Code 33479.5 and 49475 specify that these requirements do not apply during an athletic activity occurring within the regular school day or in physical education class unless it constitutes a practice, interscholastic practice, or scrimmage. However, to promote student safety, it is recommended that district staff remove a student from an athletic activity at any time of day if he/she exhibits the symptoms of a concussion or sudden cardiac arrest.

In the event of ~~an a serious~~ injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health, ~~such as a concussion or passing out, fainting, or other sign of sudden cardiac arrest,~~ during or immediately after an athletic activity, the coach or any other district employee who is present shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

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

Whenever ~~an a serious~~ injury ~~or illness~~ is suffered by a student ~~athlete~~, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the date, time, and extent of any injury ~~or illness~~ suffered by the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

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 33353-33353.5 California Interscholastic Federation; implementation of policies, insurance program
 33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics
 33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act
 35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations
 35179 Interscholastic athletics
 35179.1 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program
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 35179.5 Interscholastic athletics; limitation on full-contact practices
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 49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances
 49458 Health examinations, interscholastic athletic program
 49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries
 49700-49701 Education of children of military families
 51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program

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- 1797.196 Automated external defibrillator

PENAL CODE

- 245.6 Hazing

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Instruction

AR 6145.2(a)

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

Note: The following section reflects pertinent provisions of ~~federal and state~~ **and federal** law regarding nondiscrimination (~~Title IX, 20 USC 1681-1688~~; Education Code 200-262.4; 5 CCR 4900-4965; **Title IX, 20 USC 1681-1688**). The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in the U.S. Department of Education oversees complaints regarding violations of Title IX.

No student shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be denied equivalent opportunity in, or otherwise be discriminated against in interscholastic, intramural, or club athletics on the basis of ~~actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, or any other basis specified in law—any actual or perceived characteristic specified in law and BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.~~ (Education Code 220, 221.5, 230; 5 CCR 4920; 34 CFR 106.41)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Note: 5 CCR 4921 and 34 CFR 106.41 authorize the establishment of separate teams for males and females where the selection of teams is based on competitive skills. 34 CFR 106.41 also authorizes single-sex teams for contact sports, as defined. Because state regulations do not address single-sex teams for contact sports, districts should consult legal counsel prior to establishing any such single-sex team for a contact sport for which selection is not based on competitive skills.

The Superintendent or designee may provide single-sex teams when selection for the teams is based on competitive skills. (5 CCR 4921; 34 CFR 106.41)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 221.5, a district is required to permit a transgender student to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, consistent with his/her gender identity, regardless of the gender listed in the student's records; see BP/AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. The California Interscholastic Federation's (CIF) bylaws and Guidelines for Gender Identity Participation contain procedures for addressing student complaints regarding gender identity-based participation in interscholastic sports. Also see CSBA's Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Discrimination.

Each student shall be allowed to participate in any single-sex athletic program or activity consistent with his/her gender identity and for which he/she is otherwise eligible to participate, irrespective of the gender listed on the student's records. (Education Code 221.5)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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When a school provides only one team in a particular sport for members of one sex, but provides no team in the same sport for members of the other sex, and athletic opportunities in the total program for that sex have been previously limited, members of the excluded sex shall be allowed to try out and compete with the team. The same standards for eligibility shall be applied to every student trying out for the team, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or other protected group status. (5 CCR 4921; 34 CFR 106.41)

Note: 5 CCR 4922 and 34 CFR 106.41, as reflected in items #1-11 below, list factors that districts must consider when determining whether equivalent opportunities are being provided. The CIF's A Guide to Equity in Athletics suggests actions that districts can take for each of the factors to help the district meet its equivalence goals. Any district with questions about equivalent athletic opportunities for its students should consult legal counsel.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent opportunities are available to both sexes in athletic programs by considering, among other factors: (5 CCR 4922; 34 CFR 106.41)

1. Whether the offered selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes

Note: Education Code 230 provides the following three-part test to determine if a district has effectively accommodated the interests and abilities of both sexes in athletics. This test is the same three-part test that is used by OCR for helping to determine equivalent opportunities under Title IX.

The athletic program may be found to effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes using any one of the following tests: (Education Code 230)

Note: CIF's A Guide to Equity in Athletics advises that, in order to meet the criterion specified in item #1a below, the ratio of male/female athletes should be within five percent of the ratio of male/female district enrollment.

- a. Whether the interscholastic-level participation opportunities for male and female students are provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments
- b. Where the members of one sex have been and are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes, whether the district can show a history and a continuing practice of program expansion that is demonstrably responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the members of that sex

Note: In evaluating whether there is an unmet interest in a particular sport and sufficient ability to sustain a team in the sport (item #1c below), OCR considers (1) whether an institution uses nondiscriminatory methods of assessment when determining the athletic interests and abilities of its students, (2) whether a

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viable team for the underrepresented sex was recently eliminated, (3) multiple indicators of interest, (4) multiple indicators of ability, and (5) frequency of conducting assessments. Thus, a student survey is one of multiple indicators that may be used. A letter issued by OCR in April 2010 provides information that the district might consider in developing its own survey. In addition, CIF's A Guide to Equity in Athletics provides sample surveys.

- c. Where the members of one sex are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes and the district cannot show a history and continuing practice of program expansion as required in item #1b above, whether the district can demonstrate that the interests and abilities of the members of that sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program
2. The provision and maintenance of equipment and supplies
3. Scheduling of games and practice times, selection of the season for a sport, and location of the games and practices
4. Travel and per diem allowances
5. Opportunities to receive coaching and academic tutoring
6. Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors
7. Provision of locker rooms, practice facilities, and competitive facilities
8. Provision of medical and training facilities and services
9. Provision of housing and dining facilities and services
10. Publicity

Note: 5 CCR 4922 clarifies that unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams shall not by itself constitute a failure to provide equivalent opportunities. However, the provision of necessary funding for teams of both sexes is a factor in the determination, as specified below.

11. Provision of necessary funds

Each school that offers competitive athletics shall, at the end of the school year, post on its school web site, or on the district web site if the school does not have a web site, the following information: (Education Code 221.9)

1. The total enrollment of the school, classified by gender

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2. The number of students enrolled at the school who participate in competitive athletics, classified by gender
3. The number of boys' and girls' teams, classified by sport and by competition level

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

The data reported for items #1-3 above shall reflect the total number of players on a team roster on the official first day of competition. The materials used to compile this information shall be retained by the school for at least three years after the information is posted on the web site. (Education Code 221.9)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Concussions and Head Injuries

Note: Education Code 49475 requires districts to distribute information on concussions and head injuries to student athletes and their parents/guardians. The district may use fact sheets developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), available on CIF's web site, or other resources to develop the information sheet.

The requirements of Education Code 49475 apply to any district that offers an athletic program at any grade level and for any sport. These requirements do not apply to students engaging in an athletic activity during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute to student athletes and their parents/guardians an information sheet on concussions and head injuries. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet before the student's initiating practice or competition. (Education Code 49475)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: Education Code 49032 requires that each high school coach complete an education program that includes, but is not limited to, a basic understanding of the signs and symptoms of concussions and appropriate response to them. CIF makes free online courses available through its web site. Also see AR 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding concussion symptoms, prevention, and appropriate response. (Education Code 35179.1, 49032)

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

Note: Education Code 49475 requires that a student at any grade level engaged in an athletic program apart from the regular school day or physical education course who is suspected of sustaining a concussion be

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immediately removed from the athletic activity and not be allowed to return until a health care provider provides written clearance. CDC's web site includes an Acute Concussion Evaluation form which may be used to provide injured students and their parents/guardians with information about monitoring symptoms and the health care provider's recommendations regarding returning to daily activities, school, and sports. See also CIF's web site for additional information regarding concussions.

If a student athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity, he/she shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day. The student shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he/she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the management of concussions and receives the health care provider's written clearance to return to the activity. If the health care provider determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. (Education Code 49475)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that offer a football program and may be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

A middle school or high school football team shall not hold a full-contact practice during the off-season and shall not conduct more than two full-contact practices per week during the preseason and regular season (from 30 days before the commencement of the regular season until the completion of the final interscholastic football game of that season). In addition, the full-contact portion of a practice shall not exceed 90 minutes in any single day. For these purposes, *full-contact practice* means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game. (Education Code 35179.5)

Heat Illness

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35179.1, as amended by AB 2800 (Ch. 21, Statutes of 2018), effective January 1, 2019, the district or CIF-developed coaching education program required by Education Code 49032 must include training on the signs and symptoms of, and the appropriate response to, heat illness. The National Federation of State High Schools offers a free online course, available on CIF's web site, that fulfills these requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding the signs and symptoms of, and the appropriate response to, heat illness, including heat cramps, heat syncope, heat exhaustion, and exertional heat stroke. (Education Code 35179.1, 49032)

Note: The following optional paragraph reflects recommendations in CSBA's and CIF's joint publication *Preventing Catastrophic Heat Illness*, and may be expanded to include additional district strategies.

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To assist in the prevention of heat illness, coaches and/or athletic trainers shall gradually increase the intensity and duration of exercise to acclimate student athletes to practice in the heat, provide adequate rest breaks, make water available during all athletic activities, and alter practice plans in extreme environmental conditions.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Note: Education Code 33479.3, as added by AB 1639 (Ch. 792, Statutes of 2016), requires that student athletes and their parents/guardians receive information on the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest, as provided below. This information is available from CIF or, if the athletic activity is not governed by CIF, on the California Department of Education's (CDE) web site. In addition, Education Code 33479.2, as added by AB 1639, encourages districts to post on their web sites the information provided on CDE's web site pertaining to sudden cardiac arrest.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) information sheet on sudden cardiac arrest to all student athletes who will be participating in a CIF-governed athletic activity and to their parents/guardians. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet prior to the student's participation in the athletic activity. If an athletic activity is not covered by the CIF, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall, prior to participating the student's participation in the athletic activity, sign and return an acknowledgement that they have received and reviewed the sudden cardiac arrest information posted on the California Department of Education's web site. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.3)

Note: Beginning July 1, 2017, Education Code 33479.6, as added by AB 1639 (Ch. 792, Statutes of 2016), requires the coach of an athletic activity to complete, every two years, a training course related to the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. See AR 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches. CIF makes free online courses available through its web site.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. (Education Code 33479.6, 33479.7, 35179.1, 49032)

Note: Education Code 33479.5, as added by AB 1639 (Ch. 792, Statutes of 2016), and CIF bylaws provide for a student's removal from participation in an athletic activity if he/she passes out or faints. As defined by Education Code 33479.1, as added by AB 1639, an "athletic activity" includes (1) interscholastic athletics; (2) an athletic contest or competition sponsored by a school, including cheerleading and club-sponsored sports activities; (3) noncompetitive cheerleading sponsored by a school; and (4) practices, interscholastic practices, and scrimmages for all these activities. Pursuant to Education Code 33479.5, this requirement does not apply when a student engages in an athletic activity during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course, unless the activity constitutes a practice, interscholastic practice, or scrimmage. Furthermore, Education Code 33479.5 authorizes, but does not require, the removal of a student from an athletic activity if he/she exhibits symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest other than passing out or fainting, as provided below. However, to promote student safety, the district may choose to require its staff to remove a student from an athletic activity if he/she exhibits any symptom of sudden cardiac arrest at any time.

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If a student athlete passes out or faints, or is known to have passed out or fainted, while participating in or immediately following his/her participation in an athletic activity, the student shall be removed from participation at that time. If a student exhibits any other symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, including seizures during exercise, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pains, dizziness, racing heart rate, or extreme fatigue, he/she may be removed from participation by a coach or other employee who observes these symptoms. If any such symptoms are observed, notification shall be given to the student's parent/guardian so that the parent/guardian can determine the treatment, if any, the student should seek. A student who has been removed from participation shall not be permitted to return until he/she is evaluated and given written clearance to return to participation by a health care provider. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.5)

Automated External Defibrillators

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35179.6, as added by AB 2009 (Ch. 646, Statutes of 2018), effective July 1, 2019, a district that offers an interscholastic athletic program is required to make an automated external defibrillator (AED) available to coaches, athletic trainers, and/or other authorized persons at athletic activities or events. Education Code 35179.6 encourages districts to make AEDs available for emergency care or treatment within three to five minutes of sudden cardiac arrest to any person in attendance at an on-campus athletic activity or event.

Education Code 35179.6 clarifies that the district or district employee will not be liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission in the rendering of emergency care or treatment provided that the employee complies with the requirements of Health and Safety Code 1797.196 and does not act with gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct by using, attempting to use, or maliciously failing to use an AED to render emergency care or treatment.

The Superintendent or designee shall acquire at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) for each district school and shall make the AED(s) available to coaches, athletic trainers, and/or other authorized persons at athletic activities or events for the purpose of providing emergency care or treatment to students, spectators, and other individuals in attendance at athletic activities and events. (Education Code 35179.6)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

The district shall comply with all requirements of Health and Safety Code 1797.196 pertaining to any AED acquired by the district, including, but not limited to, regular maintenance and testing of the AED and the provision and posting of information regarding the proper use of the AED. (Education Code 35179.6; Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

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Note: The following optional section lists notices that the district may send to parents/guardians of students participating in interscholastic athletics. This section should be revised to reflect district practice.

Before a student participates in interscholastic athletic activities, the Superintendent or designee shall, in addition to providing his/her parents/guardians with information on the signs and symptoms of concussions and sudden cardiac arrest as described above, send a notice to the student's parents/guardians which:

Note: Education Code 33353 requires CIF to provide information to students and parents/guardians about procedures for discrimination complaints arising from interscholastic athletic activities. Education Code 33354 allows a complainant to file a discrimination complaint directly with the CDE.

1. Contains information about the procedures for filing a discrimination complaint that arises out of an interscholastic athletic activity, including the name of the district's Title IX Coordinator

(*cf.* 1312.3 - *Uniform Complaint Procedures*)

Note: Education Code 221.61, ~~as added by SB 1375 (Ch. 655, Statutes of 2016)~~, requires districts to post specified information on their web sites related to Title IX. A district that does not maintain a web site may comply by posting the information on the web site of its county office of education. A comprehensive list of rights based on the provisions of the federal regulations implementing Title IX can be found in Education Code 221.8. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. Optional item #2 below provides that this information will also be provided in writing to the parents/guardians of student athletes.

2. Includes a copy of students' Title IX rights pursuant to Education Code 221.8

Note: In Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, the California Supreme Court analyzed the liability of a coach for an injury to a member of a high school diving team. The court acknowledged that some risk of injury is inherent in sports and part of a coach's job is to "push" a student athlete to advance his/her skill level and to undertake more difficult tasks. According to the court, a coach could be found liable only when he/she intentionally injures the student or engages in conduct that is so reckless that it is outside of the ordinary activity involved in teaching or coaching the sport.

The district may or may not wish to seek a waiver of liability for accidents or injuries resulting from participation in athletic activities. Whether a liability waiver is legally effective is likely to be determined on a case-by-case basis, and it is questionable whether a student's right to participate in extracurricular activities could be made contingent upon the submission of a waiver. Legal counsel should be consulted when addressing the complex issues related to liability waivers.

3. Explains that there is an element of risk associated with all athletic competitions and that the district cannot guarantee that students will not be injured, despite a commitment to every participant's health and welfare

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(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

Note: Education Code 32221.5 requires the district to provide information about insurance protection to each student participating on a school athletic team. For specific language that must be contained in this statement, see AR 5143 - Insurance.

4. Provides information about insurance protection pursuant to Education Code 32221.5

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

5. Requests parental permission for the student to participate in the program and, if appropriate, be transported by the district to and from competitions

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900, a student may be subject to suspension or expulsion if he/she engages, or attempts to engage, in hazing.

6. States the district's expectation that students adhere strictly to all safety rules, regulations, and instructions, as well as rules and guidelines related to conduct and sportsmanship

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

7. Includes a copy of the local **California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)** league rules

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49033 and CIF bylaws, any student participating in athletics and his/her parent/guardian must sign a statement that the student will not use androgenic/anabolic steroids, unless he/she has a written prescription from a licensed health care practitioner, or dietary supplements banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency as well as the substance synephrine. See BP/AR ~~5~~ 5131.63 - Steroids.

8. Includes information about the CIF bylaw and district policy requiring any student athlete and his/her parent/guardian to sign a statement that the student will not use steroids, unless prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner, or prohibited dietary supplements that include substances banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

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