Knights Ferry Elementary School District

12726 Dent Street; P.O. Box 840; Knights Ferry, CA 95361 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Thursday, January 12, 2017 School Multipurpose Room

Persons wishing to address the Board on any school related issues, are invited to do so, either when the item is presented on the agenda, or under the "Public Comment" section. In the interest of time and order, presentations from the public are limited to three (3) minutes per person, and the total time shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes. An individual speaker's allotted time may not be increased by a donation of time from members of the public in attendance. If you wish to speak under Public Comment, please complete a public comment card and turn it in to the Superintendent's Assistant. The Board requests that complaints or charges against an employee be held in Closed Session. Please note that Government Code Section 54954.2(a) limits the ability of Board Members to respond to public comments. More specifically, Board Members are limited, but not required, to give a brief response to public statement or questions regarding non-agenda items. Individuals who require disability- related accommodations or modifications to participate in the Board meeting should contact the Superintendent in writing.

1.0 PUBLIC MEETING - Preliminary Proceedings 5:30PM

1.1 Call to Order with the Flag Salute

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Opportunity for the Board and Administration to adjust the published agenda.

3.0 HEARING SECTION

3.1 Public Comments Opportunity for the Public to Address Items Not on the Agenda Persons wishing to address the Board on any school related issue not listed elsewhere on the agenda are invited to do so now under the "Public Comment" item. Please note that Government Code Section 54954.2(a) limits the ability of the Board Members to respond to public comments. More specifically, Board Members are limited, but not required, to give a brief response to public statements or questions regarding non-agenda items.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA - Consolidated Motion

The purpose of Consent Agenda (Consolidated Motion) is to expedite action on routine agenda items. These items will be acted upon with one motion, second and approval of the Board, unless a member of the Board or public wishes to pull the item for individual discussion and action. All matters listed under Consent agenda are those on which the board has previously deliberated or that can be classified as routine items of business. An administrative recommendation on each item is contained in the agenda supplements. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board trustees votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed or pulled from the Consent items.

4.1 Approval of Minutes

Explanatory Statement: (Policy and Judicial Review)

Attachment: Minutes of Regular and Special Board Meetings of December 8, 2016-Item

Recommended Action: Approve, as presented, the Minutes of December 8, 2016.

4.2 Ratification of Bills and Warrants

Explanatory Statement: (Finance/Facilities)

Attachment: Warrant Lists from December 08, 2016 to January 12, 2017 - Item #4.2 Recommended Action: Approve the ratification of warrants from December 08, 2016 to January 12, 2017.

4.3 Interdistrict Transfer Agreements

Explanatory Statement: (Student Attendance)

Recommended Action: Approve the Interdistrict Attendance Agreements.

4.4 Human Relations/Personnel

Explanatory Statement: Approve the employment contract with classified staff, Amiee Ryan, as the new four hour Paraprofessional.

Attachment: Item #4.4

Recommendation: Approve the employment contract for Amiee Ryan

Public Comment

4.5 Human Relations/Personnel

Explanatory Statement: Approve the corrections to the attached classified contracts regarding the number of work days.

Attachment: Item #4.5

Recommendation: Approve the correction for the classified contracts regarding the number of work days.

Public Comment

5.0 DISCUSSION ITEM

5.1 Lisa Fogarty Robotics Presentation

Explanatory Statement: Lisa Fogarty, the first and second grade teacher, will present to the Board along with her second graders, what they have learned about coding and the new Dash robots.

Attachment: None

Recommendation: Information Only

Public Comment.

5.2 Increase Special Education and Equipment Replacement Reserves

Explanatory Statement: Discussion on increasing the Special Education and the Equipment Replacement reserves.

Attachment: None

Recommendation: Information Only

Public Comment.

5.3 Technology Support Needs

Explanatory Statement: The Trustees will discuss technology support needs including but not limited to instructional/engineering/network support.

Attachment: None

Recommendation: Information Only

Public Comment

6.0 ACTION ITEM

6.1 Board Policy Update -Final Read of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations 1312.3, 3230, 3270, 3440, 3460, 3512, 5145.3, 5145.7, 0410, 4151, 4157, 6142.94, 6143, 6173, 9323.2.

Explanatory Statement: (Policy and Judicial Review)

In the process of maintaining and updating our Board Policies and Administrative Regulations to comply with current law and the California School Boards Association (CSBA) recommendations, a draft copy of the 2016 updates and proposed revisions has been made available to Board Members for review.

Recommendation: Approve listed Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

6.2 Audit Report

Explanatory Statement: The audit report is an annual report that is approved by the Board of Trustees at their January Meeting. The audit is prepared in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and based on laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters.

Attachment: Item #6.2

Public Comment.

Recommendation: Approve the Audit for the 2015/2016 school year

6.3 Bids for Network Infrastructure Upgrade

Explanatory Statement: Bids will be presented to the Trustees for the Network Infrastructure Upgrade.

Attachment: Item #6.3

Public Comment.

Recommendation: Select and approve a bid for the Network Infrastructure Upgrade.

6.4 Bid for Network Cabling

Explanatory Statement: The Trustees will be presented with a quote for the cost of cabling for the network update.

Attachment: Item #6.4

Recommendation: Approve network cabling quote.

Public Comment

6.5 Approve Bargaining Agreement with KFTA for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 School Year

Explanatory Statement: Both the District and KFTA have reached an agreement for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school year; implementation requires Board approval.

Recommended Action: Approve Bargaining Agreement with KFTA for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 School Year

6.6 Approve Revised Salary Schedules

Explanatory Statement: Salary schedules have been revised for FY 2016-2017 to reflect the 3% increase retroactive to January 1, 2017 through the end of FY 2016-2017, and an additional 3% increase for FY 2017-2018 effective the beginning of FY 2017-2018. Agreed upon through negotiations with KFTA and as applied to Classified and Classified/Confidential staff.

Recommended Action: Approve the Approve Revised Salary Schedules for FY 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

7.0 REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Members 7.1
- Parent-Teacher Club 7.2
- **Teachers** 7.3
- Paraprofessionals 7.4
- Custodian/Maintenance 7.5
- Administration 7.6
- Superintendent/Principal 7.7
- Board of Trustees 7.8
- Good 'n' Plenty 7.9
- Planning Ahead 7.10

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2017.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 In compliance with Brown Act regulations, this agenda was legally posted no later than: Friday, January 6, 2017 at 12726 Dent St., Knights Ferry, CA 95361.

Knights Ferry Elementary School District

12726 Dent Street; P.O. Box 840; Knights Ferry, CA 95361 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday December 8, 2016 MEETING BEFORE THE PUBLIC

Minutes

Call to Order

This meeting of the Knights Ferry Elementary School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:05 PM by Mrs. Diane

Noon.

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with Mrs. Andrea Wever-Gonzalez, Mrs. Lisa Frymire, Mr. John Sturgis, and Mrs. Diane Noon.

Mrs. Kym Cassaretto was absent.

Personnel Present Guests Present

Dr. Janet Skulina and Mrs. Anita Ivaschenko

No Guests were Present

1.0 Open Session

Open session began at 5:05pm.

Public Comment: None

2.0 Closed Session

The Board of Trustees held a closed session from 5:05 to

5:30pm.

3.0 Public Meeting

The public meeting was called to order by Mrs. Noon at

5:30pm with the flag salute.

Report from Closed Session: Mrs. Noon reported that the Board has agreed to a 6% total raise for Classified, Certificated, and Classified/Confidential staff members over two years. The agreement covers a 3% raise for FY 2016/2017 and a 3% raise

for FY 2017/2018. The 2016/2017 salary increase will be

prorated to January 1, 2017. Also, the Board agreed to hiring a teacher for the 2017/2018 school year, and allowing new teachers to bring a maximum of 15 years into the District, and

removing the "Opt Out" of health insurance clause from the Certificated contract, as it no longer applies because all full

time staff must accept health insurance coverage.

4.0 Organizational Meeting

Public comment: None

4.1 Election of Board

Mrs. Frymire made a motion to reelect Mrs. Noon as Board

President and Mrs. Wever-Gonzalez seconded. President

Ayes-AWG, LF, JS, DN

No-0

Absent-KC

Public comment: None

4.2 Election of Board Clerk

Mrs. Frymire made a motion to reelect Mrs. Cassaretto as

Board Clerk.

Ayes - AWG, LF, JS, DN

No-0

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Absent-KC

Public comment: None

4.3 Approval of 2017

Board Calendar

Mrs. Wever Gonzalez made a motion to approve the 2017

the Appointment of Representative, Mrs. Frymire seconded.

Board Calendar, Mrs. Frymire seconded.

Ayes-LF, AWG, JS, DN

No-0

Absent-KC

Public comment: None Mrs. Wever Gonzalez made a motion to appoint Mr. Sturgis as

4.4 Appointment of

Representative to

Vote on the Members

of the County

Committee on School

District Organization

Ayes-LF,AWG,JS,DN No-0

Absent-KC

Public comment: None

4.5 Authorization of

Signatures

All trustees signed on the appropriate lines.

Public comment: None

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Wever Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Agenda,

Mr. Sturgis seconded. Ayes-LF, AWG, JS, DN

No-0

Absent-KC

Public comment: None

6.0 Hearing Section

Public comment: None

7.0 Consent Agenda

7.1 Approval of

Minutes

7.2 Ratification of

Bills and Warrants

7.3 Interdistrict

Transfer

Agreements 7.4 Board Policy and

Administrative Regulations Updates Mrs. Wever-Gonzalez motioned to approve the Consent

Agenda, Mrs. Frymire seconded.

Ayes-LF, AWG, JS, DN

No-0 Absent-KC

Public comment: None

8.0 Discussion Items

8.1 Developer Fee

Report

Dr. Skulina presented the Developer Fee Report to the Board. She explained that this year the District used some of the

money to renew the old tanbark and install new tanbark into

the lower playground.

8.2 Network Project Updates Dr. Skulina reported that as soon as we can learn how to write and publish a bid we can begin the process of updating our network. Ideally, we would like to get the bid sent to the Oakdale leader by next Friday. Mrs. Noon asked if the Parent Club is interested in helping to fund the project, however, Dr. Skulina responded that the Parent Club is more interested in funding items for enrichment at this time.

Dr. Skulina explained that currently a router is down and there is no wireless access in one of our buildings, however, an offer was presented to let us borrow a router temporarily until we fix the problem.

fix the problem.

Dr. Skulina also reported that we had Boulet Consulting clean up our server to help make more space.

Public comment: None

9.0 Action Items 9.1 First Interim Budget Report Dr. Skulina presented the First Interim Budget Report to the Board. She explained that the District has a positive certification, and our enrollment is up which has helped provide more funding. Dr. Skulina noted that there is a mistake in the budget report, and that \$19,000 will not go towards Chromebooks, but is being held specifically for technology.

Mr. Sturgis motioned to approve the First Interim Budget and Mrs. Wever Gonzalez seconded.

Ayes-AWG, JS, LF, DN

No-0

Absent-KC

Public comment: None

9.2 Resolution #201620170005 Dr. Skulina explained that Resolution number 201620170005 will state whether we decide to use ERATE funds to fund the network infrastructure update, and how we want to proceed with the bidding. Dr. Skulina explained what ERATE is and how it works for the District, and that using ERATE could likely push the project out until July 2017.

Mrs. Frymire made a motion to bypass ERATE funding and Mrs. Wever Gonzalez seconded.

Ayes-AWG, JS,LF,DN

No-0

Absent-KC

10.0 Reports and Announcements

10.1 Community

None present.

10.2 Parent-Teacher

None Present

Club

None Present

10.3 Teachers

8.4 Paraprofessionals

None Present

8.5 Custodian/

Not Present

Maintenance 8.6 Administration

Nothing to Report

8.7 Superintendent/

Principal

Dr. Skulina enjoyed the CSBA Conference, and is excited about

the staff Christmas party tomorrow.

8.8 Board of Trustees

Nothing to Report

8.9 Good 'n' Plenty

Spectacular Christmas show coming up. There will be a dress rehearsal at 1:15pm to hopefully reduce crowding at the

8.9 Planning Ahead

evening show. The next Board meeting will be on January 12, 2017 at 5:00pm.

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Wever-Gonzalez motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr.

Sturgis seconded.

Ayes - AWG, LF, JS, DN

No-0

Absent - KC

Adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully,

Anita Ivaschenko

Administrative Assistant

Knights Ferry Elementary School District

12726 Dent Street; P.O. Box 840; Knights Ferry, CA 95361 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday December 8, 2016 MEETING BEFORE THE PUBLIC

Minutes

Call to Order

This special meeting of the Knights Ferry Elementary School

District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:45 PM by

Mrs. Diane Noon.

Establishment of

Quorum

A quorum was established with Mrs. Andrea Wever-Gonzalez,

Mrs. Lisa Frymire, Mr. John Sturgis, and Mrs. Diane Noon.

Mrs. Kym Cassaretto was absent.

Personnel Present

Guests Present

Dr. Janet Skulina and Mrs. Anita Ivaschenko

No Guests were Present

1.0 Public Meeting

The public meeting was called to order by Mrs. Noon at

6:45pm with the flag salute.

Public comment: None

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Wever Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Agenda,

Mr. Sturgis seconded. Ayes-LF, AWG, JS, DN

No-0

Absent-KC

Public comment: None

3.0 Hearing Section

Public comment: None

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Decision

Regarding

Procurement Options

for Network Infrastructure Upgrades

The Board consulted by phone with attorney, Mr. David

Soldani, who specializes in construction and network bidding. Mr. Soldani explained several different bidding process

options and then recommended that the Board go in the

direction of the, "Piggy Back" bidding process.

The Board decided to use the "Piggy Back" bidding process. Mrs. Wever-Gonzalez motioned the use the "Piggy Back"

bidding process and Mrs. Frymire seconded.

Ayes-LF, AWG, JS, DN

No-0

Absent-KC

Mrs. Wever-Gonzalez motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mrs.

9.0 Adjournment

Frymire seconded.

Ayes - AWG, LF, JS, DN

No – 0 Absent - KC Adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully,
Anita Ivaschenko
Administrative Assistant

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Notice of Offer of Employment by the Knights Ferry Elementary School District -- Classified Employee

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	Job Classification: Classified	
School Year:	Social Security #:	
Employee Name: <u>Amiee Ryan</u>	Telephone Number:	
Address:	Total # Paid Days: 106	
# Work Days: 97 # of Paid Holidays: 4	# Paid Vacation Days:	
Regular Duty Hours per day: _4_	Paid Sick Leave: Accumulated From Previous School Years Q Hours	
School Day Times: 9:00 AM to <u>1:00 PM</u>	Total Sick Leave Hours Available	
Summer/Non-School Day Times: N/A to N/A		
Date Work Year Starts: 1/02/17	Date Work Year Ends: <u>06/01/2017</u>	
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Superintedent's Signature

Classified staff members are subject to the evaluation process and other procedures set forth in Knights Ferry School District Board Policy.

Additional Employment conditions are specified in the policies of the Stanislaus County Department of Education and the California

Employee's Signature

Notice of Offer of Employment by the Knights Ferry Elementary School District -- Classified Employee

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	Job Classification: <u>Classified</u>	Date: <u>1/2/2017</u>
school Year:	Social Security #:	
Employee Name: <u>Jenna Dickens</u>	Telephone Number:	
Address:	# Paid Vacation Days: 10	Total # Paid Days: 200
# Work Days: <u>181</u> # of Paid Holidays: 3		
Regular Duty Hours per day: _6.25_	Paid Sick Leave: Accumulated From Previous School Years Credited for This School Year	<u>0</u> Hours
School Day Times: 8:00 AM to <u>2:45 PM</u>	Total Sick Leave Hours Available	
Summer/Non-School Day Times: N/A to N/A		
Date Work Year Starts: 8/12/16	Date Work Year Ends: <u>06/01/201/</u>	
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'Superintendent's Signature

Additional Employment conditions are specified in the policies of the Stanislaus County Department of Education and the California

Employee's Signature

Notice of Offer of Employment by the Knights Ferry Elementary School District -- Classified Employee

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2016-2017	Job Classification: <u>Classified</u>	Date:
	Social Security #: .	
Employee Name: Brittany Sterba	Telephone Number:	
Address:		700 -34 Paye: 200
# Work Days: 181 # of Paid Holidays: 9	# Paid Vacation Days: _10_	Total # Paid Days.
Regular Duty Hours per day: 5.5	Paid Sick Leave: Accumulated From Previous School Years	<u>0</u> Hours <u>55</u> Hours
School Day Times: 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Credited for Tills Scriots for Total Sick Leave Hours Available	55
Summer/Non-School Day Times: N/A to N/A		
Date Work Year Starts: 8/12/16	Date Work Year Ends: <u>06/01/2017</u>	
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Superintedent's Signature

Additional Employment conditions are specified in the policies of the Stanislaus County Department of Education and the California

Employee's Signature

Date: 1/2/2017 Notice of Offer of Employment by the Knights Ferry Elementary School District -- Classified Employee

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Superintedent's Signature

Employee's Signature

Community Relations

BP 1312.3(a)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The Governing Board recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Board encourages early resolution of complaints whenever possible. To resolve complaints which may require a more formal process, the Board adopts the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation.

The district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve the following complaints:

- 1. Any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, after school education and safety programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, special education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, and any other district-implemented program which is listed in Education Code 64000(a) (5 CCR 4610)
- 2. Any complaint alleging the occurrence of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) against any student, employee, or other person participating in district programs and activities, including, but not limited to, those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on the person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or based on his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610)
 - 3. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the requirement to provide reasonable accommodation to a lactating student on school campus to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other breastfeeding-related needs of the student (Education Code 222)
 - 4. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities (5 CCR 4610)
 - 5. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with legal requirements related to the implementation of the local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)

- 6. Any complaint, by or on behalf of any student who is a foster youth, alleging district noncompliance with any legal requirement applicable to the student regarding placement decisions, the responsibilities of the district's educational liaison to the student, the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district, school transfer, or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)
- 7. Any complaint, by or on behalf of a homeless student as defined in 42 USC 11434a, alleging district noncompliance with any requirement applicable to the student regarding the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)
- 8. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code 51228.1 and 51228.2 that prohibit the assignment of a student to a course without educational content for more than one week in any semester or to a course the student has previously satisfactorily completed, without meeting specified conditions (Education Code 51228.3)
- 9. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the physical education instructional minutes requirement for students in elementary school (Education Code 51210, 51223)
- 10. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy
- 11. Any other complaint as specified in a district policy

The Board recognizes that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) can, depending on the nature of the allegations, offer a process to reach a resolution to the complaint that is acceptable to all parties. ADR such as mediation may be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the use of ADR is consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

The district shall protect all complainants from retaliation. In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved shall be protected as required by law. As appropriate for any complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the Superintendent or designee shall keep confidential the identity of the complainant and/or the subject of the complaint if he/she is different from the complainant, as long as the integrity of the complaint process is maintained.

When an allegation that is not subject to the UCP is included in a UCP complaint, the district shall refer the non-UCP allegation to the appropriate staff or agency and shall investigate and, if appropriate, resolve the UCP-related allegation(s) through the district's UCP.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to district staff to ensure awareness and knowledge of current law and related requirements, including the steps and timelines specified in this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of all UCP complaints and the investigations of those complaints in accordance with applicable law and district policy.

Non-UCP Complaints

The following complaints shall not be subject to the district's UCP but shall be referred to the specified agency: (5 CCR 4611)

- 1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services, the County Protective Services Division, and the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- 2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to Department of Social Services and shall, for licensing-exempt facilities, be referred to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator.
- 3. Any complaint alleging employment discrimination shall be sent to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the compliance officer shall notify the complainant by first class mail of the transfer.
- 4. Any complaint alleging fraud shall be referred to the California Department of

In addition, the district's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or teacher vacancies and misassignments. (Education Code 35186)

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         35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures
         48853-48853.5 Foster youth
         48985 Notices in language other than English
          49010-49013 Student fees
          49060-49079 Student records
          49069.5 Rights of parents
          49490-49590 Child nutrition programs
          51210 Courses of study grades 1-6
          51223 Physical education, elementary schools
          51225.1-51225.2 Foster youth and homeless children; course credits; graduation requirements
           51228.1-51228.3 Course periods without educational content
           52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan, especially:
           52075 Complaint for lack of compliance with local control and accountability plan requirements
           52160-52178 Bilingual education programs
           52300-52490 Career technical education
           52500-52616.24 Adult schools
            52800-52870 School-based program coordination
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            54440-54445 Migrant education
            54460-54529 Compensatory education programs
            56000-56867 Special education programs
            59000-59300 Special schools and centers
            64000-64001 Consolidated application process
             GOVERNMENT CODE
             11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
             12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
             PENAL CODE
             422.55 Hate crime; definition
             422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege
              CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
              3080 Application of section
              4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
              4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
              UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
              1221 Application of laws
              1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
              1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000e-17 Title VI and Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

6101-6107 Age Discrimination Act of 1975

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

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

104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX

106.9 Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex

110.25 Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age

Management Resources:

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U.S. Department of Justice: http://www.justice.gov

Policy adopted: January 12, 2017

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

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

Compliance Officers

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

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

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

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

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

Notifications

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

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's UCP, including information regarding unlawful student fees, local control and accountability plan (LCAP) requirements, and requirements related to the educational rights of foster youth and homeless students, to students, employees, parents/guardians, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (Education Code 262.3, 48853, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2, 52075; 5 CCR 4622)

The annual notification and complete contact information of the compliance officer(s) may be posted on the district web site and, if available, provided through district-supported social media.

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

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

The notice shall:

- 1. Identify the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints
- 2. Advise the complainant of any civil law remedies that may be available to him/her under state or federal antidiscrimination laws, if applicable

3. Advise the complainant of the appeal process, including, if applicable, the complainant's right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in cases involving unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying).

4. Include statements that:

- a. The district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs.
- b. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.
- c. A complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) must be filed not later than six months from the date it occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension.
- d. Complaints should be filed in writing and signed by the complainant. If a complainant is unable to put his/her complaint in writing, for example, due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint.
- e. If a complaint is not filed in writing but the district receives notice of any allegation that is subject to the UCP, the district shall take affirmative steps to investigate and address the allegations, in a manner appropriate to the particular circumstances.
 - If the allegation involves retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) and the investigation reveals that discrimination has occurred, the district will take steps to prevent recurrence of discrimination and correct its discriminatory effects on the complainant, and on others, if appropriate.
- f. A student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for his/her participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

- g. The Board is required to adopt and annually update the LCAP in a manner that includes meaningful engagement of parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders in the development and/or review of the LCAP.
- h. A foster youth shall receive information about educational rights related to his/her educational placement, enrollment in and checkout from school, as well as the responsibilities of the district liaison for foster youth to ensure and facilitate these requirements and to assist the student in ensuring proper transfer of his/her credits, records, and grades when he/she transfers between schools or between the district and another district.
- i. A foster youth or homeless student who transfers into a district high school or between district high schools shall be notified of the district's responsibility to:
 - (1) Accept any coursework or part of the coursework that the student has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, and to issue full or partial credit for the coursework completed
 - (2) Not require the student to retake any course or a portion of a course which he/she has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency
 - (3) If the student has completed his/her second year of high school before the transfer, provide the student information about district-adopted coursework and Board-imposed graduation requirements from which he/she may be exempted pursuant to Education Code 51225.1
 - j. The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision.
 - In any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the respondent also shall have the right to file an appeal with the CDE in the same manner as the complainant, if he/she is dissatisfied with the district's decision.
 - k. The appeal to the CDE must include a copy of the complaint filed with the district and a copy of the district's decision.
 - 1. Copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge.

District Responsibilities

All UCP-related complaints shall be investigated and resolved within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline. (5 CCR 4631)

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the district shall inform the respondent when the complainant agrees to an extension of the timeline for investigating and resolving the complaint.

The compliance officer shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including steps taken during the investigation and all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

All parties involved in the allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed and when a decision or ruling is made. However, the compliance officer shall keep all complaints or allegations of retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) confidential except when disclosure is necessary to carry out the investigation, take subsequent corrective action, conduct ongoing monitoring, or maintain the integrity of the process. (5 CCR 4630, 4964)

Filing of Complaints

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

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

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

- 1. A complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4630)
- 2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against requiring students to pay student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent

or designee. However, any such complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. (Education Code 49013, 52075; 5 CCR 4630)

- A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) may be filed only by a person who alleges that he/she 3. personally suffered the unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to it. The complaint shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)
 - When a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) is filed anonymously, the compliance officer 4. shall pursue an investigation or other response as appropriate, depending on the specificity and reliability of the information provided and the seriousness of the allegation.
 - When the complainant of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) or the alleged victim, when he/she is not the 5. complainant, requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform him/her that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the conduct or take other necessary action. When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district shall nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and resolve/respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

Mediation

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

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

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

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

Investigation of Complaint

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

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

In conducting the investigation, the compliance officer shall collect all available documents and review all available records, notes, or statements related to the complaint, including any additional evidence or information received from the parties during the course of the investigation. He/she shall individually interview all available witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint, and may visit any reasonably accessible location where the relevant actions are alleged to have taken place. At appropriate intervals, the compliance officer shall inform both parties of the status of the investigation.

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

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. Similarly, a respondent's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in a finding, based on evidence collected, that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

In accordance with law, the district shall provide the investigator with access to records and other information related to the allegation in the complaint and shall not in any way obstruct the investigation. Failure or refusal of the district to cooperate in the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

The compliance officer shall apply a "preponderance of the evidence" standard in determining the veracity of the factual allegations in a complaint. This standard is met if the allegation is more likely to be true than not.

Report of Findings

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant, and respondent if there is one, a written report, as described in the section "Final Written Decision" below, within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

The Board may consider the matter at its next regular Board meeting or at a special Board meeting convened in order to meet the 60-day time limit within which the complaint must be answered. The Board may decide not to hear the complaint, in which case the compliance officer's decision shall be final.

If the Board hears the complaint, the compliance officer shall send the Board's decision to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's initial receipt of the complaint or within the time period that has been specified in a written agreement with the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

In resolving any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the respondent also shall be sent the district's decision and, in the same manner as the complainant, may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the decision.

Final Written Decision

The district's decision on how it will resolve the complaint shall be in writing and shall be sent to the complainant and respondent. (5 CCR 4631)

In consultation with district legal counsel, information about the relevant part of a decision may be communicated to a victim who is not the complainant and to other parties who may be involved in implementing the decision or are affected by the complaint, as long as the privacy of the parties is protected. In a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as

discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), notice of the district's decision to the alleged victim shall include information about any sanction to be imposed upon the respondent that relates directly to the alleged victim.

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient student or parent/guardian and the student involved attends a school at which 15 percent or more of the students speak a single primary language other than English, then the decision shall also be translated into that language. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

For all complaints, the decision shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

- 1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered. In reaching a factual determination, the following factors may be taken into account:
 - a. Statements made by any witnesses
 - b. The relative credibility of the individuals involved
 - c. How the complaining individual reacted to the incident
 - d. Any documentary or other evidence relating to the alleged conduct
 - e. Past instances of similar conduct by any alleged offenders
 - f. Past false allegations made by the complainant
 - 2. The conclusion(s) of law
 - 3. Disposition of the complaint
 - 4. Rationale for such disposition

For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the disposition of the complaint shall include a determination for each allegation as to whether retaliation or unlawful discrimination has occurred.

The determination of whether a hostile environment exists may involve consideration of the following:

a. How the misconduct affected one or more students' education

- b. The type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct
- c. The relationship between the alleged victim(s) and offender(s)
- d. The number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed
- e. The size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred
- f. Other incidents at the school involving different individuals
- 5. Corrective action(s), including any actions that have been taken or will be taken to address the allegations in the complaint and including, with respect to a student fees complaint, a remedy that comports with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600

For complaints of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the decision may, as required by law, include:

- a. The corrective actions imposed on the respondent
- b. Individual remedies offered or provided to the complainant or another person who was the subject of the complaint, but this information should not be shared with the respondent.
- c. Systemic measures the school has taken to eliminate a hostile environment and prevent recurrence
- 6. Notice of the complainant's and respondent's right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE within 15 calendar days, and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal

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

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

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

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

Corrective Actions

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

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

- Counseling 1.
- Academic support 2.
- Health services 3.
- Assignment of an escort to allow the victim to move safely about campus 4.
- Information regarding available resources and how to report similar incidents or 5. retaliation
- Separation of the victim from any other individuals involved, provided the separation 6. does not penalize the victim
- Restorative justice 7.
- Follow-up inquiries to ensure that the conduct has stopped and there has been no 8. retaliation
- Determination of whether any past actions of the victim that resulted in discipline were related to the treatment the victim received and described in the complaint 9.

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

- Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
- Parent/guardian conference
- 3. Education regarding the impact of the conduct on others
- Positive behavior support
- Referral to a student success team
- Denial of participation in extracurricular or co-curricular activities or other privileges as permitted by law
- 7. Disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, as permitted by law

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

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

If a complaint alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges, physical education instructional minutes for students in elementary schools, or any requirement related to the LCAP is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education. (Education Code 49013, 51223, 52075)

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

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision may file an appeal in writing with the CDE within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision. (Education Code 222, 48853, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 51223, 51225.1, 51225.2, 51228.3, 52075; 5 CCR 4632)

When a respondent in any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying) is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision, he/she, in the same manner as the complainant, may file an appeal with the CDE.

The complainant or respondent shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision. (5 CCR 4632)

Upon notification by the CDE that the complainant or respondent has appealed the district's decision, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to the CDE: (5 CCR 4633)

- 1. A copy of the original complaint
- 2. A copy of the written decision
- 3. A summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the district, if not covered by the decision
- 4. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
- 5. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
- 6. A copy of the district's uniform complaint procedures
- 7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

The Governing Board recognizes the district's responsibility to maintain fiscal integrity and transparency in the use of all funds awarded through federal grants. The district shall comply with all requirements detailed in any grant agreement with an awarding agency and with the federal <u>Uniform Administrative Requirements</u>, <u>Cost Principles</u>, and <u>Audit Requirements for Federal Awards</u> specified in 7 CFR 200.0-200.521 and any stricter state laws and district policy.

Any goods or services purchased with federal funds shall be reasonable in cost and necessary for the proper and efficient performance or administration of the program.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's financial management systems and procedures provide for the following: (2 CFR 200.302)

- Identification in district accounts of each federal award received and expended and the federal program under which it was received
- 2. Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial and performance results of each federal award or program in accordance with the reporting requirements of 2 CFR 200.327 and 200.328
- 3. Records and supporting documentation that adequately identify the source and application of funds for federally funded activities, including information pertaining to federal awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income, and interest
- 4. Effective controls and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets and assurance that all assets are used solely for authorized purposes
- 5. Comparison of actual expenditures with budgeted amounts for each federal award
- 6. Written procedures to implement provisions governing payments as specified in 2 CFR 200.305
- 7. Written procedures for determining the allowability of costs in accordance with 2 CFR 200.400-200.475 and the terms and conditions of the federal grant award

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement appropriate internal control processes to reasonably assure that transactions are properly executed, recorded, and accounted for so that the district can prepare reliable financial statements and federal reports, maintain accountability over assets, and demonstrate compliance with federal laws, regulations, and conditions of the federal award. (2 CFR 200.61, 200.62, 200.303)

Equipment purchased with federal funds shall be properly inventoried and adequately maintained to safeguard against loss, damage, or theft of the property.

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS (continued)

All staff involved in the administration or implementation of programs and activities supported by federal funds shall receive information and training on the allowable use of federal funds, purchasing procedures, and reporting processes commensurate with their duties.

The district shall submit performance reports to the awarding agency in accordance with the schedule and indicators required for that federal grant by law and the awarding agency. As required, such reports may include a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives of the federal award, the relationship between financial data and performance accomplishments, the reasons that established goals were not met if applicable, cost information to demonstrate cost effective practices, analysis and explanation of any cost overruns or high unit costs, and other relevant information. The final performance report shall be submitted within 90 days after the ending date of the grant. (2 CFR 200.301, 200.328)

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        200.1-200.99 Definitions
        200.100-200.113 General provisions
        200.317-200.326 Procurement standards
        200,327-200.329 Monitoring and reporting
        200.333-200.337 Record retention
        200.400-200.475 Cost principles
        200.500-200.521 Audit requirements
        CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
        76.730-76.731 Records related to federal grant programs
        CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 48
        2.101 Federal acquisition regulation; definitions
 Management Resources:
         <u>CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS</u>
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         California School Accounting Manual
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WEB SITES

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

Education Audit Appeals Panel: http://www.eaap.ca.gov

Office of Management and Budget, Uniform Guidance: https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_docs

State Controller's Office: http://www.sco.ca.gov

System for Award Management (SAM): www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/##11

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

U.S. Government Accountability Office: http://www.gao.gov

Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting

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FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

Allowable Costs

Prior to obligating or spending any federal grant funds, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether a proposed purchase is an allowable expenditure of federal funds in accordance with 2 CFR 200.400-200.475 and the terms and conditions of the federal grant award. He/she shall also determine whether the expense is a direct or indirect cost as defined in 2 CFR 200.413 and 200.414 and, if the purchase will benefit other programs not included in the grant award, the appropriate share to be allocated to the federal grant.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and approve all transactions involving federal grant funds and shall ensure the proper coding of expenditures consistent with the <u>California School Accounting Manual</u>.

Period of Performance

All obligations of federal funds shall occur on or between the beginning and ending dates of the grant project and shall be paid no later than 90 days after the end of the funding period, unless specifically authorized by the grant award to be carried over beyond the initial term of the grant. (2 CFR 200.77, 200.308, 200.309, 200.343)

Procurement

On or before July 1, 2017, or such later date as may be approved in the Uniform Guidance, the Superintendent or designee shall comply with the standards specified in 2 CFR 200.317-200.326 and Appendix II of Part 200 when procuring goods and services needed to carry out a federal grant as well as any more restrictive state laws and district policies concerning the procurement of goods and services.

As appropriate to encourage greater economy and efficiency, the Superintendent or designee shall avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items, give consideration to consolidating or breaking out procurements, analyze lease versus purchase alternatives, consider entering into an interagency agreement for procurement of common or shared goods and services, and/or use federal excess or surplus property. (2 CFR 200.318)

The procurement of goods or services with federal funds shall be conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition in accordance with state laws and district regulations and the following requirements:

- 1. Any purchase of supplies or services that does not exceed the "micro-purchase" threshold specified in 48 CFR 2.101 may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotes, provided that the district considers the price to be reasonable and maintains written evidence.
- 2. For any purchase that exceeds the micro-purchase threshold but is less than the bid limit required by Public Contract Code 20111, the Superintendent or designee shall utilize "small-purchase" procedures that include obtaining price or rate quotes from

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS (continued)

an adequate number of qualified sources. (2 CFR 200.320)

- 3. Contracts for goods or services over the bid limits required by Public Contract Code 20111 shall be awarded pursuant to California law and AR 3311 Bids, unless exempt from bidding under the law.
- 4. If a purchase is exempt from bidding and the district's solicitation is by a request for proposals, the award may be made by either a fixed-price or cost-reimbursement type contract awarded to the entity whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered. (2 CFR 200.320)
- 5. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals (sole sourcing) may be used only when the item is available from a single source, the need or emergency will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation, the awarding agency expressly authorizes sole sourcing in response to the district's request, and/or competition is determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources. (2 CFR 200.320)
- 6. Time and materials type contracts may be used only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. *Time and materials type contract* means a contract whose cost is the sum of the actual cost of materials and direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general administrative expenses, and profit. (200.328)

For any purchase of \$25,000 or more, the Superintendent or designee shall verify that any vendor which is used to procure goods or services is not excluded or disqualified by the federal government. (2 CFR 180.220, 200.213)

All solicitations shall incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description shall not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description shall avoid detailed product specifications to the extent possible, but may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product, or service to be procured and, when necessary, shall set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. When it is impractical or not economical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a brand name or equivalent description may be used to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement, clearly stating the specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers. In addition, every solicitation shall identify all requirements which the offer must fulfill and any other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals. (2 CFR 200.319)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain sufficient records to document the procurement, including, but not limited to, the rationale for the method of procurement, selection of the contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price. (2 CFR 200.318)

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all contracts for purchases using federal grant funds contain the applicable contract provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200 -Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. (2 CFR 200.326)

Capital Expenditures

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain prior written approval from the awarding agency before using federal funds to make capital expenditures, including the acquisition of land, facilities, equipment, and intellectual property and expenditures to make additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations, or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life. (2 CFR 200.12, 200.13, 200.20, 200.33, 200.48, 200.58, 200.89, 200.313, 200.439)

Conflict of Interest

No Governing Board member, district employee, or district representative shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if he/she has a real or apparent conflict of interest, such as when he/she or a member of his/her immediate family, his/her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of them has a financial interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. Such persons are prohibited from soliciting or accepting gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or subcontractors unless the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. (2 CFR 200.318)

Employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts shall also comply with BB 9270 - Conflict of Interest.

Cash Management

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the district's compliance with 2 CFR 200.305 pertaining to payments and cash management, including compliance with applicable methods and procedures that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds to the district and the district's disbursement of funds. (2 CFR 200.305)

When authorized by law, the district may receive advance payments of federal grant funds, limited to the minimum amounts needed and timed in accordance with the actual immediate cash requirements of the district for carrying out the purpose of the program or project. Except under specified conditions, the district shall maintain the advance payments in an interest-bearing account. The district shall remit interest earned on the advanced payment to the awarding agency on an annual basis, but may retain interest amounts specified in 2 CFR 200.305 for administrative expenses. (2 CFR 200.305)

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS (continued)

When required by the awarding agency, the district shall instead submit a request for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred. The district may also request reimbursement as an alternative to receiving advance payments. (2 CFR 200.305)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain source documentation supporting the expenditure of federal funds, such as invoices, time sheets, payroll stubs, or other appropriate documentation.

Personnel

All district employees who are paid in full or in part with federal funds, including employees whose salary is paid with state or local funds but is used to meet a required match or in-kind contribution to a federal program, shall document the amount of time they spend on grant activities. (2 CFR 200.430)

Records

Except as otherwise provided in 2 CFR 200.333, or where state law or district policy requires a longer retention period, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other district records related to a federal award shall be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for a federal award that is renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report. (2 CFR 200.333)

Audits

Whenever the district expends \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds during a fiscal year, it shall arrange for either a single audit or a program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200.507 or 200.514. (2 CFR 200.501)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the audit meets the requirements specified in 2 CFR 200.500-200.521.

Specified records pertaining to the audit of federal funds expended by the district shall be transmitted to the clearinghouse designated by the federal Office of Management and Budget and shall be made available for public inspection. Such records shall be transmitted within 30 days after receipt of the auditor's report or within nine months after the end of the audit period, whichever is sooner, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the federal agency or a different period is specified in a program-specific audit guide. (2 CFR 200.512)

In the event that the audit identifies any deficiency, the Superintendent or designee shall promptly act to either correct the identified deficiency, produce recommended improvements, or demonstrate that the audit finding is invalid or does not warrant action. (2 CFR 200.26, 200.508, 200.511)

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SALE AND DISPOSAL OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

The Governing Board recognizes its fiscal responsibility to maximize the use of district equipment, supplies, instructional materials, and other personal property while providing upto-date resources that facilitate student learning and effective district operations. When the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, declares any district-owned personal property unusable, obsolete, or no longer needed, the Board shall determine the estimated value of the property and shall decide whether the property will be donated, sold, or otherwise disposed of as prescribed by law and administrative regulation.

The Board shall approve the price and terms of any sale or lease of personal property of the district.

If the Board members who are in attendance at a meeting unanimously agree that the property, whether one or more items, does not exceed \$2,500 in value, the property may be sold without advertising for bids. (Education Code 17546)

If the Board members who are in attendance at a meeting unanimously find that the value of the property is insufficient to defray the costs of arranging a sale, the property may be donated to a charitable organization deemed appropriate by the Board or may be disposed of in the local public dump. (Education Code 17546)

Instructional materials shall be considered obsolete or unusable by the district if they have been replaced by more recent editions or new materials selected by the Board, are not aligned with the district's academic standards or course of study, and have no foreseeable value in other instructional areas. Such materials may be sold or donated if they continue to serve educational purposes that would benefit others outside the district. Instructional materials are not appropriate for sale or donation if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Contain information rendered inaccurate or incomplete by new research or technologies
- Contain demeaning, stereotyping, or patronizing references to any group of persons protected against discrimination by law or Board policy
- Are damaged beyond use or repair

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to be used whenever the district sells equipment or supplies originally acquired under a federal grant or subgrant. Such procedures shall be designed to ensure the highest possible return. (2 CFR 200.313)

SALE AND DISPOSAL OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17540-17542 Sale or lease of personal property by one district to another

17545-17555 Sale of personal property

35168 Inventory, including record of time and mode of disposal

60510-60530 Sale, donation, or disposal of instructional materials

GOVERNMENT CODE

25505 District property; disposition; proceeds

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3944 Consolidated categorical programs, district title to equipment

3946 Disposal of equipment purchased with state and federal consolidated application funds

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 40

549 Surplus property

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

200.0-200.521 Federal uniform grant guidance

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Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2013

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SALE AND DISPOSAL OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Instructional Materials

Surplus or undistributed obsolete instructional materials that are usable for educational purposes may be sold by the district. Alternatively, such materials may be donated to: (Education Code 60510)

- 1. Another district, county free library, or other state institution
- 2. A United States public agency or institution
- 3. A nonprofit charitable organization
- 4. Children or adults in California or foreign countries for the purpose of increasing the general literacy of the people

Any organization, agency, or institution receiving obsolete instructional materials donated by the district shall certify to the Governing Board that it agrees to make no charge to any persons to whom it gives or lends these materials. (Education Code 60511)

At least 60 days before selling or donating surplus or undistributed obsolete instructional materials, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the public of the district's intention to do so through a public service announcement on a local television station, in a local newspaper, or by other means that will most effectively reach the entities described above. Representatives of those entities and members of the public also shall be notified of the opportunity to address the Board regarding the distribution of these materials.

Surplus or undistributed obsolete instructional materials which are unusable or which cannot be distributed as specified above may be disposed of by either of the following: (Education Code 60530)

- 1. Mutilated as not to be salable as instructional materials and sold for scrap or for use in the manufacture of paper pulp or other substances at the highest obtainable price
- 2. Destroyed by any economical means, provided that the materials are not destroyed until at least 30 days after the district has given notice to all persons who have filed a request for such notice

Equipment/Supplies Acquired with Federal Funds

When the district has a need to replace equipment originally purchased with funds from a federal grant or subgrant, it may, subject to the approval of the agency that awarded the grant, trade in the original equipment or sell the property and use the proceeds to offset the cost of the replacement property. (2 CFR 200.313)

SALE AND DISPOSAL OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (continued)

When any original or replacement equipment or supplies acquired under a federal grant or subgrant are no longer needed for the original project or program or for other federally supported activities, the district may retain or sell such items or, if the item has a current fair market value of less than \$5,000, may otherwise dispose of the item in a manner approved by the Board. Whenever the district sells equipment or supplies that have a current fair market value of \$5,000 or more, it shall provide an amount to the federal agency equal to the agency's share of the current market value of the equipment or the proceeds from the sale of the equipment or supplies. (2 CFR 200.313, 200.314)

In the event that the district is provided equipment that is federally owned, the district shall request disposition instructions from the federal agency when it no longer needs the equipment. (2 CFR 200.313)

Other Personal Property

The district may sell other surplus or obsolete district-owned personal property through any of the following methods:

- The Superintendent or designee may advertise for bids by posting a notice in at least three public places in the district for at least two weeks, or by publishing a notice at 1. least once a week for at least two weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the district and, if possible, publishing within the district. The district shall sell the property to the highest responsible bidder or shall reject all bids. (Education Code 17545, 17548)
 - Property for which no qualified bid has been received may be sold, without further advertising, by the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 17546)
 - The property may be sold by means of a public auction conducted by district employees, employees of other public agencies, or by contract with a private auction 2. firm. (Education Code 17545)
 - The district may sell the property without advertising for bids under any of the 3. following conditions:
 - The Board members in attendance at a meeting have unanimously determined that the property does not exceed \$2,500 in value. (Education Code 17546) a.
 - The district sells the property to agencies of the federal, state, or local government, to any other school district, or to any agency eligible under the b. federal surplus property law and the sale price equals the cost of the property plus the estimated cost of purchasing, storing, and handling. (Education Code 17540; 40 USC 549)
 - The district sells or leases the property to agencies of the federal, state, or c.

SALE AND DISPOSAL OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (continued)

local government or to any other school district and the price and terms of the sale or lease are fixed by the Board and approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 17542)

Money received from the sale of surplus personal property shall be either deposited in the district reserve or general fund or credited to the fund from which the original purchase was made. (Education Code 17547)

INVENTORIES

In order to provide for the proper tracking and control of district property, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain an inventory of equipment in accordance with law for the following:

- All equipment items currently valued in excess of \$500 (Education Code 35168) 1.
- All equipment items purchased with state and/or federal categorical funds that have a useful life of more than one year with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more per unit 2.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may maintain a list of specific items which shall be inventoried for internal control purposes regardless of their initial cost or current value.

The inventory shall contain a record of the following information: (Education Code 35168; 5 CCR 3946)

- Name and description of the property 1.
- Identification number 2.
- Original cost of the item of equipment or a reasonable estimate if the original cost is 3. unknown
- Date of acquisition . 4.
- Location of use 5.
- The date and method of disposal 6.

In addition to the information specified in items #1-6 above, the following information shall be recorded for equipment acquired with state and/or federal categorical funds unless otherwise specified in law: (5 CCR 3946; 2 CFR 200.313)

- Source of the property (funding source) 1.
- Titleholder 2.
- Percentage of federal participation in the cost of the property 3.
- Use and condition of property 4.
- Sale price of the property upon disposition and method used to determine current fair 5.

At the time of purchase, the Superintendent or designee shall affix a label to the equipment containing the identification number and the district name. Equipment items purchased with categorical program funds shall also be labeled with the name of the project in accordance with 5 CCR 3946.

INVENTORIES (continued)

Whenever an equipment item is moved to a new location or the equipment is used for a new purpose, the new location or purpose shall be recorded in the inventory.

A copy of the inventory shall be kept at the district office and at the appropriate school site.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit an inventory listing of federally owned property in its custody to the federal agency that granted the award. (2 CFR 200.312)

Physical Inventory

At least once every two years, a physical inventory of equipment shall be conducted and the results reconciled with the property records. (2 CFR 200.313)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for conducting the physical inventory which shall include, but not be limited to, designation of person(s) responsible for coordinating and conducting the inventory, preparation and distribution of count sheets, procedures for implementing the inventory, and procedures for conducting a recount to substantiate the validity of the inventory.

The Superintendent or designee shall investigate any differences between the quantities determined by the physical inspection and those in the accounting records.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35168 Inventory of equipment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3946 Control, safeguards, disposal of equipment purchased with consolidated application funds

16022-16023 Classification of records

16035 Historical inventory of equipment

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLÉ 20

2301-2414 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

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School Services of California, Inc.: http://www.sscal.com

Office of Management and Budget: https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb

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FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Interim Reports

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)

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)

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)

Audit Report

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

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).

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)

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)

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)

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)

Fund Balance

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
- 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
- Unassigned fund balance, including amounts that are available for any purpose

Negative Balance Report

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

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

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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)

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)

Other Postemployment Benefits Report

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.

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)

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

Workers' Compensation Claims Report

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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EQUIPMENT

District equipment shall be used primarily for educational purposes and/or to conduct district business. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees, students, and other users understand the appropriate use of district equipment and that any misuse may be cause for disciplinary action or loss of user privilege.

School-connected organizations may be granted reasonable use of the equipment for schoolrelated matters as long as it does not interfere with the use by students or employees or otherwise disrupt district operations.

The Superintendent or designee shall approve the transfer of any district equipment from one work site to another and the removal of any district equipment for off-site use. When any equipment is taken off site, the borrower is responsible for its safe return and shall be fully liable for any loss or damage.

Employees transferred to another work site shall take with them only those personal items that have been purchased with their own funds unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent or designee or applicable Board policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an inventory of all equipment currently valued in excess of \$500. (Education Code 35168; 5 CCR 3946)

When equipment is unusable or is no longer needed, it may be sold, donated, or disposed of in accordance with Education Code 17540-17555 or 2 CFR 200.313, as applicable.

Equipment Acquired with Federal Funds

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain prior written approval from the California Department of Education or other awarding agency before purchasing equipment with federal funds. (2 CFR 200.48, 200.313, 200.439)

All equipment purchased for federal programs funded through the consolidated application pursuant to Education Code 64000-64001 shall be labeled with the name of the project, identification number, and name of the district. (2 CFR 200.313; 5 CCR 3946)

For any equipment acquired in whole or in part with federal funds, the Superintendent or designee shall develop adequate maintenance procedures to keep the property in good condition. He/she shall also develop adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property and shall investigate any loss, damage, or theft. (2 CFR 200.313)

Equipment purchased for use in a federal program shall be used in that program as long as needed, whether or not the program continues to be supported by federal funds. The equipment may be used in other activities currently or previously supported by a federal agency when such use does not interfere with the work on the project or program for which it was originally acquired or when use of the equipment is no longer needed for the original program. (2 CFR 200.313)

EQUIPMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17540-17542 Sale or lease of personal property by one district to another

17545-17555 Sale of personal property

17605 Delegation of authority to purchase supplies and equipment

35160 Authority of governing boards

35168 Inventory of equipment

64000-64001 Consolidated application process

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3946 Control, safeguards, disposal of equipment purchased with state and federal consolidated application funds

4424 Comparability of services

16023 Class 1 - Permanent records

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6321 Fiscal requirements

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BP 5145.3(a) Students

NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access and opportunities in the district's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any district educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any district education or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, identification, gender, gender identity, or gender expression or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

This policy shall apply to all acts related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, and to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school.

Unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may result from physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on any of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also includes the creation of a hostile environment through prohibited conduct that is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects a student's educational opportunities.

Unlawful discrimination also includes disparate treatment of students based on one of the categories above with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services.

The Board also prohibits any form of retaliation against any individual who reports or participates in the reporting of unlawful discrimination, files or participates in the filing of a complaint, or investigates or participates in the investigation of a complaint or report alleging unlawful discrimination. Retaliation complaints shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as a discrimination complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees. He/she shall provide training and information on the scope and use of the policy and complaint procedures and take other measures designed to increase the school community's understanding of the requirements of law related to discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the implementation of the district's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to the district's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to remove any identified barrier to student access to or participation in the district's educational program. He/she shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

Regardless of whether a complainant complies with the writing, timeline, and/or other formal filing requirements, all complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be investigated and prompt action taken to stop the discrimination, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students.

Students who engage in unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion when the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900.4. Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive prohibited behavior in district schools.

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NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district's efforts to comply with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The individual(s) shall also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination targeting a student, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or any other legally protected status or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at: (Education Code 234.1; 5 CCR 4621)

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Measures to Prevent Discrimination

To prevent unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying, of students at district schools or in school activities and to ensure equal access of all students to the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

- 1. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, including the coordinator/compliance officer's contact information, to students, parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, and the general public, posting them on the district's web site and other prominent locations and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available.
- 2. Provide to students a handbook that contains age-appropriate information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior. (Education Code 234.1)
- 3. Annually notify all students and parents/guardians of the district's nondiscrimination policy, including its responsibility to provide a safe, nondiscriminatory school environment for all students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming

students. The notice shall inform students and parents/guardians that they may request to meet with the compliance officer to determine how best to accommodate or resolve concerns that may arise from the district's implementation of its nondiscrimination policies. The notice shall also inform all students and parents/guardians that, to the extent possible, the district will address any individual student's interests and concerns in private.

- 4. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students and parents/guardians, including those with limited English proficiency, are notified of how to access the relevant information provided in the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, notices, and forms in a language they can understand.
 - If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning nondiscrimination shall be translated into that language in accordance with Education Code 234.1 and 48985. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.
 - 5. Provide to students, employees, volunteers, and parents/guardians age-appropriate training and information regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy; what constitutes prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying; how and to whom a report of an incident should be made; and how to guard against segregating or stereotyping students when providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to them. Such training and information shall include details of guidelines the district may use to provide a discrimination-free environment for all district students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming students.
 - 6. At the beginning of each school year, inform school employees that any employee who witnesses any act of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, against a student is required to intervene if it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)
 - 7. At the beginning of each school year, inform each principal or designee of the district's responsibility to provide appropriate assistance or resources to protect students' privacy rights and ensure their safety from threatened or potentially discriminatory behavior.

Enforcement of District Policy

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. As needed, these actions may include any of the following:

- 1. Removing vulgar or offending graffiti
- 2. Providing training to students, staff, and parents/guardians about how to recognize unlawful discrimination, how to report it or file a complaint, and how to respond
- 3. Disseminating and/or summarizing the district's policy and regulation regarding unlawful discrimination
- 4. Consistent with the laws regarding the confidentiality of student and personnel records, communicating the school's response to students, parents/guardians, and the community
- 5. Taking appropriate disciplinary action against students, employees, and anyone determined to have engaged in wrongdoing in violation of district policy, including any student who is found to have filed a complaint of discrimination that he/she knew was not true

Process for Initiating and Responding to Complaints

Any student who feels that he/she has been subjected to unlawful discrimination described above or in district policy is strongly encouraged to immediately contact the compliance officer, principal, or any other staff member. In addition, any student who observes any such incident is strongly encouraged to report the incident to the compliance officer or principal, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who observes an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, or to whom such an incident is reported shall report the incident to the compliance officer or principal within a school day, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who witnesses an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

When a verbal report of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, is made to or received by the principal or compliance officer, he/she shall make a note of the report and encourage the student or parent/guardian to file the complaint in writing, pursuant to the provisions in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Once notified verbally or in writing, the principal or compliance officer shall begin the investigation and shall implement immediate measures necessary to stop the discrimination and ensure that all students have access to the educational program and a safe school environment. Any interim measures adopted to address unlawful discrimination shall, to the extent possible, not disadvantage the complainant or a student who is the victim of the alleged unlawful discrimination.

Any report or complaint alleging unlawful discrimination by the principal, compliance officer, or any other person to whom a report would ordinarily be made or complaint filed shall instead be made to or filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students

Gender identity of a student means the student's gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior as determined from the student's internal sense of his/her gender, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the student's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

Gender expression means a student's gender-related appearance and behavior, whether stereotypically associated with the student's assigned sex at birth. (Education Code 210.7)

Gender transition refers to the process in which a student changes from living and identifying as the sex assigned to the student at birth to living and identifying as the sex that corresponds to the student's gender identity.

Gender-nonconforming student means a student whose gender expression differs from stereotypical expectations.

Transgender student means a student whose gender identity is different from the gender he/she was assigned at birth.

Regardless of whether they are sexual in nature, acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility that are based on sex, gender identity, or gender expression, or that have the purpose or effect of producing a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment are prohibited. Examples of types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute gender-based harassment include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Refusing to address a student by a name and the pronouns consistent with his/her gender identity
- 2. Disciplining or disparaging a student or excluding him/her from participating in activities for behavior or appearance that is consistent with his/her gender identity or that does not conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity, as applicable
- 3. Blocking a student's entry to the bathroom that corresponds to his/her gender identity
- 4. Taunting a student because he/she participates in an athletic activity more typically favored by a student of the other sex

- 5. Revealing a student's transgender status to individuals who do not have a legitimate need for the information, without the student's consent
- 6. Use of gender-specific slurs
- 7. Physical assault of a student motivated by hostility toward him/her because of his/her gender, gender identity, or gender expression

The district's uniform complaint procedures (AR 1312.3) shall be used to report and resolve complaints alleging discrimination against transgender and gender-nonconforming students.

Examples of bases for complaints include, but are not limited to, the above list, as well as improper rejection by the district of a student's asserted gender identity, denial of access to facilities that correspond with a student's gender identity, improper disclosure of a student's transgender status, discriminatory enforcement of a dress code, and other instances of gender-based harassment.

To ensure that transgender and gender-nonconforming students are afforded the same rights, benefits, and protections provided to all students by law and Board policy, the district shall address each situation on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the following guidelines:

Right to privacy: A student's transgender or gender-nonconforming status is his/her 1. private information and the district shall only disclose the information to others with the student's prior written consent, except when the disclosure is otherwise required by law or when the district has compelling evidence that disclosure is necessary to preserve the student's physical or mental well-being. In any case, the district shall only allow disclosure of a student's personally identifiable information to employees with a legitimate educational interest as determined by the district pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31. Any district employee to whom a student's transgender or gendernonconforming status is disclosed shall keep the student's information confidential. When disclosure of a student's gender identity is made to a district employee by a student, the employee shall seek the student's permission to notify the compliance officer. If the student refuses to give permission, the employee shall keep the student's information confidential, unless he/she is required to disclose or report the student's information pursuant to this procedure, and shall inform the student that honoring the student's request may limit the district's ability to meet the student's needs related to his/her status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming student. If the student permits the employee to notify the compliance officer, the employee shall do so within three school days.

As appropriate given the student's need for support, the compliance officer may discuss with the student any need to disclose the student's transgender or gender-nonconformity status or gender identity or gender expression to his/her parents/guardians and/or others, including other students, teacher(s), or other adults

on campus. The district shall offer support services, such as counseling, to students who wish to inform their parents/guardians of their status and desire assistance in doing so.

- 2. Determining a Student's Gender Identity: The compliance officer shall accept the student's assertion of his/her gender identity and begin to treat the student consistent with his/her gender identity unless district personnel present a credible and supportable basis for believing that the student's assertion is for an improper purpose.
- Addressing a Student's Transition Needs: The compliance officer shall arrange a meeting with the student and, if appropriate, his/her parents/guardians to identify and 3. develop strategies for ensuring that the student's access to education programs and activities is maintained. The meeting shall discuss the transgender or gendernonconforming student's rights and how those rights may affect and be affected by the rights of other students and shall address specific subjects related to the student's access to facilities and to academic or educational support programs, services, or activities, including, but not limited to, sports and other competitive endeavors. In addition, the compliance officer shall identify specific school site employee(s) to whom the student may report any problem related to his/her status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming individual, so that prompt action could be taken to address it. Alternatively, if appropriate and desired by the student, the school may form a support team for the student that will meet periodically to assess whether the arrangements for the student are meeting his/her educational needs and providing equal access to programs and activities, educate appropriate staff about the student's transition, and serve as a resource to the student to better protect the student from gender-based discrimination.
 - Accessibility to Sex-Segregated Facilities, Programs, and Activities: district maintains sex-segregated facilities, such as restrooms and locker rooms, or 4. offers sex-segregated programs and activities, such as physical education classes, intermural sports, and interscholastic athletic programs, students shall be permitted to access facilities and participate in programs and activities consistent with their gender identity. To address any student's privacy concerns in using sex-segregated facilities, the district shall offer available options such as a gender-neutral or single-use restroom or changing area, a bathroom stall with a door, an area in the locker room separated by a curtain or screen, access to a staff member's office, or use of the locker room before or after the other students. However, the district shall not require a student to utilize these options because he/she is transgender or gendernonconforming. In addition, a student shall be permitted to participate in accordance with his/her gender identity in other circumstances where students are separated by gender, such as for class discussions, yearbook pictures, and field trips. A student's right to participate in a sex-segregated activity in accordance with his/her gender identity shall not render invalid or inapplicable any other eligibility rule established for participation in the activity.

- 5. Student Records: A student's legal name or gender as entered on the mandatory student record required pursuant to 5 CCR 432 shall only be changed pursuant to a court order. However, at the written request of a student or, if appropriate, his/her parents/guardians, the district shall use the student's preferred name and pronouns consistent with his/her gender identity on all other district-related documents. Such preferred name may be added to the student's record and official documents as permitted by law.
- 6. Names and Pronouns: If a student so chooses, district personnel shall be required to address the student by a name and the pronouns consistent with his/her gender identity, without the necessity of a court order or a change to his/her official district record. However, inadvertent slips or honest mistakes by district personnel in the use of the student's name and/or consistent pronouns shall not constitute a violation of this administrative regulation or the accompanying district policy.
- 7. Uniforms/Dress Code: A student has the right to dress in a manner consistent with his/her gender identity, subject to any dress code adopted on a school site.

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Students

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Governing Board is committed to maintaining a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sexual harassment targeted at any student by anyone. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who reports, files a complaint or testifies about, or otherwise supports a complainant in alleging sexual harassment.

The district strongly encourages any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult who has experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus to immediately contact his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the principal or a district compliance officer. Once notified, the principal or compliance officer shall take the steps to investigate and address the allegation, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce the district's sexual harassment policy.

Instruction/Information

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age-appropriate information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

- 1. What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same sex and could involve sexual violence
- 2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment under any circumstance
- 3. Encouragement to report observed incidents of sexual harassment even where the alleged victim of the harassment has not complained
- 4. A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sexual harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sexual harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved
- 5. A clear message that, regardless of a complainant's noncompliance with the writing, timeline, or other formal filing requirements, every sexual harassment allegation that involves a student, whether as the complainant, respondent, or victim of the harassment, shall be investigated and prompt action shall be taken to stop any harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students

- 6. Information about the district's procedure for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made
- 7. Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable, including the right to file a civil or criminal complaint while the district investigation of a sexual harassment complaint continues
- 8. A clear message that, when needed, the district will take interim measures to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sexual harassment and/or other students during an investigation and that, to the extent possible, when such interim measures are taken, they shall not disadvantage the complainant or victim of the alleged harassment

Complaint Process and Disciplinary Actions

Sexual harassment complaints by and against students shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Principals are responsible for notifying students and parents/guardians that complaints of sexual harassment can be filed under AR 1312.3 and where to obtain a copy of the procedures.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any student found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4-12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that, in imposing such discipline, the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any employee found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence toward any student shall have his/her employment terminated in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of sexual harassment to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in district schools.

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         48980 Notice at beginning of term
         51.9 Liability for sexual harassment; business, service and professional relationships
         1714.1 Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor
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          12950.1 Sexual harassment training
          CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The district designates the following individual(s) as the responsible employee(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and California Education Code 234.1, as well as to investigate and resolve sexual harassment complaints under AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at:

Superintendent	_
12726 Dent Street, Knights Ferry, CA 9536	<u>1</u>
209-881-3382	
jskulina@stancoe.org	

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the educational setting, under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 212.5; 5 CCR 4916)

- 1. Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of a student's academic status or progress.
- 2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by a student is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting the student.
- 3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.
- 4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the student is used as the basis for any decision affecting the student regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through any district program or activity.

Examples of types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations, or propositions
- 2. Unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions
- 3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body or overly personal conversation
- 4. Sexual jokes, derogatory posters, notes, stories, cartoons, drawings, pictures, obscene gestures, or computer-generated images of a sexual nature

- 5. Spreading sexual rumors
- 6. Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class
- 7. Massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body
- 8. Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
- 9. Impeding or blocking movements or any physical interference with school activities when directed at an individual on the basis of sex
- 10. Displaying sexually suggestive objects
- 11. Sexual assault, sexual battery, or sexual coercion
- 12. Electronic communications containing comments, words, or images described above

Any prohibited conduct that occurs off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored programs or activities will be regarded as sexual harassment in violation of district policy if it has a continuing effect on or creates a hostile school environment for the complainant or victim of the conduct.

Reporting Process and Complaint Investigation and Resolution

Any student who believes that he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment by another student, an employee, or a third party or who has witnessed sexual harassment is strongly encouraged to report the incident to his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Within one school day of receiving such a report, the school employee shall forward the report to the principal or the district's compliance officer identified in AR 1312.3. In addition, any school employee who observes an incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall, within one school day, report his/her observation to the principal or a district compliance officer. The employee shall take these actions, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

When a report or complaint of sexual harassment involves off-campus conduct, the principal shall assess whether the conduct may create or contribute to the creation of a hostile school environment. If he/she determines that a hostile environment may be created, the complaint shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as if the prohibited conduct occurred at school.

When a verbal or informal report of sexual harassment is submitted, the principal or compliance officer shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures. Regardless of whether a formal complaint is filed, the principal or compliance officer shall take steps to

investigate the allegations and, if sexual harassment is found, shall take prompt action to stop it, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effects.

If a complaint of sexual harassment is initially submitted to the principal, he/she shall, within two school days, forward the report to the compliance officer to initiate investigation of the complaint. The compliance officer shall contact the complainant and investigate and resolve the complaint in accordance with law and district procedures specified in AR 1312.3.

In investigating a sexual harassment complaint, evidence of past sexual relationships of the victim shall not be considered, except to the extent that such evidence may relate to the victim's prior relationship with the respondent.

In any case of sexual harassment involving the principal, compliance officer, or any other person to whom the incident would ordinarily be reported or filed, the report may instead be submitted to the Superintendent or designee who shall determine who will investigate the complaint.

Confidentiality

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential except as necessary to carry out the investigation or take other subsequent necessary action. (5 CCR 4964)

However, when a complainant or victim of sexual harassment notifies the district of the harassment but requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform him/her that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the harassment or take other necessary action. When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district will nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

When a complainant or victim of sexual harassment notifies the district of the harassment but requests that the district not pursue an investigation, the district will determine whether or not it can honor such a request while still providing a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students.

Response Pending Investigation

When an incident of sexual harassment is reported, the principal or designee, in consultation with the compliance officer, shall determine whether interim measures are necessary pending the results of the investigation. The principal/designee or compliance officer shall take immediate measures necessary to stop the harassment and protect students and/or ensure their access to the educational program. To the extent possible, such interim measures shall not disadvantage the complainant or victim of the alleged harassment. Interim measures may include placing the individuals involved in separate classes or transferring a student to a class taught by a different teacher, in accordance with law and Board policy. The school should notify the individual who was harassed of his/her options to avoid contact with the alleged

harasser and allow the complainant to change academic and extracurricular arrangements as appropriate. The school should also ensure that the complainant is aware of the resources and assistance, such as counseling, that are available to him/her. As appropriate, such actions shall be considered even when a student chooses to not file a formal complaint or the sexual harassment occurs off school grounds or outside school-sponsored or school-related programs or activities.

Notifications

A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and regulation shall:

- 1. Be included in the notifications that are sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year (Education Code 48980; 5 CCR 4917)
- 2. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building or other area where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted (Education Code 231.5)
 - A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and regulation shall be posted on district and school web sites and, when available, on district-supported social media.
- 3. Be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new students at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or summer session (Education Code 231.5)
- 4. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct (Education Code 231.5)
- 5. Be included in the student handbook
- Be provided to employees and employee organizations

Regulation approved: January 12, 2017

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Governing Board is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual or group based on race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

District programs and activities shall also be free of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any derogatory or discriminatory name, image, practice, or other barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in each announcement, bulletin, catalog, handbook, application form, or other materials distributed to these groups and, as applicable, to the public. As appropriate, such notification shall be posted in district schools and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and other prominent locations and shall be posted on the district's web site and, when available, district-supported social media.

The district's nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parents/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or more of a school's students speak a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be translated into that other language.

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any implementing standards and/or regulations. When structural changes to existing district facilities are needed to provide individuals with

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

disabilities access to programs, services, activities, or facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a transition plan that sets forth the steps for completing the changes.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, assistive technologies or other modifications to increase accessibility to district and school web sites, notetakers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large print materials. Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to a school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

The individual identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the employee responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws is hereby designated as the district's ADA coordinator. He/she shall receive and address requests for accommodation submitted by individuals with disabilities, and shall investigate and resolve complaints regarding their access to district programs, services, activities, or facilities.

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Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination 48985 Notices to parents in language other than English 51007 Legislative intent: state policy GOVERNMENT CODE 11000 Definitions 11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state 11138 Rules and regulations 12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act 54953.2 Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act PENAL CODE 422.55 Definition of hate crime 422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures 4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
<u>UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20</u> 1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act

Superintendent

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

2301-2415 Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act

6311 State plans

6312 Local education agency plans

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended

2000h-2000h-6 Title IX

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

36.303 Auxiliary aids and services

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.1-100.13 Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI

104.1-104.39 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

106.1-106.61 Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:

106.9 Dissemination of policy

Management Resources:

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Dear Colleague Letter: Transgender Students, May 2016

Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students, May 2016

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WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, December 2008

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

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov

Safe Schools Coalition: http://www.casafeschools.org

Pacific ADA Center: http://www.adapacific.org

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

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Americans with Disabilities Act: http://www.ada.gov

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: http://www.eeoc.gov

World Wide Web Consortium, Web Accessibility Initiative: http://www.w3.org/wai

Policy adopted: January 12, 2017

In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

The Board shall adopt separate salary schedules for certificated, classified, and supervisory and administrative personnel. These schedules shall comply with law and collective bargaining agreements and shall be printed and made available for review at the district office. (Education Code 45022, 45023, 45160, 45162)

Each certificated employee, except an employee in an administrative or supervisory position, shall be classified on the salary schedule on the basis of uniform allowance for years of training and years of experience, unless the Board and employee organization negotiate and mutually agree to a salary schedule based on different criteria. Certificated employees shall not be placed in different classifications on the schedule, nor paid different salaries, solely on the basis of the grade levels at which they teach. (Education Code 45028)

Salary schedules for staff who are not a part of a bargaining unit shall be determined by the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

The Board shall determine the frequency and schedule of salary payments, including whether payments for employees who work less than 12 months per year will be made over the course of the school year or in equal installments over the calendar year. (Education Code 45038, 45039, 45048, 45165)

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice explaining the Fair Labor Standards Act's wage and hour provisions in a conspicuous place at each work site. (29 CFR 516.4)

Overtime Compensation

A district employee shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times his/her regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week. However, employees shall be exempt from overtime rules if they are employed as teachers or school administrators or if they qualify as being employed in an executive, administrative, or professional capacity and are paid a fixed salary at or above the salary level established by federal regulations. (Labor Code 510; 29 USC 213; 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, 553.27, 553.32)

When authorized in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between the district and employees, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation, provided he/she has not accrued compensatory time in excess of the limits specified in 29 USC 207. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time shall be allowed to use such time within a reasonable period after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (29 USC 207; 29 CFR 553.20-553.25)

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (continued)

For each nonexempt employee, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain records on the employee's wages, hours, and other information specified in 29 CFR 516.5-516.6.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

45022-45061.5 Salaries, especially:

45023 Availability of salary schedule

45028 Salary schedule for certificated employees

45160-45169 Salaries for classified employees

45268 Salary schedule for classified service in merit system districts

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549 Meeting and negotiating, especially:

3543.2 Scope of representation

3543.7 Duty to meet and negotiate in good faith

LABOR CODE

226 Employee access to payroll records

510 Overtime compensation; length of work day and week; alternative schedules

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

409A Deferred compensation plans

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

201-219 Fair Labor Standards Act, especially:

203 Definitions

207 Overtime

213 Exemptions from minimum wage and overtime requirements

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

1.409A-1 Definitions and covered plans

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

516.4 Notice of minimum wage and overtime provisions

541.0-541.710 Exemptions for executive, administrative, and professional employees

553.1-553.51 Fair Labor Standards Act; applicability to public agencies

COURT DECISIONS

Flores v. City of San Gabriel, 9th Cir., June 2, 2016, No. 14-56421

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Internal Revenue Service: http://www.irs.gov

School Services of California, Inc.: http://www.sscal.com

U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division: https://www.dol.gov/whd

All Personnel

WORK-RELATED INJURIES

In order to provide medical benefits, temporary or permanent disability benefits, wage replacement, retraining or skill enhancement, and/or death benefits in the event that an employee becomes injured or ill in the course of employment, the district shall provide all employees with insurance and workers' compensation benefits in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an efficient claims handling process that reduces costs and facilitates employee recovery.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify every new employee, at the time of hire or by the end of the first pay period, of his/her right to receive workers' compensation benefits if injured at work. (Labor Code 3551; 8 CCR 15596)

In addition, a notice regarding workers' compensation benefits shall be posted in a conspicuous location frequented by employees, where the notice may be easily read during the workday. (Labor Code 3550)

In the event that an employee is injured or becomes ill in the course of employment, he/she shall report the work-related injury or illness to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.

Within one working day of receiving notice or knowledge of any injury to an employee in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a claim form and notice of potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits to the employee or, in the case of the employee's death, to his/her dependents. The claim form and notice shall be provided personally or by first class mail. (Labor Code 5401)

The Superintendent or designee shall additionally ensure that any employee who is a victim of a crime that occurred at the place of employment is given written notice personally or by first class mail within one working day of the crime, or when the district reasonably should have known of the crime, that the employee is eligible for workers' compensation benefits for injuries, including psychiatric injuries, that may have resulted from the crime. (Labor Code 3553)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employee notices described above are in the form prescribed by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Division of Workers Compensation.

Upon learning of a work-related injury or illness, or injury or illness alleged to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall report the incident to the district's insurance carrier within five days after obtaining knowledge of the injury or illness. If a subsequent death arises as a result of the reported injury or illness, an amended report indicating the death must be filed with the insurance carrier within five days after being notified of or learning about the death. (Labor Code 6409.1)

WORK-RELATED INJURIES (continued)

In addition, in every case involving death or serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make a report by telephone or email to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health. (Labor Code 6409.1)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44984 Industrial accident and illness leaves, certificated employees

45192 Industrial accident and illness leaves, classified employees

LABOR CODE

3200-4855 Workers' compensation, especially:

3550-3553 Employee notice

3600-3605 Conditions of liability

3760 Report of injury to insurer

4600 Provision of medical and hospital treatment by employer

4906 Disclosures and statements

5400-5413 Notice of injury or death

6409.1 Reports

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

15596 Notice of employee rights

Management Resources:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

A Guidebook for Injured Workers, 2016

Notice to Employees -- Injuries Caused by Work

Time of Hire Pamphlet Workers' Compensation Claim Form (DWC 1) & Notice of Potential Eligibility

California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh

California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers Compensation:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc

HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Governing Board believes that the study of history and other social sciences is essential to prepare students to engage in responsible citizenship, comprehend complex global interrelationships, and understand the vital connections among the past, present, and future. The district's history-social science education program shall include, at appropriate grade levels, instruction in American and world history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

The Board shall adopt academic standards for history-social science which meet or exceed state content standards and describe the knowledge and skills students are expected to possess at each grade level.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and submit to the Board for approval a comprehensive, sequential curriculum aligned with the district standards and consistent with the state's curriculum framework for history-social science. The curriculum shall be designed to develop students' core knowledge in history and social science and their skills in chronological and spatial thinking, research, and historical interpretation. History-social science instruction shall also include an explicit focus on developing students' literacy in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and other language skills.

The Board shall adopt standards-aligned instructional materials for history-social science in accordance with applicable law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. In addition, teachers are encouraged to supplement the curriculum by using biographies, original documents, diaries, letters, legends, speeches, other narrative artifacts, and literature from and about the period being studied.

Personal testimony from persons who can provide first-hand accounts of significant historical events is encouraged and may be provided through oral histories, videos, or other multimedia formats. If oral history is used for instruction related to the role of Americans in World War II or the Vietnam War, such testimony shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate in the war, provide views and comments concerning reasons for participating in the war, and provide commentary on the aftermath of the war in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. (Education Code 51221.3, 51221.4)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a standards-based professional development program designed to increase teachers' knowledge of adopted instructional materials and instructional strategies for teaching history-social science.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the history-social science curriculum at each grade level, including, but not limited to, the extent to which the program is aligned with state standards, any applicable student assessment results, and feedback from students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding the program.

HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33540 History-social science curriculum framework

51008-51009 Instruction on farm labor movement

51204 Course of study designed for student's needs

51204.5 History of California; contributions of men, women, and ethnic groups

51210 Course of study, grades 1-6

51220 Course of study, grades 7-12

51220.2 Instruction in legal system; teen or peer court programs

51221 Social science course of study, inclusion of instruction in use of natural resources

51221.3-51221.4 Instruction on World War II and Vietnam War; use of oral histories

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51226.3 Instruction on civil rights, genocide, slavery, Holocaust, and deportation to Mexico

51226.7 Ethnic studies

60040-60051 Criteria for instructional materials

60119 Public hearing on the sufficiency of instructional materials

60200-60206 Instructional materials, grades K-8

60400-60411 Instructional materials, grades 9-12

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

99200-99206 Subject matter projects

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade

Twelve, 2016

Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History-Social Studies,

Science, and Technical Subjects, 2013

California English Language Development Standards, 2012

Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide, 2000

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<u>Twelve</u>, October 1998

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES PUBLICATIONS

College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards: Guidance for

Enhancing the Rigor of K-12 Civics, Economics, Geography, and History, 2013

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California Council for History Education: http://www.csus.edu/al/cche

California Humanities: http://www.calhum.org

California Council for the Social Studies: http://www.ccss.org

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

California History-Social Science Course Models: http://www.history.ctaponline.org

California Subject Matter Project: http://csmp.ucop.edu/chssp

National Association for Multicultural Education: http://www.nameorg.org

National Council for History Education: http://www.nche.net

National Council for the Social Studies: http://www.socialstudies.org

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COURSES OF STUDY

Grades 1-6

Courses of study for grades 1-6 shall include the following:

- 1. English: knowledge and appreciation of language and literature, and the skills of speaking, reading, listening, spelling, handwriting, and composition (Education Code 51210)
- 2. Mathematics: concepts, operational skills, and problem solving (Education Code 51210)
- 3. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, including instruction in: (Education Code 51210)
 - a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States
 - Instruction shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society. (Education Code 51204.5, 60040)
 - b. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
 - c. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments
 - d. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
 - e. Contemporary issues
 - f. The wise use of natural resources
 - 4. Science: biological and physical aspects, with emphasis on experimental inquiry and the place of humans in ecological systems (Education Code 51210)
 - Visual and performing arts: instruction in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts aimed at developing aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51210)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

- 6. Health: principles and practices of individual, family, and community health, including instruction at the appropriate grade levels and subject areas in: (Education Code 51202, 51210)
 - a. Personal and public safety and accident prevention, including instruction in emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation when appropriate equipment is available
 - b. Fire prevention
 - c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
 - d. Venereal disease
 - e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body
- 7. Physical education, with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind (Education Code 51210)
- 8. Career awareness exploration

Grades 7-8

Courses of study for grades 7-8 shall include the following:

- 1. English: knowledge and appreciation of literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking (Education Code 51220)
 - 2. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, with instruction in: (Education Code 51220)
 - a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States, including instruction in:
 - (1) The early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society (Education Code 51204.5)

- b. The American legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal and civil law and the state and federal constitutions
- c. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
- d. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments, including the wise use of natural resources (Education Code 51221)
- e. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
- f. Human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide (which may include, but is not limited to, the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, and Rwandan genocides), slavery, and the Holocaust
- g. Contemporary issues
- 3. Physical education: with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind, as required by Education Code 51222 (Education Code 51220)
- 4. Science: physical and biological aspects; emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems; appropriate applications of the interrelation and interdependence of the sciences (Education Code 51220)
- 5. Mathematics: mathematical understandings, operational skills, and problem-solving procedures; algebra (Education Code 51220, 51224.5)
- 6. Visual and performing arts: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51220)
- 7. Applied arts: consumer and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business education, or general agriculture (Education Code 51220)
- 8. Career technical/vocational-technical education: in the occupations and in the numbers appropriate to the personnel needs of the state and community served and relevant to the career desires and needs of students (Education Code 51220)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

- 9. Comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention (Education Code 51225.36, 51934)
- 10. Personal and public safety, accident prevention and health, including instruction in: (Education Code 51202, 51203)
 - a. Emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when appropriate equipment is available

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, instruction shall be provided in compression-only CPR. Such instruction shall be based on national evidence-based guidelines and shall include hands-on practice in compression-only CPR. (Education Code 51225.6)

- b. Fire prevention
- c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
- d. Venereal disease
- e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body and upon prenatal development

In addition, the course of study for grade 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills and education, including, but not limited to, child growth and development, parental responsibilities, household budgeting, child abuse and neglect issues, personal hygiene, maintenance of healthy relationships, teen parenting issues, and self-esteem. (Education Code 51220.5)

EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

The Governing Board desires to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students within the district. The district shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for them to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify and remove any barriers to the identification and enrollment of homeless students and to the retention of homeless students due to absences or outstanding fees or fines. (42 USC 11432)

When there are at least 15 homeless students in the district or a district school, the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of homeless students. (Education Code 52052, 52060)

The Superintendent or designee shall designate an appropriate staff person to serve as a liaison for homeless children and youths. The district liaison shall fulfill the duties specified in 42 USC 11432 to assist in identifying and supporting homeless students to succeed in school.

In order to identify district students who are homeless, the Superintendent or designee may give a housing questionnaire to all parents/guardians during school registration, make referral forms readily available, include the district liaison's contact information on the district and school web sites, provide materials in a language easily understood by families and students, provide school staff with professional development on the definition and signs of homelessness, and contact appropriate local agencies to coordinate referrals for homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth.

Information about a homeless student's living situation shall be considered part of a student's educational record, subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and shall not be deemed to be directory information as defined in 20 USC 1232g. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

Each homeless student shall be provided services that are comparable to services offered to other students in the school, including, but not limited to, transportation, educational programs for which the student meets the eligibility criteria (such as federal Title I services or similar state or local programs, programs for students with disabilities, and educational programs for English learners), career and technical education programs, programs for gifted and talented students, and school nutrition programs. (42 USC 11432)

Homeless students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way. However, the Superintendent or designee may separate homeless students on school grounds as necessary for short periods of

time for health and safety emergencies or to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet the unique needs of homeless students. (42 USC 11432, 11433)

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with other agencies and entities to ensure that homeless children and youth are promptly identified, ensure that homeless students have access to and are in reasonable proximity to available education and related support services, and raise the awareness of school personnel and service providers of the effects of short-term stays in a shelter and other challenges associated with homelessness. Toward these ends, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local social services agencies, other agencies or entities providing services to homeless children and youth, and, if applicable, transitional housing facilities. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate transportation, transfer of school records, and other interdistrict activities with other local educational agencies. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate, within the district and with other involved local educational agencies, services for homeless students and services for students with disabilities. (42 USC 11432)

District liaisons and other appropriate staff shall participate in professional development and other technical assistance activities to assist them in identifying and meeting the needs of homeless students and to provide training on the definitions of terms related to homelessness. (42 USC 11432)

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on outcomes for homeless students, which may include, but are not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, suspension/expulsion rates, and other outcomes related to any goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP. Based on the evaluation data, the district shall revise its strategies as needed to better support the education of homeless students.

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Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations

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Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process, January 30, 2007

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Homeless Liaison Toolkit, 2013

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Dear Colleague Letter, July 27, 2016

Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, Non-Regulatory Guidance, July 2016

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California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy

National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE: http://www.serve.org/nche

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: http://www.nlchp.org

U.S. Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html

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EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Definitions

Homeless students means students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes: (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11434a)

- 1. Students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals
- 2. Students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
- 3. Students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- 4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in conditions described in items #1-3 above

Unaccompanied youth includes youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. (20 USC 11434a)

School of origin means the school that the homeless student attended when permanently housed or the school in which he/she was last enrolled, including a preschool. If the school the homeless student attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which he/she was last enrolled, or if there is some other school that he/she attended within the preceding 15 months and with which he/she is connected, the district liaison shall determine, in consultation with and with the agreement of the homeless student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, and in the best interests of the homeless student, which school shall be deemed the school of origin. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

Best interest means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a homeless student, consideration is given to, among other factors, educational stability, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress, and the student's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students. (Education Code 48850, 48853; 42 USC 11432)

District Liaison

The Superintendent designates the following staff person as the district liaison for homeless students: (42 USC 11432)

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The district's liaison for homeless students shall: (Education Code 48852.5; 42 USC 11432)

- 1. Ensure that homeless students are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies
- 2. Ensure that homeless students are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, district schools
- 3. Ensure that homeless families and children and youth have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including services through Head Start and Early Head Start programs, early intervention services under Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other preschool programs administered by the district
- 4. Ensure that homeless families and students receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services
- 5. Inform parents/guardians of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and ensure that they are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children
- 6. Disseminate notice of the educational rights of homeless students in locations frequented by parents/guardians of homeless children and youth and by unaccompanied youth, including schools, family shelters, public libraries, and hunger relief agencies (soup kitchens). The rights shall be presented in a manner and form understandable to the parents/guardians of homeless students and unaccompanied youth.
- 7. Mediate enrollment disputes in accordance with law and the section "Resolving Enrollment Disputes" below
- 8. Fully inform parents/guardians of homeless students and unaccompanied youth of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and assist them in accessing transportation to the school of choice
- 9. Ensure that school personnel providing services to homeless students receive professional development and other support

- 10. Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school, have opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic standards established for other students, and are informed of their status as independent students under 20 USC 1087vv and that they may receive assistance from the district liaison to receive verification of their independent student status for purposes of applying for federal student aid pursuant to 20 USC 1090
- 11. Coordinate and collaborate with state coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless students, including the provision of comprehensive data to the state coordinator as required by law

In addition, when notified pursuant to Education Code 48918.1, the district liaison shall assist, facilitate, or represent a homeless student who is undergoing a disciplinary proceeding that could result in his/her expulsion. When notified pursuant to Education Code 48915.5, the district liaison shall participate in an individualized education program team meeting to make a manifestation determination regarding the behavior of a student with a disability.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform homeless children and youth, their parents/guardians, school personnel, service providers, and advocates working with homeless families of the duties of the district's liaison. He/she shall also provide the name and contact information of the district's liaison to the California Department of Education (CDE) for publishing on the CDE's web site. (42 USC 11432)

Enrollment

The district shall make placement decisions for homeless students based on the student's best interest. (42 USC 11432)

In determining the best interest of the student, the district shall consider student-centered factors related to the student's best interest, including factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety, giving priority to the request of the student's parent/guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth. (42 USC 11432)

Such factors may include, but are not limited to, the age of the student, the distance of the commute and the impact it may have on the student's education, personal safety issues, the student's need for special instruction, the length of anticipated stay in the temporary shelter or other temporary location, likely area of future housing, school placement of siblings, and the time remaining in the school year.

However, placement decisions shall not be based on whether a homeless student lives with his/her homeless parent/guardian or has been temporarily placed elsewhere. (42 USC 11432)

In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison shall assist in placement or enrollment decisions, give priority to the views of the student, and provide notice to the student of his/her appeal rights. (42 USC 11432)

In determining a student's best interest, a homeless student shall, to the extent feasible, be placed in his/her school of origin, unless the student's parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth requests otherwise. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

Once a placement decision has been made, the principal or designee shall immediately enroll the student in the school of choice. The student shall be enrolled even if he/she: (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

- Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
- 2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
- 3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and records of immunization and other required health records
- 4. Has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness

The principal or designee shall immediately contact the school last attended by the student to obtain the relevant records. If the student needs to obtain immunizations or does not possess immunization or other required health records, the principal or designee shall refer the parent/guardian to the district liaison for homeless students. The district liaison shall assist the parent/guardian, or the student if he/she is an unaccompanied youth, in obtaining the necessary immunizations, screenings, or records for the student. (42 USC 11432)

If the student is placed at a school other than his/her school of origin or the school requested by his/her parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the decision along with a statement regarding the right to appeal the placement decision. (42 USC 11432)

The student may continue attending his/her school of origin for the duration of the homelessness. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

To ensure that the homeless student has the benefit of matriculating with his/her peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns, the following shall apply: (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

- 1. If the student is transitioning between grade levels, he/she shall be allowed to continue in the same attendance area.
- 2. If the student is transitioning to a middle school or high school, and the school designated for matriculation is in another school district, he/she shall be allowed to continue to the school designated for matriculation in that district.

If the student's status changes before the end of the school year so that he/she is no longer homeless, he/she shall be allowed to stay in the school of origin: (Education Code 48852.7)

1. Through the duration of the school year if he/she is in grades K-8

Resolving Enrollment Disputes

If a dispute arises over student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in a particular school, the matter shall be referred to the district liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible. (42 USC 11432)

The parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of any decisions related to eligibility, school selection, or enrollment and of the right of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth to appeal such decisions. (42 USC 11432)

The written explanation shall include:

- 1. A description of the action proposed or refused by the district
- 2. An explanation of why the action is proposed or refused
- 3. A description of any other options the district considered and the reasons that any other options were rejected
- 4. A description of any other factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility or best interest determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their sources
- 5. Appropriate timelines to ensure any relevant deadlines are not missed
- 6. Contact information for the district liaison and state coordinator, and a brief description of their roles

The written explanation shall be complete, as brief as possible, simply stated, and provided in language that the parent/guardian or student can understand.

The district liaison may use an informal process as an alternative to formal dispute resolution procedures, provided that the parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth have access to the more formal process if informal resolution is not successful in resolving the matter.

In working with a student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth to resolve an enrollment dispute, the district liaison shall:

- 1. Inform them that they may provide written and/or oral documentation to support their position
- 2. Inform them that they may seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or service providers in having the dispute resolved
- 3. Provide them a simple form that they may use and turn in to the school to initiate the dispute resolution process
- 4. Provide them a copy of the dispute form they submit for their records
- 5. Provide them the outcome of the dispute for their records

If a parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth disagrees with the liaison's enrollment decision, he/she may appeal the decision to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall make a determination within five working days.

If the parent/guardian chooses to appeal the district's placement decision, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the homeless liaison at the county office of education.

Pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals, the student shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought and shall be allowed to attend classes and participate fully in school activities. (42 USC 11432, 11434a)

Transportation

The district shall provide transportation for a homeless student to and from his/her school of origin when the student is residing within the district and the parent/guardian, or the district liaison in the case of an unaccompanied youth, requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of district boundaries, but continues to attend his/her school of origin within this district, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation. (42 USC 11432)

The district shall not be obligated to provide transportation to students who continue attending their school of origin after they cease to be homeless, unless the formerly homeless student has an individualized education program that includes transportation as a necessary related service for the student. (Education Code 48852.7)

Notification and Complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of homeless students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of homeless students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 or 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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DISTRICT EXPLANATION OF DECISION RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY, SCHOOL SELECTION, OR ENROLLMENT

Instructions: The following form provides notice and explanation to a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth regarding the district's decision related to student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment.

Date:	Name of person completing form:
Γitle:	Phone number:
In accordance 11435), this no Name of pare	with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11431-otification is being provided to either: nt(s)/guardian(s): companied student:
School reques District's plac	ement decision (name of school):
Action(s) pro	oposed/refused by the district related to eligibility, school selection, or
The district's	determination regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment was based owing evidence and for the following reasons:
Other option	ns that the district considered, if any, included the following options which were the following reasons:

Factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility or best interest determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their sources, if any:
You have the right to appeal this decision to the district Superintendent. To do so, contact the district's homeless liaison listed below within the next(insert number of days) days to request a Dispute Form. You may provide written or verbal documentation to support your position, and may also seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or service providers in the dispute process. The Superintendent or designee will review all the evidence and will notify you of his/her decision within(insert number of days) days.
If you are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, you may appeal to the(insert county name) County Office of Education. If you are not satisfied with the county office's decision, you may then appeal to the California Department of Education. The district's homeless liaison can assist you with this appeal.
CONTACT INFORMATION:
District Liaison: The district liaison is one of the primary contacts between homeless families and school or district staff. He/she is responsible for coordinating services to ensure that homeless students enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically, and mediates enrollment disputes as needed.
Name of district's homeless liaison: Address: Phone number:
County Liaison: If you appeal the district's decision to the county office of education, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the homeless liaison at the county office. The county liaison will review the materials and determine the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision within five working days of receiving the materials. He/she will notify you of the decision.
Name of County Office of Education homeless liaison: Address: Phone number:

State Coordinator: If you appeal the county office's decision to the California Department of Education, the county homeless liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the State Homeless Coordinator. The state coordinator will review the district, county office, and parent/guardian information and will notify you of the decision within ten working days of receiving the materials.

Name of state homeless coordinator:	
Address:	
Phone number:	

RIGHTS:

Pending the final resolution of this dispute, including the period of all appeals, the student has the right to immediately enroll in the school requested and to participate fully in school activities at that school.

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DISPUTE FORM

Instructions: This form is to be completed by a parent/guardian or student when a dispute regarding enrollment has arisen. As an alternative to completing this form, the information on this form may be shared verbally with the district's liaison for homeless students.

Date submitted:
Student's name:
Name of person completing form:
Relation to student:
Autiess
Phone number:
Name of school requested:
I wish to appeal the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision made by:
☐ District liaison ☐ District Superintendent ☐ County office of education liaison
Reason for the appeal: You may include an explanation to support your appeal in this space or provide your explanation verbally.
I have been provided with:
☐ A written explanation of the district's decision
☐ Contact information for the district's homeless liaison
☐ Contact information for the county office of education's homeless liaison
☐ Contact information for the state homeless coordinator

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ACTIONS BY THE BOARD

ACTIONS REQUIRING A SUPER MAJORITY VOTE

Actions Requiring a Two-Thirds Vote of the Board:

- 1. Resolution declaring intention to sell or lease real property (Education Code 17466)
- 2. Resolution declaring intent of Governing Board to convey or dedicate property to the state or any political subdivision for the purposes specified in Education Code 17556 (Education Code 17557)
- 3. Resolution authorizing and directing the Board president, or any other presiding officer, secretary, or member, to execute a deed of dedication or conveyance of property to the state or a political subdivision (Education Code 17559)
- 4. Lease, for up to three months, of school property which has a residence on it and which cannot be developed for district purposes because funds are unavailable (Education Code 17481)
- 5. Request for temporary borrowing pursuant to Government Code 53820-53833, to pay district obligations incurred before the receipt of district income for the fiscal year sufficient to meet the payment(s) (Government Code 53821)
- 6. Upon complying with Government Code 65352.2 and Public Resources Code 21151.2, action to render city or county zoning ordinances inapplicable to a proposed use of the property by the district (Government Code 53094)
- 7. When the district is organized to serve only grades K-8 and seeks to establish a community day school for any of grades K-8 (Education Code 48660)
- 8. When the district has an average daily attendance (ADA) of 2,500 or less and seeks to situate a community day school on an existing school site, certification that satisfactory alternative facilities are not available for a community day school (Education Code 48661)
- 9. When the district is organized to serve only grades K-8 and seeks to situate a community day school on an existing school site, certification that satisfactory alternative facilities are not available for a community day school (Education Code 48661)
- 10. When the district desires to operate a community day school to serve any of grades K-6 (and no higher grades) on an existing school site, certification that satisfactory alternative facilities are not available for a community day school (Education Code 48661)

ACTIONS BY THE BOARD (continued)

- 11. Resolution of intent to issue general obligation bonds with the approval of 55 percent of the voters of the district (Education Code 15266)
- 12. Resolution of intent to issue bonds within a school facilities improvement district with the approval of 55 percent of the voters of the school facilities improvement district (Education Code 15266)
- 13. Resolution to place a parcel tax on the ballot (Government Code 53724)
- 14. Resolution of necessity to proceed with an eminent domain action and, if the Board subsequently desires to use the property for a different use than stated in the resolution of necessity, a subsequent resolution so authorizing the different use (Code of Civil Procedure 1245.240, 1245.245)

Actions Requiring a Two-Thirds Vote of the Board Members Present at the Meeting:

- 1. Determination that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the district's attention after the posting of the agenda. If less than two-thirds of the Board members are present at the meeting, a unanimous vote of all members present is required. (Government Code 54954.2)
- 2. Determination that a closed session is necessary during an emergency meeting. If less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote of all members present is required. (Government Code 54956.5)

Actions Requiring a Four-Fifths Vote of the Board:

- 1. Expenditure and transfer of necessary funds and use of district property or personnel to meet a national or local emergency created by war, military, naval, or air attack, or sabotage, or to provide for adequate national or local defense (Government Code 53790-53792)
- 2. Resolution for district borrowing based on issuance of notes, tax anticipation warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness, in an amount up to 50 percent of the district's estimated income and revenue for the fiscal year or the portion not yet collected at the time of the borrowing (Government Code 53822, 53824)
- 3. Resolution for district borrowing, between July 15 and August 30 of any fiscal year, of up to 25 percent of the estimated income and revenue to be received by the district during that fiscal year from apportionments based on ADA for the preceding school year (Government Code 53823-53824)

ACTIONS BY THE BOARD (continued)

- 4. Declaration of an emergency in order to authorize the district to include a particular brand name or product in a bid specification (Public Contract Code 3400)
- 5. Resolution to award a contract for a public works project at \$187,500 or less to the lowest responsible bidder, when the district is using the informal process authorized under the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act for projects of \$175,000 or less, all bids received are in excess of \$175,000, and the Board determines that the district's cost estimate was reasonable (Public Contract Code 22034)

Actions Requiring a Unanimous Vote of the Board:

- 1. Resolution authorizing and prescribing the terms of a community lease for extraction of gas (Education Code 17510-17511)
- 2. Waiver of the competitive bid process pursuant to Public Contract Code 20111 when the Board determines that an emergency exists and upon approval of the County Superintendent of Schools (Public Contract Code 20113)

Action Requiring a Unanimous Vote of the Board Members Present at the Meeting:

1. Private sale of surplus property without advertisement in order to establish that such property is not worth more than \$2,500. Disposal of surplus property in the local dump or donation to a charitable organization requires the unanimous vote of the Board members present to establish that the value of such property would not defray the cost of arranging its sale. (Education Code 17546)

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