## **GREEN SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Board of Trustees believes that all citizens have a responsibility to be stewards of the environment and desires to integrate environmental accountability into all district operations. The Superintendent or designee shall promote green school practices that conserve natural resources, reduce the impact of district operations on the environment, and protect the health of students, staff, and community.

The Superintendent or designee may involve district and site administrators and operations and maintenance staff; representatives of local governmental agencies, utilities, solid waste and recycling companies, and community organizations; health professionals; and/or others as appropriate in the assessment of current district operations and the development of strategies to improve the environmental impact of district operations.

In selecting and prioritizing strategies, the Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to the initial cost, long-term potential cost savings, quality and performance of the product or service, health impacts, and environmental considerations.

Such strategies may include, but not be limited to:

- 1. Reducing energy and water consumption and exploring renewable and clean energy technologies
- 2. Establishing recycling programs in district facilities
- 3. Reducing the consumption of disposable materials, by reusing materials and by using electronic rather than paper communications when feasible
- 4. Purchasing and using environmentally preferable products and services whenever practical, including, but not limited to, products that:
  - a. Minimize environmental impacts, toxins, pollutants, odors, and hazards
  - b. Contain postconsumer recycled content
  - c. Are durable and long-lasting
  - d. Conserve energy and water
  - e. Produce a low amount of waste
- 5. Using least toxic, independently certified green cleaning products when feasible, as well as high-efficiency cleaning equipment that reduces the need to use chemicals
- 6. Providing professional development to maintenance staff in the proper use, storage, and disposal of cleaning supplies

## **GREEN SCHOOL OPERATIONS** (continued)

- 7. Focusing on green building standards, sustainability, and student health in facilities construction and modernization projects, including decisions about site selection, building design, and landscaping and grounds
- 8. Providing fresh, unprocessed, organic food in the district's food services program
- 9. Providing instruction to students on the importance of the environment and involving students in the implementation and evaluation of green school activities and projects as appropriate

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

8700-8707 Environmental education

17070.96 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1996, consideration of high performance standards 17072.35 New construction grants; use for designs and materials for high performance schools

32370-32376 Recycling paper 33541 Environmental education

101012 Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, allocations

## PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

12400-12404 Environmentally preferable purchasing

## PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 Energy conservation assistance

40050-40063 Integrated waste management act

42630-42647 Schoolsite source reduction and recycling

## CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

1859.70.4 Funding for high performance incentive grants

1859.71.6 Additional grant for high performance incentive, new construction

1859.77.4 Additional grants for high performance incentive, site and modernization

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14010 Standards for school site selection

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## ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of minimizing the district's use of natural resources, providing a high-quality environment that promotes health and productivity, and effectively managing the district's fiscal resources. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a resource management program which includes strategies for implementing effective and sustainable resource practices, exploring renewable and clean energy technologies, reducing energy and water consumption, minimizing utility costs, reducing the amount of waste of consumable materials, encouraging recycling and green procurement practices, and promoting conservation principles.

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)
(cf. 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management)
(cf. 3512 - Equipment)
(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)
```

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly inspect district facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the district reach its conservation and management goals.

```
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)
```

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the district achieve its conservation and management goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the district's progress in meeting its conservation and management goals.

#### **Storm Water Management**

The Board desires to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, the district reduce the discharge of pollutants into the water system in order to minimize the threat to water quality from storm water runoff. When the district has been designated by the State Water Resources Control Board or a regional water quality control board, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district complies with applicable General Permit requirements.

```
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
```

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a storm water management plan and shall submit the plan and a resolution authorizing the implementation of the plan to the Board for approval. The district's plan shall describe best management practices, measurable goals, and timetables for implementation in the following areas:

## **ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT** (continued)

- 1. Public education and outreach on storm water impacts
- 2. Public participation, such as participation in adoption and implementation of the plan
- 3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination, such as maps and programs to detect and eliminate illicit non-storm water discharges
- 4. Construction site storm water runoff control, such as reviewing construction plans, inspecting sites, and tracking construction site runoff, as well as erosion and sediment controls
- 5. Post-construction storm water management, such as developing design standards for preventing runoff and verifying proper maintenance and operation of control procedures
- 6. Pollution prevention and good housekeeping, such as evaluating waste disposal, material storage, and equipment-cleaning procedures and spill prevention, including at bus maintenance facilities

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board on the status of the district's implementation efforts.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

41422 School term or session length, failure to comply due to disaster

46392 Emergency conditions; ADA estimate

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 Energy conservation assistance

WATER CODE

13383.5 Storm water discharge monitoring requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 23

2200 Discharge permit fees

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 33

1342 National pollutant discharge elimination system

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

122.1-122.64 National pollutant discharge elimination system

#### Management Resources:

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0118.01 California's Energy Challenge

0706.90 Water Conservation Advisory, 90-09

0222.90 Average Daily Attendance Credit During Periods of Emergency 90-01

## **WEB SITES**

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Alliance to Save Energy: http://www.ase.org

California Department of Education, Facilities: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa

California Energy Commission: http://www.energy.ca.gov

California State Water Resources Control Board: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov

Department of General Resources, Green California, Sustainable Schools:

http://www.green.ca.gov/GreenBuildings/schools

## ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT

## **Resource Management Program**

In the development of the district's resource management program, the Superintendent or designee shall analyze and review the lighting; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; water heaters; electrical equipment and appliances; water use and irrigation; and solid waste and recycling systems. The following district operations shall be incorporated into the district's resource management program:

- 1. Educational programs
- 2. Classroom and building management and maintenance
- 3. Food services and equipment maintenance

(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)

- 4. Landscaping
- 5. Transportation services and maintenance

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(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
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6. New construction

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

- 7. Administrative operations
- 8. Use of facilities by outside groups

```
(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 3512 - Equipment)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)
```

The Superintendent or designee may solicit input from staff, students, and parents/guardians about the district's program. The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff and students with training and guidance on best practices to achieve the district's goals, such as a reward program to recognize outstanding accomplishments.

## **Emergency Interruption of Services**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan to address actions to be taken in the event of power outages or other emergency interruption of utility services, both during and

## **ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT** (continued)

after school operations. The plan shall address procedures to help ensure student and staff safety, administrative control of operations, protection of equipment, effective communications, and coordination with local fire, police, and utility service providers.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

## INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

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

The district's program shall include strategies designed to help the district reduce solid and hazardous waste generation, improve efficiency in its use of natural resources, and minimize the impact of such use on the environment. The program shall address all areas of the district's operations, including, but not limited to, procurement, resource utilization, and facilities management practices.

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

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

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

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

To the extent that funding permits, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate educational and training opportunities to students and staff regarding the benefits and methods of conserving natural resources and protecting the environment.

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

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

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Legal Reference: (see next page)
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## **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

## EDUCATION CODE

8700-8707 Environmental education

17070.96 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1996, consideration of high performance standards

17072.35 New construction grants; use for designs and materials for high performance schools

32370-32376 Recycling paper

33541 Environmental education

## PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 Energy conservation assistance

40050-40063 Waste management; integrated waste management

41780 Waste diversion

42620-42622 Source reduction and recycling programs

42630-42647 School site source reduction and recycling

42649-42649.7 Recycling of commercial solid waste

## CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14

17225.12 Commercial solid waste

#### Management Resources:

## **WEB SITES**

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery:

http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ReduceWaste/Schools

California Division of State Architect: http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa

California Energy Commission: http://www.energy.ca.gov

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

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: http://www.epa.gov

## INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

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

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

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

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

- a. Source separate recyclable materials from solid waste and subscribe to a basic level of recycling service that may include collection, self-hauling, or other arrangement for the pickup of the recyclable materials
- b. Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation
- 3. Prefer recycled and other environmentally preferable products when procuring materials for use in district schools and buildings or contracting for the construction or modernization of any district building

```
(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)
(cf. 3311 - Bids)
(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
```

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

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

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

## **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.

```
(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
```

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

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(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
```

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)

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(cf. 3440 - Inventories)
```

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.

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(cf. 3270 - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies)
```

## **EQUIPMENT** (continued)

## **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)

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(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)
(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)
```

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)

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(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)
```

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)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **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

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

200.0-200.521 Federal uniform grant guidance

#### Management Resources:

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California School Accounting Manual

**WEB SITES** 

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

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

# **EQUIPMENT**

## **EQUIPMENT LOAN FORM**

I assume the responsibility for the following district	equipment:
<u>Description</u>	ID Number
School-related purpose: (Note: items are not for pe	ersonal use)
I will return the above equipment to	
1	(administrator or designee)
no later than (date)	
In borrowing the items listed above, I assume response equipment or materials. If any items are damaged replacement.	• •
Signed:	_
Date:	_
Approved:	_
Date:	

Exhibit version:

## CELLULAR PHONE REIMBURSEMENT

When a district employee's position requires frequent use of a cell phone, the Superintendent or designee shall provide either a cell phone for the employee's use or an allowance to the employee for the business use of his/her personally owned cell phone, whichever is the most cost-effective. In determining whether an employee's position requires frequent use of a cell phone, the factors to be considered shall include, but not be limited to, whether the job responsibilities require:

- 1. An ability to communicate frequently but access to a district landline is not readily available
- 2. An ability to communicate immediately to ensure the safety of district staff and students or the security of district property
- 3. A level of accessibility which is impossible because of the employee's frequent jobrelated absence from the worksite

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(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)
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When an employee is paid an allowance for the use of his/her personally owned cell phone for district business, the Superintendent or designee shall, from time to time, verify that the employee's cell phone contract is active.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a system for reviewing employees' use of district-owned cell phones and the reimbursement of costs for employees' business-related use of their personal cell phones. Employees shall be responsible for fees and charges associated with any misuse or overuse not attributable to district business.

If the Superintendent or designee determines that an employee no longer needs a cell phone or other mobile communications device to perform his/her job responsibilities, any fees or charges associated with cancellation of the service contract shall be the responsibility of the district.

Any employee who is not provided an allowance or a district-owned cell phone may be reimbursed for the actual expenses of business-related calls made on his/her personally owned cell phone, in accordance with the district's expense reimbursement procedures.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **CELLULAR PHONE REIMBURSEMENT** (continued)

## Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

35213 Reimbursement for loss or damage of personal property

44032 Travel expense payment

48901.5 Electronic signaling devices

#### **VEHICLE CODE**

23123 Wireless telephones in vehicles

23125 Wireless telephones in school buses

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

280F Limitation on depreciation for luxury automobiles, etc.

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

1.132-5 Working conditions fringe benefit

## Management Resources:

#### **WEB SITES**

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

## TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that smoking and other uses of tobacco and nicotine products constitute a serious public health hazard and are inconsistent with district goals to provide a healthy environment for students and staff.

```
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
```

The Board prohibits smoking and/or the use of tobacco products at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles. (Health and Safety Code 104420, 104559)

These prohibitions apply to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Any written joint use agreement governing community use of district facilities or grounds shall include notice of the district's tobacco-free schools policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

```
(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)
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Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, tobacco, or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or form, and includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates aerosol or vapor or of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking. (Business and Professions Code 22950.5; Education Code 48901)

Tobacco products include: (Business and Professions Code 22950.5; Education Code 48901)

- 1. Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff
- 2. An electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah
- 3. Any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately

## **TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS** (continued)

This policy does not prohibit the use or possession of prescription products and other cessation aids that have been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, such as nicotine patch or gum.

Smoking or use of any tobacco-related product or disposal of any tobacco-related waste is prohibited within 25 feet of any playground, except on a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of the playground. In addition, any form of intimidation, threat, or retaliation against a person for attempting to enforce this policy is prohibited. (Health and Safety Code 104495)

## Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion

48901 Prohibition against tobacco use by students

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE** 

22950.5 Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement Act; definitions

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

39002 Control of air pollution from nonvehicular sources

104350-104495 Tobacco use prevention, especially:

104495 Prohibition of smoking and tobacco waste on playgrounds

104559 Tobacco use prohibition

119405 Unlawful to sell or furnish electronic cigarettes to minors

## LABOR CODE

3300 Employer, definition

6304 Safe and healthful workplace

6404.5 Occupational safety and health; use of tobacco products

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6083 Nonsmoking policy for children's services

7111-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21

1140.1-1140.34 Unlawful sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to minors

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RELATIONS BOARD RULINGS

Eureka Teachers Assn. v. Eureka City School District (1992) PERB Order #955 (16 PERC 23168)

CSEA #506 and Associated Teachers of Metropolitan Riverside v. Riverside Unified School District (1989) PERB Order #750 (13 PERC 20147)

#### Management Resources:

#### **WEB SITES**

California Department of Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at

California Department of Education, Tobacco-Free School District Certification:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at/tobaccofreecert.asp

California Department of Public Health, Tobacco Control: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tobacco

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board: http://www.dir.ca.gov/OSHSB/oshsb.html

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: http://www.epa.gov

# Policy adopted:

#### TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

#### **Notifications**

Information about the district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures shall be communicated clearly to employees, parents/guardians, students, and the community. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

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(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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The Superintendent or designee may disseminate this information through annual written notifications, district and school web sites, student and parent handbooks, and/or other appropriate methods of communication.

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(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs stating "Tobacco use is prohibited" are prominently displayed at all entrances to school property. (Health and Safety Code 104420, 104559)

## **Enforcement/Discipline**

Any employee or student who violates the district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be asked to refrain from smoking and shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate.

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(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
```

Any other person who violates the district's policy on tobacco-free schools shall be informed of the district's policy and asked to refrain from smoking. If the person fails to comply with this request, the Superintendent or designee may:

- 1. Direct the person to leave school property
- 2. Request local law enforcement assistance in removing the person from school premises
- 3. If the person repeatedly violates the tobacco-free schools policy, prohibit him/her from entering district property for a specified period of time

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(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
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## TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall not be required to physically eject a nonemployee who is smoking or to request that the nonemployee refrain from smoking under circumstances involving a risk of physical harm to the district or any employee. (Labor Code 6404.5)

#### DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees recognizes the need to keep district schools free of drugs and alcohol in order to create a safe and healthy environment conducive to learning and promote student health and well-being. The Board prohibits the possession, use, or sale of drugs and alcohol at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles, unless otherwise permitted by law.

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(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)
(cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
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The following substances are prohibited on all district property:

- 1. Any substance which may not lawfully be possessed, used, or sold in California
- 2. Cannabis or cannabis products (Health and Safety Code 11362.3; 21 USC 812, 844)
- 3. Alcoholic beverages, unless approved by the Superintendent or designee for limited purposes specified in Business and Professions Code 25608

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(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)
```

Prescription medication, except for prescribed cannabis, may be administered at school in accordance with law, district policy and regulations, and written statements by the parent/guardian and the student's authorized health care provider as applicable.

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(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medications and Monitoring Health Conditions)
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Information about the district's drug- and alcohol-free schools policy and the consequences for violations shall be communicated clearly to employees, parents/guardians, students, and the community.

## **Enforcement/Discipline**

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate the possession, use, or sale of alcohol and other drugs and related paraphernalia in district facilities, on district property, in district vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities. As appropriate, he/she may direct anyone violating this policy to leave school property and/or refer the matter to law enforcement.

## DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE SCHOOLS (continued)

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(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
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(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

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

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Students and employees who violate the terms of this policy may be subject to discipline and/or referred to assistance programs in accordance with law and Board policy.

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(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)
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(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 4117.7/4217.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports)

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

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

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

#### Legal Reference:

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44940.5 Procedures when employees are placed on compulsory leave of absence

45123 Employment after conviction of controlled substance offense

45304 Compulsory leave of absence for classified persons

48900 Suspension or expulsion (grounds)

48900.5 Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception

48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited

48901.5 Prohibition of electronic signaling devices

48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity

48909 Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs

48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances

#### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**

25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

8350-8357 Drug-free workplace

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11053-11058 Standards and schedules

11353.6 Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act

11362.1 Possession and use of cannabis, persons age 21 and over

11362.3 Limitations on possession and use of cannabis

11362.79 Limitations on medical use of cannabis

104559 Tobacco use prohibition

#### PENAL CODE

13860-13864 Suppression of drug abuse in schools

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE SCHOOLS** (continued)

Legal Reference: (Continued)

**VEHICLE CODE** 

13202.5 Drug and alcohol related offenses by person under age of 21, but aged 13 or over;

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY**

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff, and community members. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess school facilities to identify environmental health risks. He/she shall establish a comprehensive plan to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards based on a consideration of the proven effectiveness of various options, anticipated short-term and long-term costs and/or savings to the district, and the potential impact on staff attendance, student attendance, and student achievement.

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(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)
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Strategies addressed in the district's plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring good indoor air quality by maintaining adequate ventilation; using effective maintenance operations to reduce dust, mold, mildew, and other indoor air contaminants; and considering air quality in the site selection, design, and furnishing of new or remodeled facilities

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(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)
(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)
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2. Limiting outdoor activities when necessary due to poor outdoor air quality, including excessive smog, smoke, or ozone, or when ultraviolet radiation levels indicate a high risk of harm

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(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)
(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
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3. Reducing exposure to diesel exhaust and other air contaminants by limiting unnecessary idling of school buses and other commercial motor vehicles

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(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
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- 4. Minimizing exposure to lead in paint, soil, and drinking water
- 5. Inspecting facilities for naturally occurring asbestos and asbestos-containing building materials that pose a health hazard due to damage or deterioration and safely removing, encapsulating, enclosing, or repairing such materials
- 6. Ensuring the proper storage, use, and disposal of potentially hazardous substances

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(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)
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7. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices

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(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
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8. Instituting a food safety program for the storage, preparation, delivery, and service of school meals in order to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
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In developing strategies to promote healthy school environments, the Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with local environmental protection agencies, health agencies, and other community organizations.

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(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
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The Superintendent or designee shall provide the district's maintenance and facilities staff, bus drivers, food services staff, teachers, and other staff as appropriate with professional development regarding their responsibilities in implementing strategies to improve and maintain environmental safety at the schools.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, staff, parents/guardians, students, and/or governmental agencies, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall provide information about the district's actions to remedy the hazard and may recommend health screening of staff and students.

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(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
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## Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

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17070.75 Facilities inspection

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17590 Asbestos abatement fund

17608-17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices

32080-32081 Carbon monoxide devices

32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

48980.3 Notification of pesticides

49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

#### FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

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## CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: http://www.epa.gov

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY**

The Superintendent may designate and train one or more employees to oversee and coordinate the district's environmental safety program(s). The responsibilities of the coordinator(s) shall include, but are not limited to, overseeing assessments of district facilities, recommending strategies for the prevention and mitigation of environmental health risks, ensuring effective implementation of environmental safety strategies, and reporting to the Superintendent regarding the district's progress in addressing environmental safety concerns.

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(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)
(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)
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## **Indoor Air Quality**

In order to provide proper ventilation, humidity, and temperature in school facilities and to reduce indoor air contaminants, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following strategies are implemented:

1. Mechanically driven heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems shall be operated continuously during working hours except under the circumstances specified in 8 CCR 5142. The systems shall be inspected at least annually and problems corrected within a reasonable time. Where the air supply is filtered, the filters shall be replaced or cleaned regularly to prevent significant reductions in airflow. Documentation of inspections, tests of ventilation rates, and maintenance shall be retained for at least five years. (8 CCR 5142-5143)

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(cf. 3580 - District Records)
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Staff shall ensure that airflow is not obstructed by the blocking of ventilators with posters, furniture, books, or other obstacles.

- 2. School facilities shall be regularly inspected for water damage, spills, leaks in plumbing and roofs, poor drainage, and improper ventilation so as to preclude the buildup of mold and mildew. Wet building materials and furnishings shall be dried within 48 hours if possible to prevent mold growth. When evidence of mold or mildew is found, maintenance staff shall locate and repair the source of water intrusion and remove or clean moldy materials.
- 3. Exterior wall and foundation cracks and openings shall be sealed as soon as possible to minimize seepage of radon into buildings from surrounding soils.

4. Least toxic pest management practices shall be used to control and manage pests at school sites.

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

- 5. In any new school construction, and in all existing schools when feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall install a carbon monoxide detector in each school building that contains a fossil fuel burning furnace. The device shall be placed in close proximity to the furnace in order to accurately detect any leakage of carbon monoxide.
- 6. Schedules and practices for routine housekeeping and maintenance shall be designed to effectively reduce levels of dust, dirt, and debris. Plain water, soap and water, or low-emission cleaning products shall be used whenever possible. Aerosols, including air fresheners and other products containing ozone, shall be avoided to the extent possible.

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

- 7. Painting of school facilities and maintenance or repair duties that require the use of potentially harmful substances shall be limited to those times when school is not in session. Following any such activity, the facility shall be properly ventilated with adequate time allowed prior to reopening for use by any person.
- 8. Paints, adhesives, and solvents shall be used and stored in well-ventilated areas. These items shall be purchased in small quantities to avoid storage exposure.

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(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)
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- 9. To the extent possible, printing and duplicating equipment that may generate indoor air pollutants, such as methyl alcohol or ammonia, shall be placed in locations that are well ventilated and not frequented by students and staff.
- 10. The district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be consistently enforced in order to reduce the health risks caused by second-hand smoke.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

11. Staff and students shall be asked to refrain from bringing common irritants such as furred or feathered animals, stuffed toys that may collect dust mites, scented candles, incense, or air fresheners and from using perfume or cologne, scented lotion or hair spray, nail polish or nail polish remover, or other personal care products that are not fragrance-free in classrooms or other enclosed areas or buildings.

## **Outdoor Air Quality**

The Superintendent or designee may monitor local health advisories and outdoor air quality alerts, including forecasts of ozone levels, particle pollution, and/or ultraviolet radiation levels.

Whenever these measures indicate a significant health risk, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate with each principal so that outdoor activities, especially those requiring prolonged or heavy exertion, may be avoided, limited in duration, or modified as necessary for all persons or for persons who may be particularly susceptible to the health risk involved.

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(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
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## **Vehicle Emissions**

In order to reduce public exposure to toxic air contaminants, school bus drivers and other drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall limit unnecessary idling of vehicles at or near schools in accordance with 13 CCR 2480.

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(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
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Any diesel-fueled school bus with a gross vehicle weight rating over 14,000 pounds manufactured on or after April 1, 1977 shall be equipped with a particulate filter designed to reduce particulate matter emissions, oxides of nitrogen emissions, and other pollutants. (13 CCR 2025)

## **Drinking Water**

The quality and safety of the district's drinking water sources shall be regularly assessed.

Whenever testing of drinking water finds concentrations of lead that exceed federal and state standards in 40 CFR 141.80 and 22 CCR 64678, water outlets shall be flushed thoroughly each day before use or made inoperable until a plan for remediation can be implemented.

Whenever levels of arsenic, bacteria, or other contaminants in the drinking water are determined to be a concern, the Superintendent or designee may recommend basic filtration or pipe flushing when feasible.

Until drinking water is assured to be safe, the Superintendent or designee may explore alternatives, such as bottled water, to ensure that students have access to fresh drinking water at mealtimes and at other times throughout the day. As needed, he/she also may encourage appropriate governmental agencies to conduct regular testing of the water quality in district schools and to implement strategies to improve water quality in the community.

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

Drinking fountains in district schools shall be regularly cleaned and maintained to avoid the presence of dirt, mold, or other impurities or health concerns.

## **Lead Exposure**

In addition to keeping school facilities as dust-free and clean as possible, the following steps shall be taken to minimize potential exposure to lead in school facilities:

- 1. Lead-based paint, lead plumbing and solders, or other potential sources of lead contamination shall not be used in the construction of any new school facility or the modernization or renovation of any existing school facility. (Education Code 32244)
- 2. Lead exposure hazards shall be evaluated before any renovation or remodeling is begun, and children shall not be allowed in or near buildings in which these activities may create lead dust. Contractors and workers shall comply with state and federal standards related to the handling and disposal of lead debris and the clean-up and containment of dust within the construction area.
- 3. Lead-based painted surfaces that are in good condition shall be kept intact. If lead-based paint is peeling, flaking, or chalking, contractors or workers shall follow state and federal standards for safe work practices to minimize contamination when removing the paint.
- 4. Soil with high lead content may be covered with grass, other plantings, concrete, or asphalt.
- 5. Drinking water shall be regularly tested for lead and remediated as provided in the section "Drinking Water" above.

Any action to abate existing lead hazards, excluding containment or cleaning, shall be taken only by contractors, inspectors, and workers certified by the California Department of Public Health in accordance with 17 CCR 35001-35099. (Education Code 32243)

## **Asbestos Management**

The Superintendent shall designate an employee who shall ensure that the district's responsibilities related to asbestos inspection and abatement are implemented in accordance with federal and state regulations. This employee shall receive adequate training to perform these duties, including, as necessary, training on the health effects of asbestos; detection, identification, and assessment of asbestos-containing materials; options for controlling asbestos-containing building materials; and relevant federal and state regulations. (40 CFR 763.84)

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(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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The designated employee shall ensure that the district complies with the following requirements:

- 1. School facilities shall be inspected for asbestos-containing materials as necessary in accordance with the following:
  - a. Any school building that is leased or acquired by the district shall be inspected for asbestos-containing materials prior to its use as a school building, unless exempted by federal regulations. (40 CFR 763.85, 763.99)
  - b. At least once every six months, the district shall conduct a periodic surveillance consisting of a visual inspection of each school building that contains or is assumed to contain asbestos-containing building materials. (40 CFR 763.92)
  - c. At least once every three years, the district shall conduct a re-inspection of all known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials in each school building. (40 CFR 763.85)
- 2. Based on the results of the inspection, an appropriate response which is sufficient to protect human health and the environment shall be determined from among the options specified in 40 CFR 763.90. The district may select the least burdensome response, taking into consideration local circumstances, including occupancy and use patterns within the school building and economic concerns such as short-term and long-term costs. (40 CFR 763.90)
- 3. An asbestos management plan for each school site shall be maintained and regularly updated to keep it current with ongoing operations and maintenance, periodic surveillance, inspection, re-inspection, and response action activities. (15 USC 2643; 40 CFR 763.93)

The asbestos management plan shall be available for inspection in district and school offices during normal business hours. Parent/guardian, teacher, and employee organizations shall be annually informed of the availability of these plans. (40 CFR 763.84)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications) (cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

- 4. Staff, students, and parents/guardians shall be informed at least once each school year about any inspections, response actions, and post-response actions, including periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities, that are planned or in progress. (40 CFR 763.84)
- 5. Inspections, re-inspections, periodic surveillance, and response actions, including operations and maintenance, shall be conducted in compliance with state and federal regulations for the protection and safety of workers and all other individuals. (Education Code 49410.5; 40 CFR 763.84)

Asbestos inspection and abatement work and any maintenance activities that may disturb asbestos-containing building materials, except for emergency repairs or small-scale, short-duration maintenance activities, shall be completed by state-certified asbestos inspectors or contractors. (15 USC 2646; 40 CFR 763.84, 763.85, 763.91)

6. All custodial and maintenance employees shall be properly trained in accordance with applicable federal and/or state regulations. (40 CFR 763.84)

All district maintenance and custodial staff who may work in a building that contains asbestos-containing materials, regardless of whether they are required to work with such materials, shall receive at least two hours of related asbestos awareness training. New maintenance and custodial staff shall receive such training within 60 days after beginning employment. Any maintenance or custodial staff who conduct activities that will disturb asbestos-containing materials shall receive 14 hours of additional training. The trainings shall address the topics specified in 40 CFR 763.92. (15 USC 2655; 40 CFR 763.84, 763.92)

- 7. Short-term workers, such as telephone repair workers, utility workers, or exterminators, who may come in contact with asbestos in a school shall be provided information regarding the locations of known or suspected asbestos-containing building materials. (40 CFR 763.84)
- 8. Warning labels shall be posted immediately adjacent to any known or suspected asbestos-containing building material located in routine maintenance areas in accordance with 40 CFR 763.95. (40 CFR 763.84)

The district shall maintain, in both the district and school offices and for a period of three years, records pertaining to each preventive measure and response action taken; staff training; periodic surveillances conducted; cleaning, operations, and maintenance activities; and any fiber release episode. (40 CFR 763.94)

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students and employees from exposure to potentially hazardous substances that may be used in the district's educational program and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment.

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(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4219.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)
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Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. When hazardous substances must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.

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(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all potentially hazardous substances on district properties are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a written hazard communication program in accordance with 8 CCR 5194 and shall ensure that employees, students, and others as necessary are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed.

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(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
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The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include the development and implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in accordance with 8 CCR 5191 and instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

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(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

49340-49341 Hazardous substances education

49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services

49411 Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs; determination of shelf life; disposal

## FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

12981 Regulations re pesticides and worker safety

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25163 Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions; inspection

25500-25520 Hazardous materials release response plans; inventory

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#### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

**Cautionary Notice:** Government Code 17581.5 relieves districts from the obligation to perform specified mandated activities when the Budget Act does not provide reimbursement during that fiscal year. The Budget Act of 2016 (SB 826, Ch. 23, Statutes of 2016) extends the suspension of these requirements through the 2016-17 fiscal year. As a result, certain provisions of the following administrative regulation related to the removal of chemicals may be suspended.

Hazardous substance means a substance, material, or mixture which is likely to cause illness or injury by reason of being explosive, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, oxidizing, an irritant, or otherwise harmful. Hazardous substances, as identified by the Department of Industrial Relations, are listed in 8 CCR 339. (8 CCR 339, 5161)

## Storage and Disposal of Chemicals

The Superintendent or designee shall adopt measures to ensure that hazardous substances on any district property are stored and disposed of properly in accordance with law. Such measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (8 CCR 5164)

- 1. Substances which react violently or evolve toxic vapors or gases when mixed, or which in combination become toxic, flammable, explosive, or otherwise hazardous, shall be separated from each other in storage by distance, partitions, secondary containment, or otherwise so as to preclude accidental contact between them.
- 2. Hazardous substances shall be stored in containers which are chemically inert to and appropriate for the type and quantity of the hazardous substance.
- 3. Containers of hazardous substances shall not be stored in such locations or manner as to result in physical damage to or deterioration of the container or where they are exposed to heat sufficient to rupture the container or to cause leakage.
- 4. Containers used to package a substance which gives off toxic, poisonous, corrosive, asphyxiant, suffocant, or anesthetic fumes, gases, or vapors in hazardous amounts, excluding small quantities of such materials kept in closed containers or materials kept in tank cars or trucks, shall not be stored in locations where it could be reasonably anticipated that persons would be exposed.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly remove and dispose of all chemicals whose estimated shelf life has elapsed. (Education Code 49411)

#### **Hazard Communication Program**

The district's written hazard communication program shall include at least the components listed below and shall be available upon request to all employees and their designated

representatives. The program shall apply to any hazardous substance which is known to be present in the workplace in such a manner that employees may be exposed under normal conditions of use or in a reasonably foreseeable emergency resulting from workplace operations. (8 CCR 5194)

## 1. Container Labeling

No container of hazardous substance, unless exempted by law, shall be accepted by the district or any district school unless labeled, tagged, or marked by the supplier with the identity of the hazardous substance, hazard warning statements, and the name and address of the chemical manufacturer or importer. No label on an incoming container shall be removed or intentionally defaced unless the container is immediately marked with the required information.

Whenever hazardous substances are transferred from their original containers to other containers, the secondary containers shall likewise be labeled with the identity and hazard warning statement, unless the substances are intended only for the immediate use of the employee who performs the transfer.

## 2. Safety Data Sheets

Upon receiving a hazardous substance or mixture, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the manufacturer or importer has furnished a safety data sheet (SDS) as required by law. If the SDS is missing or obviously incomplete, the Superintendent or designee shall, within seven working days of noting the missing or incomplete information, request a new SDS from the manufacturer or importer. If a response is not received within 25 working days, the Superintendent or designee shall send a copy of the district's written inquiry to the California Occupational Safety and Health Division (Cal/OSHA). (8 CCR 5194)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the required SDS for each hazardous substance in the workplace and shall ensure that it is readily accessible to employees in their work area during working hours. The SDS may be maintained in paper copy, electronically, or through other means, provided that employees have immediate access and understand how to use the alternative system.

## 3. Employee Information and Training

Employees shall receive information and training on hazardous substances in their work area at the time of their initial assignment and whenever a new hazard is introduced into their work area. The information and training shall include, but are not limited to, the following topics: (8 CCR 5194)

a. The requirements of 8 CCR 5194, including employee rights described therein

- b. The location and availability of the district's written hazard communication program, including the list of hazardous materials and all SDS
- c. Any operations in the work area where hazardous substances are present
- d. The physical and health effects of the hazardous substances in the work area
- e. Methods and observations that may be used to detect the presence or release of hazardous substances in the work area
- f. Measures that employees can take to protect themselves from exposure to hazardous substances, including specific procedures the district has implemented to protect employees, such as appropriate work practices, emergency procedures, and personal protective equipment to be used
- g. How to read and use the labels and SDS

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(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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#### 4. List of Hazardous Substances

The written hazard communication program shall include a list of the hazardous substances known to be present in the workplace as a whole or for individual work areas. (8 CCR 5194)

#### 5. Hazardous Nonroutine Tasks

When employees are required to perform hazardous nonroutine tasks or to work on unlabeled pipes that contain hazards, they shall first receive information about the specific hazards to which they may be exposed during this activity and the protective/safety measures which must be used, such as ventilation, respirators, other personal protective equipment, and/or the presence of another employee. They shall also receive information about emergency procedures to follow if accidentally exposed to the hazardous substance.

#### 6. Information to Contractors

To ensure that outside contractors and their employees work safely in district facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall inform contractors of hazardous substances which are present on the site and precautions that they may take to lessen the possibility of exposure. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to disseminate this information to his/her employees and subcontractors.

## **Chemical Hygiene Plan**

The district's chemical hygiene plan shall address exposure to hazardous chemicals in school laboratories and shall include the following components: (8 CCR 5191)

- 1. Standard operating procedures relevant to safety and health considerations to be followed when laboratory work involves the use of hazardous chemicals
- 2. Criteria that the district will use to determine and implement control measures to reduce exposure to hazardous chemicals, including engineering controls, the use of personal protective equipment, and hygiene practices
- 3. A requirement that protective equipment comply with state regulations and that specific measures be taken to ensure proper and adequate performance of such equipment
- 4. Provision of specified information at the time of an employee's initial assignment to a work area where hazardous chemicals are present and prior to assignments involving new exposure situations
- 5. Provision of specified employee training in accordance with the schedule determined by the Superintendent or designee
- 6. The circumstances under which a particular laboratory operation, procedure, or activity shall require prior approval of the Superintendent or designee before implementation
- 7. Provisions for medical consultations and examinations whenever there is evidence, as specified, that the employee may have been exposed to a hazardous chemical
- 8. Designation of an employee, who is qualified by training or experience, to serve as the district's chemical hygiene officer to provide technical guidance in the development and implementation of the chemical hygiene plan
- 9. Provisions for additional employee protection for work with particularly hazardous substances, as specified

The plan shall be readily available to employees and employee representatives, and, upon request, to Cal/OSHA. (8 CCR 5191)

The Superintendent or designee shall review and evaluate the effectiveness of the chemical hygiene plan at least annually and shall update it as necessary. (8 CCR 5191)

#### INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Superintendent or designee shall designate an employee at the district office and/or school site to develop, implement, and coordinate an integrated pest management (IPM) program that incorporates effective, least toxic pest management practices. The IPM coordinator shall prepare and regularly update a districtwide or school site IPM plan based on the template provided by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR).

Integrated pest management means a strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment are used only after careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to pre-established guidelines and treatment thresholds. (Education Code 17609; Food and Agricultural Code 13181)

The IPM plan and this administrative regulation shall not apply to reduced-risk pesticides, including self-contained baits or traps, gels or pastes used for crack and crevice treatments, antimicrobials, and pesticides exempt from registration by law. (Education Code 17610.5; 3 CCR 6147)

The IPM coordinator shall not use any pesticide that is prohibited by DPR or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as listed on the DPR web site. (Education Code 17610.1)

#### **Program Components**

The district's program shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following components:

- 1. Identifying and monitoring pest population levels and identifying practices that could affect pest populations. Strategies for managing the pest shall be influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property, or the environment.
- 2. Setting action threshold levels to determine when pest populations or vegetation at a specific location might cause unacceptable health or economic hazards that would indicate corrective action should be taken.
- 3. Modifying or eliminating pest habitats to deter pest populations and minimize pest infestations.

- 4. Considering a full range of possible alternative cost-effective treatments. Such alternative treatments may include taking no action or controlling the pest by physical, horticultural, or biological methods. Cost or staffing considerations alone will not be adequate justification for the use of chemical control agents.
- 5. Selecting nonchemical pest management methods over chemical methods whenever such methods are effective in providing the desired control or, when it is determined that chemical methods must be used, giving preference to those chemicals that pose the least hazardous effects to people and the environment.
- 6. Limiting pesticide purchases to amounts needed for the year. Pesticides shall be stored at a secure location that is not accessible to students and unauthorized staff. They shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with state regulations and label directions registered with the EPA as well as any disposal requirements indicated on the product label.

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(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
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- 7. Informing parents/guardians and employees regarding pesticide use as described in the sections "Notifications" and "Warning Signs" below.
- 8. Ensuring that persons applying pesticides follow label precautions and are sufficiently trained in the principles and practices of IPM.

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(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
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Beginning July 1, 2016, the IPM coordinator and any employee or contractor who intends to apply a pesticide at a school site shall annually complete a DPR-approved training course on IPM and the safe use of pesticides in relation to the unique nature of school sites and children's health. (Education Code 17614; Food and Agricultural Code 13186.5)

#### **Notifications**

Staff and parents/guardians of students enrolled at a school site shall be annually notified, in writing, regarding pesticide products expected to be applied at the school site in the upcoming year. The notification shall include at least the following: (Education Code 17612)

1. The name of each pesticide product expected to be applied in the upcoming year and the active ingredient(s) in it

- 2. The Internet address (http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm) used to access information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by the DPR pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code 13184
- 3. If the school has posted its IPM plan, the Internet address where the plan may be found
- 4. The opportunity to view a copy of the IPM plan in the school office
- 5. An opportunity for interested persons to register to receive prior notification of each application of a pesticide at the school site
- 6. Other information deemed necessary by the IPM coordinator

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(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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Whenever a person registers to receive notice of individual pesticide application pursuant to item #5 above, the IPM coordinator shall notify such registered persons of individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours prior to the application. The notice shall include the product name, the active ingredient(s) in the product, and the intended date of application. (Education Code 17612)

If a pesticide product not included in the annual notification is subsequently intended for use at a school site, the IPM coordinator shall provide written notification of its intended use to staff and parents/guardians of students enrolled at the school, at least 72 hours prior to the application. (Education Code 17612)

If a school chooses to use a pesticide not exempted pursuant to Education Code 17610.5, it shall post the school or district IPM plan on the school's web site or, if the school does not have a web site, then on the district web site. If neither the school nor district has a web site, then the IPM plan shall be included with the annual notification sent to staff and parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 17612 as described above. The plan shall include the name of the school designee or IPM coordinator, the pesticides applied at the school site by school or district employees and hired pest control applicators, and a date when the plan shall be reviewed and updated as necessary. When not required, the IPM coordinator may post or distribute the IPM plan at his/her discretion. (Education Code 17611.5)

Whenever the IPM coordinator deems that the immediate use of a pesticide is necessary to protect the health and safety of students, staff, or other persons at the school site, he/she shall make every effort to provide the required notifications prior to the application of the pesticide. (Education Code 17612)

## **Warning Signs**

The IPM coordinator shall post a warning sign at each area of the school site where pesticides will be applied that shall be visible to all persons entering the treated area. The sign shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to the application and shall remain posted until 72 hours after the application. The warning sign shall prominently display the following information: (Education Code 17612)

- 1. The term "Warning/Pesticide Treated Area"
- 2. The product name, manufacturer's name, and the EPA's product registration number
- 3. Intended areas and dates of application
- 4. Reason for the pesticide application

When advance posting is not possible due to an emergency condition requiring immediate use of a pesticide, the warning sign shall be posted immediately upon application and shall remain posted until 72 hours after the application. (Education Code 17609, 17612)

#### Records

At the end of each calendar year, the IPM coordinator shall submit to the DPR, on a form provided by the DPR, a copy of the records of all pesticide use at the school site for that year, excluding any pesticides exempted by law and any pesticide use reported by the pest control operator pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code 13186. The IPM coordinator may submit more frequent reports at his/her discretion. (Education Code 17611)

Each school site shall maintain records of all pesticide use at the school for four years, and shall make the information available to the public, upon request, in accordance with the California Public Records Act. Such records may be maintained by retaining a copy of the warning sign posted for each pesticide application with a recording on that copy of the amount of the pesticide used. (Education Code 17611)

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(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 3580 - District Records)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

#### Legal Reference:

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE** 

8593.2 Licensed pest control operators; training requirements

**EDUCATION CODE** 

17366 Legislative intent (fitness of buildings for occupancy)

17608-17614 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

48980 Notice at beginning of term

48980.3 Notification of pesticides

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals

13180-13188 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

6250-6270 California Public Records Act

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 3** 

6147 Pesticides exempted from registration requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

340-340.2 Employer's obligation to provide safety information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodentcide Act

#### Management Resources:

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION PUBLICATIONS

California School IPM Model Program Guidebook

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Protecting Children in Schools from Pests and Pesticides, 2002

Pest Control in the School Environment: Adopting Integrated Pest Management, 1993

**WEB SITES** 

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

California Department of Pesticide Regulation, School IPM: http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Integrated Pest Management at Schools:

http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm

### **CAMPUS SECURITY**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, employees, and visitors to school grounds. The Board also recognizes the importance of protecting district property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop campus security procedures which are consistent with the goals and objectives of the district's comprehensive safety plan and site-level safety plans. Such procedures shall be regularly reviewed to reflect changed circumstances and to assess their effectiveness in achieving safe school objectives.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
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## **Surveillance Systems**

The Board believes that reasonable use of surveillance cameras will help the district achieve its goals for campus security. In consultation with the safety planning committee and relevant staff, the Superintendent or designee shall identify appropriate locations for the placement of surveillance cameras. Cameras shall not be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any audio capability on the district's surveillance equipment shall be disabled so that sounds are not recorded.

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(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)
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Prior to the operation of the surveillance system, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at conspicuous locations at affected school buildings and grounds. These signs shall inform students, staff, and visitors that surveillance may occur and shall state whether the district's system is actively monitored by school personnel. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide prior written notice to students and parents/guardians about the district's surveillance system, including the locations where surveillance may occur, explaining that the recordings may be used in disciplinary proceedings, and that matters captured by the camera may be referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.

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(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
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To the extent that any images from the district's surveillance system create a student or personnel record, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the images are accessed, retained, and disclosed in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Records)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
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## **CAMPUS SECURITY** (continued)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

32020 Access gates

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes

32280-32288 School safety plans

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

38000-38005 Security patrols

49050-49051 Searches by school employees

49060-49079 Student records

PENAL CODE

469 Unauthorized making, duplicating or possession of key to public building

626-626.10 Disruption of schools

**CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION** 

Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

**COURT DECISIONS** 

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

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS** 

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

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

#### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 2002

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and

Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss

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

### **CAMPUS SECURITY**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's campus security plan includes strategies to:

1. Secure the campus perimeter and school facilities in order to prevent criminal activity

These strategies include a risk management analysis of each campus' security system, lighting system, and fencing. Procedures to ensure unobstructed views and eliminate blind spots caused by doorways and landscaping shall also be considered. In addition, parking lot design may be studied, including methods to discourage through traffic.

2. Secure buildings from outsiders and discourage trespassing

These strategies may include requiring visitor registration, staff and student identification tags, and patrolling of places used for congregating and loitering.

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(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)
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3. Discourage vandalism and graffiti

These strategies may include plans to immediately cover graffiti as well as campus beautification projects and shall also include students and the community in these projects.

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(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
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4. Control access to keys and other school inventory

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(cf. 3440 - Inventories)
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5. Detect and intervene with school crime

These strategies may include the creation of a school watch program, an anonymous crime reporting system, analysis of school crime incidents, and collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, including providing for law enforcement presence.

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(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
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## **CAMPUS SECURITY** (continued)

All staff shall receive training in building and grounds security procedures.

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

All keys used in a school shall be the responsibility of the principal or designee. Keys shall be issued only to those employees who regularly need a key in order to carry out normal activities of their position.

The principal or designee shall create a key control system with a record of each key assigned and room(s) or building(s) which the key opens.

Keys shall be used only by authorized employees and shall never be loaned to students. The master key shall not be loaned.

The person issued a key shall be responsible for its safekeeping. The duplication of school keys is prohibited. If a key is lost, the person responsible shall immediately report the loss to the principal or designee and shall pay for a replacement key.

#### **DISRUPTIONS**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe and orderly environment for students, staff, and others on district property or while engaged in school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall remove any individual who, by his/her presence or action, disrupts or threatens to disrupt normal operations at a school campus or any other district facility, threatens the health or safety of anyone on district property, or causes or threatens to cause damage to district property or to any property on school grounds.

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(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
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The Superintendent or designee shall establish a plan describing staff responsibilities and actions to be taken when an individual is causing or threatening to cause a disruption. The plan shall address, as appropriate, visitor registration procedures; campus security measures; evacuation procedures; lock-down procedures; possible responses to an active shooter situation; communications within the school and with parents/guardians, law enforcement, and the media in the event of an emergency; and crisis counseling or other assistance for students and staff after a disruption. In developing such a plan, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with law enforcement to create guidelines for law enforcement support and intervention when necessary.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
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The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to school staff on how to identify and respond to actions or situations that may constitute a disruption.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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Any employee who believes that a disruption may occur shall immediately contact the principal. The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 48902 and 20 USC 7151 and in other situations, as appropriate.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **DISRUPTIONS** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

- 32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting, misdemeanor
- 32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor
- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct
- 44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities
- 48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities
- 51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

#### PENAL CODE

- 243.5 Assault or battery on school property
- 415.5 Disturbance of peace of school
- 626-626.11 Schools, crimes, especially:
- 626.7 Failure to leave campus or facility; wrongful return; penalties; notice; exceptions
- 626.8 Disruptive presence at schools
- 626.81 Misdemeanor for registered sex offender to come onto school grounds
- 626.85 Misdemeanor for specified drug offender presence on school grounds
- 626.9 Gun Free School Zone Act
- 627-627.10 Access to school premises
- 653b Loitering about schools or public places
- 12556 Imitation firearms
- 30310 Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7151 Gun-Free Schools Act

### **COURT DECISIONS**

Reeves v. Rocklin Unified School District, (2003) 109 Cal.App.4th 652

In Re Joseph F., (2000) 85 Cal.App.4th 975

In Re Jimi A., (1989) 209 Cal.App.3d 482

In Re Oscar R., (1984) 161 Cal.App.3d 770

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

79 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 58 (1996)

#### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911! A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans, 2013

### **WEB SITES**

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss

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

#### **DISRUPTIONS**

The principal or designee may direct any person, except a student, school employee, or other person required by his/her employment to be on school grounds, to leave school grounds or school activity if:

- 1. The principal or designee has reasonable basis for concluding that the person is committing or has entered the campus with the purpose of committing an act which is likely to interfere with the peaceful conduct, discipline, good order, or administration of the school or a school activity, or with the intent of inflicting damage to any person or property. (Education Code 44810, 44811; Penal Code 626.7)
- 2. The person fights or challenges another person to a fight, willfully disturbs another person by loud and unreasonable noise, or uses offensive language which could provoke a violent reaction. (Penal Code 415.5)
- 3. The person, without lawful business for being present, loiters around a school or reenters a school within 72 hours after he/she was asked to leave. (Penal Code 653b)
- 4. The person is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 and does not have a lawful purpose and written permission from the principal or designee to be on school grounds. (Penal Code 626.81)

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(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)
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- 5. The person is a specified drug offender, as defined in Penal Code 626.85, and does not have written permission from the principal or designee to be on school grounds. However, such specified drug offender may be on school grounds during any school activity if he/she is a student or the parent/guardian of a student attending the school. (Penal Code 626.85)
- 6. The person willfully or knowingly creates a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of students, staff, or others while attending, arriving at, or leaving school. (Penal Code 626.8)
- 7. The person has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on school grounds. (Penal Code 626.8)

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(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
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The principal or designee shall allow a parent/guardian who was previously directed to leave school grounds to reenter for the purpose of retrieving his/her child for disciplinary reasons, medical attention, or family emergencies, or with the principal or designee's prior written permission. (Penal Code 626.7, 626.85)

## **DISRUPTIONS** (continued)

When directing any person to leave school premises, the principal or designee shall inform the person that he/she may be guilty of a crime if he/she: (Education Code 32211; Penal Code 626.7, 626.8, 636.85)

- 1. Fails to leave or remains after being directed to leave
- 2. Returns to the campus without following the school's posted registration requirements
- 3. Returns within seven days after being directed to leave

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Whenever an individual is causing or threatening to cause a disruption at any district facility other than a school campus, the Superintendent or designee may direct that individual to leave the facility consistent with this regulation and the accompanying Board policy.

## RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE/RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE

The Board of Trustees strongly supports a risk management program that protects district resources and promotes the safety of students, staff and the public.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a risk management program that uses effective safety and loss control practices. The district shall strive to keep its liability at a minimum and its insurance premiums as low as possible while maintaining adequate protection. To determine the most economical means of insuring the district consistent with required services, the Superintendent or designee shall annually review the district's options for obtaining coverage, including qualified insurance agents, a joint powers agency, self-insurance or a combination of these means.

The Board reserves the right to remove an insurance agent-of-record or a participating agent whenever, in the judgment of the Board, such action becomes desirable for the best interests of the district.

To attempt to minimize the district's exposure to liability, the Board shall adopt clear policies related to discrimination, harassment, safety procedures, and the timely handling of claims. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that these policies and related procedures are enforced fairly and consistently.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)
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#### RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE

The Board of Trustees desires to create a safe and secure learning environment and to minimize acts of vandalism and damage to school property. To discourage such acts, the district shall seek reimbursement of damages, within the limitations specified in law, from any individual, or from the parent/guardian of any minor, who has committed theft or has willfully damaged district or employee property.

<sup>(</sup>cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11- Sexual Harassment)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 4132/4232/4332- Publication or Creation of Materials)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 4158/4258/4358- Employee Security)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)

# RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE/RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE (continued)

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
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(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

#### Rewards

When district or law enforcement officials have not been able to identify the person(s) responsible for the theft or vandalism of district property, the Board may authorize a reward for the identification and apprehension of the responsible person(s).

The Board shall determine the appropriate amount for the reward.

The Superintendent or designee shall disburse the reward when the guilt of the person responsible for the act has been established by a criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial procedure.

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Legal Reference:
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EDUCATION CODE
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19910 Libraries, malicious cutting, tearing, defacing, breaking or injuring

19911 Libraries, willful detention of property

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful misconduct

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

GOVERNMENT CODE

53069.5 Reward for information concerning person causing death, injury, or property damage

53069.6 Actions to recover damages

54951 Local agency, definition

PENAL CODE

484 Theft defined

594.1 Aerosol paint and etching cream

640.5 Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity

640.6 Graffiti

#### Management Resources:

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education: <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov">http://www.cde.ca.gov</a>

Policy adopted:

## RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE/RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE

## Risk Management

The Superintendent or designee shall take action to:

- 1. Identify the risks inherent in the operation of district programs
- 2. Assess the above risks and keep records of accidents, losses and damage
- 3. Mitigate risks through loss control and safety-related activities
- 4. Determine the extent to which risks should be assumed by the district or covered by the purchase of insurance or pooling with other districts

Employees are expected to take reasonable precautions for the care and safety of the school equipment with which they have been entrusted. Employees may be held responsible for recurring damage or losses that occur due to their negligence or lack of supervision. Responsibilities related to safety and loss control shall be included in employee job descriptions.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)
(cf. 3430 - Investing)
(cf. 3440 - Inventories)
(cf. 3512 - Equipment)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.43 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357- Employee Safety)
(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)
(cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)
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# RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE/RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE (continued)

#### Insurance

Insurance coverage shall include, but may not be limited to:

- 1. Liability insurance (Education Code 35200-35214)
- 2. Fire insurance for buildings, equipment and vehicles (Education Code 17565)
- 3. Workers' compensation insurance (Labor Code 3700)
- 4. Fidelity bond insurance (Education Code 41021)

A suitable bond indemnifying the district against loss shall be purchased for employees responsible for handling district funds and may be purchased for employees responsible for handling district property. The district shall bear the cost of this bonding. (Education Code 41021)

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(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)
(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)
(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)
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#### **Reports**

District employees shall report all damage or loss of school property to the principal or designee immediately after such damage or loss is discovered. In those instances in which insurance reimbursement may be involved, the principal or designee shall contact the appropriate district official.

## Investigation

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a complete investigation is conducted at the site where the vandalism occurred.

The principal or designee shall conduct a complete investigation of any instance of damage or loss of school property. The investigation shall be carried out in cooperation with law enforcement officials when appropriate.

## **Recovery of Damages**

When the person causing the damage or loss has been identified and the costs of repair, replacement or cleanup determined, the Superintendent or designee shall take all practical and reasonable steps to recover these costs, including consulting district's legal counsel if necessary. Reasonable steps may include the filing of a civil complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover damages from the responsible person.

# RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE/RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE (continued)

If the responsible person is a minor, recovery may be sought from the minor's custodial parent/ guardian in accordance with Education Code 48904.

Damages may include the cost of repair or replacement of the property, the payment of any reward, interest, court costs and all other damages as provided by law.

## **Payment of Reward**

When authorized according to Board of Trustees policy, the reward shall be paid to the party who provides information sufficient to identify and apprehend the person or persons subsequently found responsible for the damage or loss. If more than one informant provides information, the reward shall be divided among the informants. The Superintendent or designee shall determine who is entitled to what portion of the reward. The identity of the informant shall be considered confidential and shall not be made public by the district.

Pursuant to Education Code 48904, parents/guardians are liable for the willful misconduct of their minor children that results in damage to school property or the injury or death of a district student, employee or volunteer. This liability limit is established by law and is adjusted annually by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reflect increases in cost of living.

Regulation approved:

BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT San Jose, California

#### SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In order to protect students while they are traveling to and from school, or attending school or a school-related activity, the Board of Trustees believes it is important that the district respond appropriately when a law enforcement agency notifies the district about registered sex offenders who may reside or work within district boundaries.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an ongoing relationship with law enforcement officials to coordinate the receipt and dissemination of such information. To the extent authorized by law, the Superintendent or designee also shall establish procedures for notifying appropriate staff as necessary.

To protect the district and its employees from liability, employees shall disseminate sex offender information in good faith, and only in the manner and to the extent authorized by the law enforcement agency.

The Superintendent or designee may annually notify parents/guardians of the availability of information about registered sex offenders on the Department of Justice's Internet website.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; offense

35160 Authority of boards

35160.1 Board authority of school districts

48981 Parent/guardian notifications; methods

#### PENAL CODE

290 Registration of sex offenders

290.4 Sex offender registration; compilation of information

290.45 Release of sex offender information

290.46 Making information about certain sex offenders available via the Internet

290.9 Addresses of persons who violate duty to register

290.95 Disclosure by person required to register as sex offender

626.8 Disruptive entry or entry of sex offender upon school grounds

626.81 Sex offender; permission to volunteer at school

830.32 School district and community college police

3003 Parole, geographic placement

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

14071 Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender

Registration Program Act

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

82 <u>Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen</u>. 20 (1999)

#### Management Resources:

### **WEB SITES**

California Department of Justice, Megan's Law mapping: http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov

#### SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan for receiving and communicating information about registered sex offenders residing within district boundaries. He/she shall ensure, at a minimum, that the following components are part of the plan:

- 1. The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a staff member to serve as liaison with law enforcement regarding these matters.
- 2. The Superintendent or district liaison shall, at the beginning of each school year, contact local law enforcement to coordinate the receipt of information. Law enforcement shall be informed that all notifications and correspondence should be directed to the liaison as well as the individual school sites. A letter shall be sent annually to local law enforcement, identifying the name, phone number, and address of the liaison.
- 3. The Superintendent or district liaison shall collaborate with law enforcement in order to alert children to the dangers of sex offenders, develop a system for distributing information about sex offenders, and train school staff and parents/guardians about the roles and responsibilities of both the district and law enforcement.
- 4. The Superintendent or liaison shall, at the beginning of each school year, notify parents/guardians of the district's willingness and intention to work with law enforcement on this matter and shall explain the appropriate roles and responsibilities of both the district and law enforcement.

This communication shall also explain:

- a. The reporting requirements pursuant to Penal Code 290 and 290.45, including the fact that law enforcement is the agency best able to assess the relative danger of a sex offender
- b. The ability of the parents/guardians to contact law enforcement for additional information and to view the information on the Megan's Law Internet website
- 5. When law enforcement notifies the district of the residency or employment of a sex offender within district boundaries, the Superintendent or district liaison shall consult with law enforcement about the appropriate scope of the disclosure. When authorized by law enforcement, the Superintendent or liaison may disclose information about a sex offender to the following staff:
  - a. The principal of the school which is in the attendance area of the sex offender's residence or place of employment
  - b. Teachers and classified personnel at that school, including staff responsible for visitor registration

## **SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION** (continued)

- c. Principals and staff at adjacent schools, as appropriate
- d. Bus drivers
- e. Yard supervisors
- 6. Any staff member who receives information directly from law enforcement regarding registered sex offenders shall immediately contact the Superintendent or liaison in order to help ensure that the district is able to respond appropriately.
- 7. If an identified sex offender is seen on or near school grounds or around any student, staff shall immediately contact the district liaison. A staff member may also inform local law enforcement.

#### **Notification to Parents/Guardians**

When law enforcement has determined that parents/guardians should be notified regarding the presence of a sex offender in the community, the Superintendent or district liaison shall collaborate with local law enforcement in order to determine an appropriate response. This response may include:

- 1. An article in a school or parent council newsletter notifying parents/guardians that law enforcement information about registered sex offenders is available at the local law enforcement agency headquarters and/or at the school office. This article shall encourage parents/guardians to contact local law enforcement and access the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Megan's Law Internet website for additional information.
- 2. A mailing, at law enforcement's expense, prepared by law enforcement, and printed on law enforcement letterhead and envelopes, notifying parents/guardians of the presence of registered sex offenders. This notification shall encourage parents/guardians to contact local law enforcement and access the DOJ's Megan's Law Internet website for additional information.
- 3. A mailing of a letter, at district expense, prepared by law enforcement and printed on law enforcement letterhead and envelopes, notifying parents/guardians of the presence of registered sex offenders. This notification shall encourage parents/guardians to contact local law enforcement and access the DOJ's Megan's Law Internet website for additional information.

## **SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION** (continued)

Whenever the principal has granted permission to a person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 to come into a school building or upon school grounds to volunteer at the school, he/she shall notify the parent/guardian of each student at that school, at least 14 days in advance using one of the methods specified in Education Code 48981, that a registered sex offender has been granted such permission, the date(s) and times for which permission has been granted, and the parent/guardian's right to obtain information regarding the person from a designated law enforcement agency. (Penal Code 626.81)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance) (cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

#### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS

When the employees of any entity contracting with the district to provide specified services will have contact with students, the entity shall certify in writing to the Superintendent or designee that none of those employees has been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in Education Code 45122.1. In the case of a sole proprietor, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and submit the employee's fingerprints to the Department of Justice. If any contracting employee who may have contact with students has been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined, a certificate of rehabilitation and a pardon as required pursuant to Education Code 45125.1 shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee before the contracting employee is authorized to perform the work for the district. (Education Code 45125.1)

These requirements shall apply to a sole proprietor or entity contracting with the district to provide any of the following services: (Education Code 45125.1, 45125.2)

- 1. School and classroom janitorial services
- 2. School site administrative services
- 3. School site grounds and landscape maintenance services
- 4. Student transportation services
- 5. School site food-related services
- 6. Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of a school facility

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(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3600 - Consultants)
(cf. 7140 - Architectural and Engineering Services)
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On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may require a contracting entity providing school site services other than those listed above to comply with these requirements. (Education Code 45125.1)

The Superintendent or designee may determine that criminal background checks will not be required if:

- 1. The contracting entity is providing services in an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when student health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable. (Education Code 45125.1)
- 2. The employees of the contracting entity will have limited contact with students. In determining whether a contract employee has limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the totality of the circumstances, including

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS (continued)

factors such as the length of time the contractors will be on school grounds, whether students will be in proximity with the site where the contractors will be working, and whether the contractors will be working by themselves or with others. (Education Code 45125.1)

Upon a determination that an employee will have limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate steps to protect the safety of any students who may come in contact with this employee. (Education Code 45125.1)

These steps may include, but are not limited to, ensuring that the employee is working during nonschool hours, providing for regular patrols or supervision of the site from district security or personnel, ensuring that the employee is not working alone when students are present, limiting the employee's access to school grounds, and/or providing the employee with a visible means of identification.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

- 3. The contract is for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of a school facility and either item #1 or #2 above applies or the district uses one or more of the following methods to ensure student safety: (Education Code 45125.2)
  - a. The installation of a physical barrier at the worksite to limit contact with students
  - b. Continual supervision and monitoring of all employees of the entity by an employee of the entity whom the Department of Justice has ascertained has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony
  - c. Surveillance of employees of the entity by school personnel

### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

41302.5 School districts, definition

45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony

45125.1 Criminal background checks for contractors

45125.2 Criminal background checks for construction

PENAL CODE

667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms

1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation

#### Management Resources:

**WEB SITES** 

Department of Justice: https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints

Regulation approved:

# **Business and Noninstructional Operations FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors on campus. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with local law enforcement and other appropriate individuals and agencies to address the security of school campuses.

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(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
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Possession of a firearm on or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited, except under the limited circumstances specified in Penal Code 626.9. *School grounds* include, but are not limited to, school buildings, fields, storage areas, and parking lots. (Penal Code 626.9)

If a district employee observes or suspects that any unauthorized person is in possession of a firearm on or near school grounds or at a school activity, he/she shall immediately notify the principal or designee and law enforcement.

The prohibition against the possession of firearms on school grounds shall be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan and shall be communicated to district staff, parents/guardians, and the community.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
Legal Reference:
        EDUCATION CODE
        32281 Comprehensive safety plan
        38001.5 District security officers; requirements if carry firearm
        PENAL CODE
        626.9 Gun Free School Zone Act
        830.32 District police department; district decision to authorize carrying of firearm
        16150 Definition of ammunition
        16520 Definition of firearm
        26150-26225 Concealed weapons permit
        30310 Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds
        UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18
        921 Definitions, firearms and ammunition
        922 Firearms, unlawful acts
        923 Firearm licensing
        UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
        7961 Gun-Free Schools Act; student expulsions for possession of firearm
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Office of the Attorney General: https://oag.ca.gov/firearms

Policy adopted:

Management Resources: WEB SITES

> BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT San Jose, California

#### EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The Board of Trustees recognizes that all district staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters, and threats of disaster.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan which details provisions for handling emergencies and disasters and which shall be included in the district's comprehensive school safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)
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The Superintendent or designee shall also develop and maintain emergency plans for each school site.

In developing the district and school emergency plans, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with city and county emergency responders, including local public health administrators.

The Superintendent or designee shall use state-approved Standardized Emergency Management System guidelines and the National Incident Command System when updating district and site-level emergency and disaster preparedness plans.

The Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall cooperate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining whatever services they deem necessary to meet the community's needs. (Education Code 32282)

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(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
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School employees are considered disaster service workers and are subject to disaster service activities assigned to them. (Government Code 3100)

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(cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)
(cf. 4119.3/4219.3/4319.3 - Duties of Personnel)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

32001 Fire alarms and drills

32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit

32280-32289 School safety plans

32290 Safety devices

39834 Operating overloaded bus

46390-46392 Emergency average daily attendance in case of disaster

49505 Natural disaster; meals for homeless students; reimbursement

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

3100 Public employees as disaster service workers

8607 Standardized emergency management system

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

550 Fire drills

560 Civil defense and disaster preparedness plans

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19

2400-2450 Standardized emergency management system

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

#### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Avian Influenza, Governance and Policy Services Fact Sheet, April 2006

911! A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

School Emergency Response: Using SEMS at Districts and Sites, June 1998

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist, 2006

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Pandemic Flu School Action Kit, June 2006

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities, May 2003 WEB SITES

#### WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org

California Department of Education, Crisis Preparedness: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/cp

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: http://www.caloes.ca.gov

California Seismic Safety Commission: http://www.seismic.ca.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

Contra Costa County Office of Education, Pandemic influenza resources:

http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/about/flu/resources\_flu\_action\_kit

Federal Emergency Management Agency: http://www.fema.gov

U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning:

http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: http://www.dhs.gov

#### EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

## **Components of the Plan**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district and school site plans address, at a minimum, the following types of emergencies and disasters:

1. Fire on or off school grounds which endangers students and staff

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(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)
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2. Earthquake or other natural disasters

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(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)
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3. Environmental hazards

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(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
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4. Attack or disturbance, or threat of attack or disturbance, by an individual or group

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(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
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5. Bomb threat or actual detonation

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(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)
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- 6. Biological, radiological, chemical, and other activities, or heightened warning of such activities
- 7. Medical emergencies and quarantines, such as a pandemic influenza outbreak

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(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's procedures include strategies and actions for prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Regular inspection of school facilities and equipment and identification of risks

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(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
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2. Instruction and practice for students and employees regarding emergency plans, including:

## EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN (continued)

- a. Training of staff in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- b. Regular practice of emergency procedures by students and staff

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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- 3. Specific determination of roles and responsibilities of staff during a disaster or other emergency, including determination of:
  - a. The appropriate chain of command at the district and, if communication between the district and site is not possible, at each site
  - b. Individuals responsible for specific duties
  - c. Designation of the principal for the overall control and supervision of activities at each school during the emergency, including authorization to use his/her discretion in situations which do not permit execution of prearranged plans
  - d. Identification of at least one person at each site who holds a valid certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation
  - e. Assignment of responsibility for identification of injured persons and administration of first aid
- 4. Personal safety and security, including:
  - a. Identification of areas of responsibility for supervision of students
  - b. Procedures for evacuation of students and staff, including posting of evacuation routes
  - c. Procedures for release of students, including a procedure to release students when reference to the emergency card is not feasible

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(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
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d. Identification of transportation needs, including a plan which allows bus seating capacity limits to be exceeded when a disaster or hazard requires students to be moved immediately to ensure their safety

## **EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN** (continued)

- e. Provision of a first aid kit to each classroom
- f. Arrangements for students and staff with special needs

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(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
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g. Upon notification that a pandemic situation exists, adjustment of attendance policies for students and sick leave policies for staff with known or suspected pandemic influenza or other infectious disease

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(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
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- 5. Closure of schools, including an analysis of:
  - a. The impact on student learning and methods to ensure continuity of instruction
  - b. How to provide for continuity of operations for essential central office functions, such as payroll and ongoing communication with students and parents/guardians

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

- 6. Communication among staff, parents/guardians, the Board of Trustees, other governmental agencies, and the media during an emergency, including:
  - a. Identification of spokesperson(s)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

b. Development and testing of communication platforms, such as hotlines, telephone trees, and web sites

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

- c. Development of methods to ensure that communications are, to the extent practicable, in a language and format that is easy for parents/guardians to understand
- d. Distribution of information about district and school site emergency procedures to staff, students, and parents/guardians

## **EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN** (continued)

- 7. Cooperation with other state and local agencies, including:
  - a. Development of guidelines for law enforcement involvement and intervention
  - b. Collaboration with the local health department, including development of a tracking system to alert the local health department to a substantial increase of student or staff absenteeism as indicative of a potential outbreak of an infectious disease

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

- 8. Steps to be taken after the disaster or emergency, including:
  - a. Inspection of school facilities
  - b. Provision of mental health services for students and staff, as needed

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

### FIRE DRILLS AND FIRES

#### Fire Drills

The principal shall cause the fire alarm signal to be sounded at least once every month. (Education Code 32001)

The principal shall also hold fire drills at least once a month at the elementary level, four times every school year at the intermediate level, and not less than twice every school year at the secondary level. (Education Code 32001)

- 1. The principal shall notify staff as to the schedule for fire drills.
- 2. Whenever a fire drill is held, all students, teachers and other employees shall be directed to leave the building. (5 CCR 550)
- 3. Teachers shall ascertain that no student remains in the building.
- 4. Teachers shall be prepared to select alternate exits and shall direct their classes to these exits whenever the designated escape route is blocked.
- 5. The principal or designee shall keep a record of each fire drill conducted and file a copy of this record with the office of the Superintendent or designee.

#### Fires

When a fire is discovered in any part of the school, the following actions shall be taken:

- 1. The principal or designee shall sound fire signals, unless the school and/or building is equipped with an automatic fire detection and alarm system. (Education Code 32001)
- 2. The principal or designee shall call 911.
- 3. All persons shall be directed to leave the building and shall proceed outside to designated assembly areas.
- 4. Staff shall give students clear direction and supervision and help maintain a calm and orderly response.
- 5. In outside assembly areas, teachers shall take roll, report missing students, and provide assistance to any injured students.
- 6. In outside assembly areas, the principal, designee and/or each department head shall account for their staff, report missing staff, and provide assistance to any injured staff.

## FIRE DRILLS AND FIRES (continued)

7. If the fire is extensive, students shall be taken to an alternate location for protective custody until parents/guardians can pick them up or until they can be safely transported to their homes.

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

## Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
17074.50-17074.56 Automatic fire detection, alarm and sprinkler systems
32001 Uniform fire signals
32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
550 Fire drills

#### BOMB THREATS

To maintain a safe and secure environment for district students and staff, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's emergency and disaster preparedness plan and/or each school's comprehensive safety plan includes procedures for dealing with bomb threats. He/she also shall provide training regarding the procedures to site administrators, safety personnel, and staff members who customarily handle mail, telephone calls, or email.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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## **Receiving Threats**

Any staff member receiving a telephoned bomb threat shall try to keep the caller on the line in order to gather information about the location and timing of the bomb and the person(s) responsible. To the extent possible, the staff member should also take note of the caller's gender, age, any distinctive features of voice or speech, and any background noises such as music, traffic, machinery, or voices.

If the bomb threat is received through the mail system or in writing, the staff member who receives it should handle the letter, note, or package as minimally as possible. If the threat is received through electronic means, such as email or text messaging, the staff member should not delete the message.

## **Response Procedure**

The following procedure shall be followed when a bomb threat is received:

- 1. Any employee who receives a bomb threat shall immediately call 911 and also report the threat to the Superintendent or designee. If the threat is in writing, the employee shall place the message in an envelope and take note of where and by whom it was found.
- 2. Any student or employee who sees a suspicious package shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.
- 3. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately use fire drill signals and initiate standard evacuation procedures as specified in the emergency plan.

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(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)
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4. The Superintendent or designee shall turn off any two-way radio equipment which is located in a threatened building.

# **BOMB THREATS** (continued)

Law enforcement and/or fire department staff shall conduct the bomb search. No school staff shall search for or handle any explosive or incendiary device.

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(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
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No one shall reenter the threatened building(s) until the Superintendent or designee declares that reentry is safe based on law enforcement and/or fire department clearance.

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(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)
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To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain communications with staff, parents/guardians, the Board of Trustees, other governmental agencies, and the media during the period of the incident.

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(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
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Following the incident, the Superintendent or designee shall provide crisis counseling for students and/or staff as needed.

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(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
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Any employee or student found to have made a bomb threat shall be subject to disciplinary procedures and/or criminal prosecution.

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(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

# **BOMB THREATS** (continued)

## Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

#### PENAL CODE

17 Felony, misdemeanor, classification of offenses

148.1 False report of explosive or facsimile bomb

245 Assault with deadly weapon or force likely to produce great bodily injury; punishment

#### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911: A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PUBLICATIONS

#### Bomb Threat Checklist

## **WEB SITES**

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: http://www.dhs.gov

U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:

http://www.THREATPLAN.org

# EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM

# **Earthquake Preparedness**

Earthquake emergency procedures shall be established in every school building having an occupant capacity of 50 or more students, or more than one classroom, and shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
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Earthquake emergency procedures shall be aligned with the Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System. (Government Code 8607; 19 CCR 2400-2450)

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(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
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The Superintendent or designee may work with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Seismic Safety Commission to develop and establish the earthquake emergency procedures. (Education Code 32282)

Earthquake emergency procedures shall outline the roles and responsibilities of students and staff during and after an earthquake.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

- 1. A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of students and staff
- 2. A drop procedure whereby each student and staff member takes cover under a table or desk, dropping to his/her knees, with the head protected by the arms and the back to the windows

Drop procedures shall be practiced at least once each school quarter in elementary schools and at least once each semester in secondary schools.

- 3. Protective measures to be taken before, during, and following an earthquake
- 4. A program to ensure that students and staff are aware of and properly trained in the earthquake emergency procedure system

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
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<sup>(</sup>cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

<sup>(</sup>cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

## **EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM** (continued)

Staff and students shall be informed of the dangers to expect in an earthquake and procedures to be followed. Students shall be instructed to remain silent and follow directions given by staff in such an emergency. Staff and students also shall be taught safety precautions to take if they are in the open or on the way to or from school when an earthquake occurs.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall designate primary and alternative locations outside of buildings, which may include areas off campus if necessary, where individuals on a school site will assemble following evacuation. In designating such areas, the Superintendent or designee shall consider potential post-earthquake hazards outside school buildings including, but not limited to, power lines, trees, covered walkways, chain link fences that may be an electric shock hazard, and areas near buildings that may have debris.

Earthquake emergency procedures also shall outline primary and alternative evacuation routes that avoid areas with potential hazards to the extent possible. The needs of students with disabilities shall be considered when planning evacuation routes.

The Superintendent or designee shall consider the danger of a post-earthquake tsunami when developing evacuation routes and locations, including the need to evacuate to higher ground.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify at least one individual within each building to determine if an evacuation is necessary, the best evacuation location, and the best route to that location when an earthquake occurs.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify potential earthquake hazards in classrooms and other district facilities, including, but not limited to, areas where the main gas supply or electric current enters the building, suspended ceilings, pendant light fixtures, large windows, stairwells, science laboratories, storage areas for hazardous materials, shop areas, and unsecured furniture and equipment. To the extent possible, dangers presented by such potential hazards shall be minimized by securing equipment and furnishings and removing heavy objects from high shelves.

## **Earthquake While Indoors at School**

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken inside buildings and classrooms:

- 1. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure. Students should stay in the drop position until the emergency is over or until further instructions are given.
- 2. In laboratories, burners should be extinguished, if possible, before taking cover.
- 3. As soon as possible, staff shall move students away from windows, shelves, and heavy objects or furniture that may fall.

## **EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM** (continued)

- 4. After the earthquake, the principal or designee shall determine whether planned evacuation routes and assembly locations are safe and shall communicate with teachers and other staff.
- 5. When directed by the principal or designee to evacuate, or if classrooms or other facilities present dangerous hazards that require immediate evacuation, staff shall account for all students under their supervision and shall evacuate the building in an orderly manner.

## **Earthquake While Outdoors on School Grounds**

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken by staff or other persons in authority who are outdoors on school grounds:

- 1. Staff shall direct students to walk away from buildings, trees, overhead power lines, power poles, or exposed wires.
- 2. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure.
- 3. Staff shall have students stay in the open until the earthquake is over or until further directions are given.

### Earthquake While on the Bus

If students are on the school bus when an earthquake occurs, the bus driver shall take proper precautions to ensure student safety, which may include pulling over to the side of the road or driving to a location away from outside hazards, if possible. Following the earthquake, the driver shall contact the Superintendent or designee for instructions before proceeding on the route or, if such contact is not possible, drive to an evacuation or assembly location.

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

## **Subsequent Emergency Procedures**

After an earthquake episode has subsided, the following actions shall be taken:

- 1. Staff shall extinguish small fires if safe.
- 2. Staff shall provide first aid to any injured students, take roll, and report missing students to the principal or designee.
- 3. Staff and students shall refrain from lighting any stoves or burners or operating any electrical switches until the area is declared safe.

# **EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM** (continued)

- 4. All buildings shall be inspected for water and gas leaks, electrical breakages, and large cracks or earth slippage affecting buildings.
- 5. The principal or designee shall post staff at safe distances from all building entrances and instruct staff and students to remain outside the buildings until they are declared safe.
- 6. The principal or designee shall request assistance as needed from the county or city civil defense office, fire and police departments, city and county building inspectors, and utility companies and shall confer with them regarding the advisability of closing the school.
- 7. The principal or designee shall contact the Superintendent or designee and request further instructions after assessing the earthquake damage.
- 8. The Superintendent or designee shall provide updates to parents/guardians of district students and members of the community about the incident, any safety issues, and follow-up directions.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

#### Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 School safety plans

GOVERNMENT CODE

3100 Public employees as disaster service workers

8607 Standardized Emergency Management System

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19

2400-2450 Standardized Emergency Management System

#### Management Resources:

<u>CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PUBLICATIONS</u>

The ABCs of Post-Earthquake Evacuation: A Checklist for School Administrators and Faculty

Guide and Checklist for Nonstructural Earthquake Hazards in California Schools, January 2003

School Emergency Response: Using SEMS at Districts and Sites, June 1998

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Guidebook for Developing a School Earthquake Safety Program, 1990

**WEB SITES** 

American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: http://www.caloes.ca.gov

California Seismic Safety Commission: http://www.seismic.ca.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency: http://www.fema.gov/hazards/earthquakes

National Incident Management System: http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims

Regulation approved:

### **EMERGENCY SCHEDULES**

In order to provide for the safety of students and staff, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent or designee to close a school site, change the regular school day schedule, or take any necessary action when hazardous environmental or weather conditions or other emergencies warrant.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 6112 - School Day)
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When an emergency condition causes a school closure, reduction in attendance, or change in schedule pursuant to Education Code 41422 or 46392, thereby preventing the district from complying with the minimum number of instructional days or minutes required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall complete and submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the necessary forms for obtaining approval of the days of the closure, reduction in attendance, or change in schedule. The Superintendent or designee shall submit other relevant district records as may be required.

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(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)
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The Superintendent or designee shall establish a system for informing students and parents/guardians when school buses are not operating as scheduled, the school day schedule is changed, or the school is closed. The district's notification system shall include, but is not limited to, notifying local television and radio stations, posting on district web site(s), sending email and text messages, and/or making telephone calls.

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(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
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Whenever the school day schedule changes after students have arrived at school, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students are supervised in accordance with the procedures specified in the district's emergency and disaster preparedness plan.

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(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
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The Superintendent or designee may provide a means to make up lost instructional time later during the year. Students and parents/guardians shall receive timely advanced notice of any resulting changes in the school calendar or school day schedule.

# **EMERGENCY SCHEDULES** (continued)

### Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

41420 Required length of school term

41422 Schools not maintained for 175 days

46010 Total days of attendance

46100-46192 Attendance; maximum credit; minimum day

46390 Calculation of ADA in emergency

46391 Lost or destroyed ADA records

46392 Decreased attendance in emergency situation

**VEHICLE CODE** 

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

### Management Resources:

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

90-01 Average Daily Attendance Credit During Periods of Emergency, February 10, 2005 <u>WEB SITES</u>

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

### **FACILITIES INSPECTION**

Note: As part of the Williams litigation settlement, Education Code 17070.75 requires that each school district participating in the state's School Facility Program have a facility inspection system in place for all schools to ensure that school facilities are kept in good repair. Education Code 17002 defines "good repair" to mean that the facility is maintained in a manner that ensures that it is clean, safe, and functional as determined pursuant to the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) developed by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) or a local evaluation instrument that uses the same criteria.

The Superintendent or designee shall inspect school facilities to ensure that they are maintained in good repair. At a minimum, he/she shall assess those facility conditions specified on the facilities inspection tool developed by the Office of Public School Construction, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 17002, 35292.5)

- 1. Gas Leaks: Gas systems and pipes appear and smell safe, functional, and free of leaks.
- 2. Mechanical Systems: Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, as applicable, are functional and unobstructed; appear to supply an adequate amount of air to all classrooms, work spaces, and facilities; and maintain interior temperatures within normally acceptable ranges.
- 3. Windows and Doors: Windows and doors are intact, functional, and open, close, and lock as designed, unless there is a valid reason they should not function as designed.
- 4. Fences and Gates: Fences and gates are intact, functional, and free of holes and other conditions that could present a safety hazard to students, staff, or others. Locks and other security hardware function as designed.
- 5. Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, ceilings): Interior surfaces are free of safety hazards from tears, holes, missing floor and ceiling tiles, torn carpet, water damage, or other cause. Ceiling tiles are intact. Surfaces display no evidence of mold or mildew.
- 6. Hazardous Materials: Hazardous and flammable materials are stored properly. No evidence of peeling, chipping, or cracking paint is apparent. No indicators of mold, mildew, or asbestos exposure are evident. There does not appear to be evidence of hazardous materials that may pose a threat to the health and safety of students or staff.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

7. Structures: Posts, beams, supports for portable classrooms and ramps, and other structures appear intact, secure, and functional as designed. Ceilings and floors are not sloping or sagging beyond their intended design. There is no visible evidence of severe cracks, dry rot, mold, or damage that undermines structural components.

- 8. Fire Safety and Emergency Equipment: Fire sprinklers, fire extinguishers, emergency alarm systems, and all emergency equipment and systems appear to be functioning properly. Fire alarm pull stations are clearly visible. Fire extinguishers are current and placed in all required areas, including every classroom and assembly area. Emergency exits are clearly marked and unobstructed.
- 9. Electrical Systems: Electrical systems, components, and equipment, including switches, junction boxes, panels, wiring, outlets, and light fixtures, are securely enclosed, properly covered and guarded from student access, and appear to be working properly.
- 10. Lighting: Interior and exterior lighting appears to be adequate and working properly. Lights do not flicker, dim, or malfunction, and there is no unusual hum or noise from light fixtures.
- 11. Pest/Vermin Infestation: No visible or odorous indicators of pest or vermin infestation are evident.
- 12. Drinking Fountains: Interior and exterior drinking fountains are functional, accessible, and free of leaks. Drinking water pressure is adequate. Fountain water is clear and without unusual taste or odor, and moss, mold, or excessive staining is not evident.
- 13. Restrooms: Restrooms are fully operational, maintained and cleaned regularly, and stocked at all times with supplies (including toilet paper, soap, and paper towels or functional hand dryers) in accordance with Education Code 35292.5. The school keeps all restrooms open during school hours when students are not in classes and keeps a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when students are in classes, except when necessary to temporarily close a restroom for student safety or to repair the facility.

Note: Although not reflected on the FIT, Education Code 35292.6, as added by AB 10 (Ch. 687, Statutes of 2017), requires a school that serves any of grades 6-12 and meets a 40 percent student poverty threshold, as defined in 20 USC 6314, to stock 50 percent of the school's restrooms with feminine hygiene products for use in connection with the menstrual cycle, and to not charge students for such products. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the grade levels served by the district.

In addition, in a school serving any of grades 6-12 in which 40 percent or more of the students in the school or school attendance area are from low-income families, at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms are stocked with feminine hygiene products, for which students are not charged. (Education Code 35292.6; 20 USC 6314)

- 14. Sewers: The sanitary sewer system controls odors as designed, displays no signs of stoppage, backup, or flooding in school facilities or on school grounds, and appears to be functioning properly.
- 15. Roofs: Roofs, gutters, roof drains, and downspouts appear to be functioning properly and are free of visible damage and evidence of disrepair when observed from the ground from inside and outside the building.
- 16. Drainage: School grounds do not exhibit signs of drainage problems, such as visible evidence of flooded areas, eroded soil, water damage to asphalt playgrounds or parking areas, or clogged storm drain inlets.
- 17. Playground/School Grounds: Playground equipment (exterior fixtures, seating, tables, and equipment), school grounds, fields, walkways, and parking lot surfaces are functional and free of significant cracks, trip hazards, holes, deterioration that affects functionality or safety, and other health and safety hazards.
- 18. Overall Cleanliness: School grounds, buildings, common areas, and individual rooms appear to have been cleaned regularly and are free of accumulated refuse and unabated graffiti. Restrooms, drinking fountains, and food preparation or serving areas appear to have been cleaned each day that school is in session.

Note: Although the FIT does not specifically require districts to test for the presence of lead in drinking water, soil, and painted surfaces, such testing is recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency due to the health risks posed by lead exposure, especially for young children. Schools and child care facilities that maintain their own public water systems must test for lead pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 USC 300f-300j-27). In addition, Health and Safety Code 116277, as amended by AB 746 (Ch. 746, Statutes of 2017), requires a community water system that serves a school with a building constructed before January 1, 2010 to test for lead in the drinking water system before January 1, 2019. If the school's lead level exceeds specified levels, the district must notify the parents/guardians of students at that school and take immediate steps to shut down all fountains and faucets where excess lead levels may exist. See AR 3514 - Environmental Safety for further information about lead testing and abatement in schools.

In addition, to ensure the health and safety of students, the Superintendent or designee shall provide for the testing of drinking water on campus and of the soil and painted surfaces of school facilities for the presence of lead and/or other harmful substances, in accordance with state and federal standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any necessary repairs or removal of hazards identified during the inspection are made in a timely and expeditious manner.

An assessment of the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities, including any needed maintenance to ensure good repair as defined in Education Code 17002, shall be reported on the school accountability report card. (Education Code 33126)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

Note: Education Code 35186 provides that the Williams uniform complaint procedures should be used for any complaint alleging a school facility condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat, as defined in Education Code 17592.72, or any complaint that a school restroom is not clean, maintained, or kept open, as defined in Education Code 35292.5. See/E AR 1312/4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Any complaint alleging a school facility condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or alleging that a school restroom is not clean, maintained, or kept open, shall be addressed in accordance with AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Note: Education Code 1240 requires the County Superintendent of Schools to visit low-performing schools to determine (1) the status of any facility condition that may create an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff and (2) the accuracy of data reported on the school accountability report card with respect to the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities. Education Code 1240 requires that the County Superintendent provide a quarterly report to the Board on the results of any county office visit. Education Code 1240 provides that, if the County Superintendent determines that a facility condition poses an emergency or urgent threat, he/she may return to the school to verify repairs and/or prepare a report that identifies areas of noncompliance if the district has not provided evidence that the repairs will be made within 30 days or, for major repairs, in a timely manner. The County Superintendent may then present the report to the Board at a public meeting and post the report on the county office's web site.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with regular reports regarding the district's facility inspection program and updates of any visits to district schools by the County Superintendent of Schools.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

1240 County superintendent of schools, duties

17002 Definitions

17070.10-17077.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998

17565-17591 Property maintenance and control

17592.72 Urgent or emergency repairs, School Facility Emergency Repair Account

33126 School accountability report card

35186 Williams uniform complaint procedure

35292.5-35292.6 School maintenance

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** 

116277 Lead testing in drinking water

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

1859.300-1859.330 Emergency Repair Program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6314 Title I schoolwide program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

300f-300j-27 Safe Drinking Water Act

#### Management Resources:

### COALITION OF ADEQUATE SCHOOL HOUSING PUBLICATIONS

Facility Inspection Tool Guidebook, February 2008

STATE ALLOCATION BOARD, OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PUBLICATIONS

Facility Inspection Tool: School Facility Conditions Evaluation

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: http://www.ccsesa.org California Department of Education, Williams Case: http://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/ce/wc/index.asp

Coalition of Adequate School Housing: http://www.cashnet.org

State Allocation Board, Office of Public School Construction: http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: http://www.epa.gov

### TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Trustees desires to provide for the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school as necessary to ensure student access to the educational program, promote regular attendance and reduce tardiness. The extent to which the district provides for transportation services shall depend upon student and community needs and a continuing assessment of financial resources.

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)
(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance Agreements)
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The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board the most economical and appropriate means of providing transportation services.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to promote safety for students traveling on school buses.

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(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the qualifications of bus drivers and related staff employed by the district, provide for the maintenance and operation of district-owned school buses and other equipment, and ensure adequate facilities for equipment storage and maintenance.

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(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

# TRANSPORTATION (continued)

### Legal Reference:

# EDUCATION CODE

35330 Excursions and field trips

35350 Authority to transport pupils

39800-39860 Transportation, especially:

39800 Powers of governing board to provide transportation for pupils to and from school; definition of "municipally owned transit system"

39801 Contract with County Superintendent of Schools to provide transportation

39802-39803 Bids and contracts for transportation services

39806 Payments to parents in lieu of transportation

39807 Food and lodging payments in lieu of transportation

38807.5 Transportation fees

39808 District transportation of private school students

41850-41854 Allowances for transportation

41860-41862 Supplemental allowances for transportation

45125.1 Criminal background checks for contractors

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14100-14103 Use of school buses and school pupil activity buses

15240-15343 Allowances for student transportation, especially:

15253-15272 District records related to transportation

#### **VEHICLE CODE**

2807 School bus inspection

## **COURT DECISIONS**

Arcadia Unified School District et. al. v. State Department of Education, 2 Cal. 4th 251 (1992)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

No student shall be required to be transported for any reason without the written permission of the student's parent/guardian, except in emergency situations involving illness or injury to the student. (Education Code 35350)

# **Means of Transportation**

To provide transportation services, the Board of Trustees may purchase, rent or lease vehicles; contract with a common carrier or municipally owned transit system; contract with responsible private parties including the parent/guardian of the student being transported; and/or contract with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 35330, 39800, 39801)

In contracting for transportation services, the district shall comply with all applicable laws related to bids and contracts. (Education Code 39802- 39803)

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(cf. 3311 - Bids)
(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
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In lieu of providing transportation in whole or in part, the district may pay the student's parents/guardians either their actual and necessary expenses in transporting the student or the cost of the student's food and lodging at a place convenient to the school. In either case, the amount of the payment shall not exceed the cost that would be incurred by the district to provide for the transportation of the student to and from school. (Education Code 39806-39807)

### TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES

## **Routes and Bus Stops**

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops to promote the safety of students and maximum efficiency in the use of buses.

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students:

Grades K-3: three-fourths mile

Grades 4-8: one mile

2. For students attending a three-year junior high school:

Grades 7-9: one mile

3. For students attending a four-year high school:

Grades 9-12: two miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist.

Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Board policy.

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(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict attendance)
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The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops and/or shall arrange for local media to publish such information.

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(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
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### **Transportation Services**

With the Board of Trustees' authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)

## TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)

2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

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

- 3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)
- 4. District employees and parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)
- 5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)
- 6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a Regional Occupational Program or Center (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)
- 7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)
- 8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)
- 9. Private school students, in the same manner and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)
- 10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:
  - a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)
  - b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)
  - c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment (Education Code 39840)

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless children in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

# EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 Use of school buses for community recreation

35330 Excursions and field trips

35350 Authority to transport pupils

39800-39809.5 Transportation, general provisions, especially:

39800 Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school

39801.5 Transportation for adults

39808 Transportation for private school students

39830-39842 School buses, especially:

39835 Use of school buses for community recreation

39837 Transportation to summer employment program

39837.5 Transportation of employees and parents/guardians to school activities

39860 Transportation to school activities

41850-41856 Allowances for transportation

41860-41863 Supplementary allowances for transportation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15240-15244 Allowances for student transportation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

### Management Resources:

### **WEB SITES**

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/bus/index.html

Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: http://www.ptsi.org

### TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS

The district may provide transportation for students, employees, and other individuals for field trips and other school-related trips approved according to Board policy and administrative regulation.

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(cf. 3312.2 - Educational Travel Program Contracts)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)
(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)
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The Superintendent or designee shall determine the most appropriate and cost-effective mode of transportation for each approved trip. He/she may authorize the use of district vehicles, contract to provide transportation, or arrange transportation by the use of other vehicles.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district or contractor has sufficient liability insurance for transportation on school-related trips.

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(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
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When district transportation is provided, students may be released from using district transportation only with the advance written permission of their parents/guardians.

School-related organizations requesting transportation shall be fully responsible for the costs of their trips unless funding has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

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(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
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# **Transportation by Private Vehicle**

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the transportation of students by private vehicle when the vehicle is driven by an adult age 21 or older who possesses a valid California driver's license or, if he/she is a nonresident on active military duty in California, possesses a valid license from his/her state of residence. To be approved, a driver shall have a good driving record and possess at least the minimum insurance required by law. Form #B-10, "Request to Use Private Vehicle for Transporting student", must be completed and approved. Any person providing transportation to district students in a private vehicle shall register with the district for such purposes by completing the "Expectations and Requirements for Volunteers" process. (Form # HR10-A, B, C)

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(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
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Drivers shall receive safety and emergency instructions which shall be kept in their vehicle. (Form B-10.1)

## TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS (continued)

All student passengers shall submit permission slips signed by their parents/guardians. Teachers shall ensure that each driver has a copy of the permission slip for each student riding in his/her vehicle. (Form ED-10)

The number of passengers, including the driver, shall not exceed the capacity for which the vehicle was designed. Trucks may not transport more persons than can safely sit in the passenger compartment. The driver shall ensure that the manufacturer's recommendations for his/her vehicle are followed regarding the seating of children in seats equipped with airbags.

The driver or any other person shall not smoke or have in his/her immediate possession a lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette containing tobacco or any other plant when there is a minor in the motor vehicle, whether the motor vehicle is in motion or at rest. (Health and Safety Code 118948)

## **Passenger Restraint Systems**

All drivers shall wear safety belts and shall ensure that all passengers are properly secured in seat belts or child passenger restraint systems in accordance with law. (Vehicle Code 27315, 27360, 27360.5, 27363)

A child who is under age eight years shall be properly secured in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting federal safety standards, except under any of the following circumstances: (Vehicle Code 27360, 27363)

- 1. The child is four feet nine inches or taller, in which case a safety belt may be used.
- 2. Use of a child passenger restraint system would be impractical by reason of physical unfitness, medical condition, or size and an appropriate special needs child passenger restraint system is not available.
- 3. There is no rear seat, the rear seats are side-facing jump seats or rear-facing seats, the child passenger restraint system cannot be installed properly in the rear seat, all rear seats are already occupied by children under age eight years, or medical reasons necessitate that the child not ride in the rear seat.
- 4. The child is otherwise exempted by law.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

# TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

35330 Excursions and field trips

35332 Transportation by air

39830 School bus

39830.1 School pupil activity bus

39860 Transportation to special activities by district

44808 Liability when students not on school property

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

118947-118949 Prohibition against smoking in motor vehicle with minor

**PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE** 

5384.2 District not liable for charter-party carrier

**VEHICLE CODE** 

545 School bus, definition

12814.6 Limitations of provisional driver's license

27315 Mandatory use of seat belts in private passenger vehicles

27360-27360.5 Child passenger restraint systems

27363 Child passenger restraint systems, exemptions

## Management Resources:

#### **WEB SITES**

California Department of Motor Vehicles: http://www.dmv.ca.gov

California Highway Patrol: http://www.chp.ca.gov California Office of Traffic Safety: http://www.ots.ca.gov

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov

#### TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Board of Trustees desires to meet the transportation needs of students with disabilities to enable them to benefit from special education and related services. The district shall provide appropriate transportation services for a student with disabilities when the district is the student's district of residence and the transportation services are required by his/her individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan.

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(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)
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The specific needs of the student shall be the primary consideration when an IEP team is determining the student's transportation needs. Considerations may include, but are not limited to, the student's health needs, travel distances, physical accessibility and safety of streets and sidewalks, accessibility of public transportation systems, midday or other transportation needs, extended-year services, and, as necessary, implementation of a behavioral intervention plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide IEP teams with information about district transportation services in order to assist them in making decisions as to the mode, schedule, and location of transportation services that may be available to each student with disabilities. The IEP team may communicate with district transportation staff and/or invite transportation staff to attend IEP team meetings where the student's transportation needs will be discussed.

Transportation services specified in a student's IEP or Section 504 plan shall be provided at no cost to the student or his/her parent/guardian.

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(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)
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If a student whose IEP or accommodation plan specifies transportation needs is excluded from school bus transportation for any reason, such as suspension, expulsion, or other reason, the district shall provide alternative transportation at no cost to the student or parent/guardian. (Education Code 48915.5)

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(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
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When contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to provide special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contract includes general administrative and financial agreements related to the provision of transportation services if specified in the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

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(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)
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# TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall arrange transportation schedules so that students with disabilities do not spend an excessive amount of time on buses compared to other students. Arrivals and departures shall not reduce the length of the school day for these students except as may be prescribed on an individual basis.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any mobile seating devices used on district buses are compatible with bus securement systems required by 49 CFR 571.222. (Education Code 56195.8)

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(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
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As necessary, a student with disabilities may be accompanied on school transportation by a service animal, as defined in 28 CFR 35.104, including a specially trained guide dog, signal dog, or service dog. (Education Code 39839; Civil Code 54.1-54.2; 28 CFR 35.136)

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(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
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When transportation is not specifically required by the IEP or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities, the student shall be subject to the rules and policies regarding regular transportation offerings within the district.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

# TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (continued)

### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

39807.5 Payment of transportation cost

39839 Guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs on bus

41850-41854 Allowances for transportation

48300-48315 Alternative interdistrict attendance program

48915.5 Expulsion of students with exceptional needs

56040 No cost for special education and related services

56195.8 Adoption of policies

56327 Assessment for special education and related services

56345 Individualized education program

56365-56366.1 Nonpublic nonsectarian schools or agencies

CIVIL CODE

54.1-54.2 Service animals

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15243 Physically handicapped minors

15271 Exclusion from report

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions

35.136 Service animals

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

300.34 Transportation defined as related service

# CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

571.222 Federal requirements for bus securement systems

## Management Resources:

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Special Education Transportation Guidelines

Pupil Fees, Deposits and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, April 24, 2013

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Students with Disabilities: Frequently Asked Questions About Section 504 and the

Education of Children with Disabilities, 2009

Questions and Answers on Serving Children with Disabilities Eligible for Transportation, 2009

**WEB SITES** 

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

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

Policy adopted:

### SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

## **Qualifications**

All drivers employed to operate school buses or student activity buses shall possess, and shall retain in their immediate possession while operating the bus, the following documents: (Vehicle Code 12517, 12517.4)

- 1. A valid driver's license issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the appropriate class of vehicle to be driven and endorsed for school bus and/or passenger transportation
- 2. A certificate issued by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) which permits the operation of school buses or student activity buses, as applicable

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(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)
(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)
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The Superintendent or designee may use an electronic fingerprinting system, managed by the California Department of Justice, to fingerprint an applicant for an initial certificate to drive a school bus or student activity bus. (Vehicle Code 12517.3)

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(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
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When initially applying for or renewing a license or certificate to drive a school bus or student activity bus, and annually upon reaching age 65 years, the driver shall submit to the DMV and to the Superintendent or designee a report of a medical examination conducted in accordance with the timelines and procedures specified in Vehicle Code 12517.2. (Vehicle Code 12517.2; 13 CCR 1234)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify each driver of the expiration date of his/her driver's license, certificate, and medical certificate and shall ensure each document is renewed prior to expiration. (13 CCR 1234)

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(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
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School bus and student activity bus drivers shall be subject to drug and alcohol testing in accordance with Board policy and the requirements of federal law.

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(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)
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The Superintendent or designee shall notify the DMV within five days whenever any driver refuses, fails to comply, or receives a positive test result on a drug or alcohol test; is

dismissed for a cause related to student transportation safety; or is reinstated after being dismissed for a cause related to student transportation safety. (Vehicle Code 1808.8, 13376)

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

In addition to any other training required to obtain or renew the certificate authorizing operation of a school bus or student activity bus, drivers shall receive training which includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. First aid practices deemed necessary for school bus drivers, through a course of instruction that prepares drivers to pass the related DMV examination (Vehicle Code 12522)
- 2. The proper installation of mobile seating devices in the bus securement systems (Education Code 56195.8)

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(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
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3. The proper actions to be taken in the event that a school bus is hijacked (Education Code 39831)

To determine any other needs for professional development, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically review accident reports involving district drivers and may seek input from drivers, district and school administrators, students, and/or other stakeholders on desired topics for professional development.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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## Authority

Students transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. (5 CCR 14103)

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(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
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The driver shall have the authority to discontinue the operation of a school bus or student activity bus whenever he/she determines that it is unsafe to continue.

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(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
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This regulation and AR 5131.1 - Bus Conduct shall be made available to parents/guardians, students, teachers, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 14103)

## Responsibilities

The driver's primary responsibility is to safely transport students to and from school and school activities. He/she shall follow procedures contained in district plans and regulations pertaining to transportation safety.

The driver shall stop to load or unload students only at school bus stops designated by the Superintendent or designee, or authorized by the Superintendent or designee for school activity trips. (Vehicle Code 22112)

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(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)
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The driver shall activate the amber warning light system, flashing red signal lights, and stop arm signal and shall escort students in accordance with Vehicle Code 22112.

The driver shall not require any student to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations. (5 CCR 14103)

The driver shall not drive a school bus or student activity bus while using a wireless telephone or using a wireless communications device for text-based communication, except when otherwise authorized by law and AR 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies.

The driver shall report the following to the Superintendent or designee:

- 1. The condition of the bus at the completion of each work day (13 CCR 1215)
- 2. His/her duty status for each 24-hour period, including, but not limited to, the number of hours on and off duty (13 CCR 1213)
- 3. Any traffic accident involving the bus (13 CCR 1219)

In addition to notifying the Superintendent or designee, the driver shall immediately notify the CHP of any traffic accident and, if the bus is operated under contract, his/her employer. (13 CCR 1219)

4. Traffic violations

- 5. Consistently late school dismissals which cause transportation delays
- Overload runs
- 7. Recurring and serious student misbehavior
- 8. Parent/guardian and student complaints

### Vehicle Idling

The driver of a school bus or student activity bus shall: (13 CCR 2480)

- 1. Turn off the bus engine upon stopping at a school or within 100 feet of a school and not restart the engine more than 30 seconds before beginning to depart
- 2. Not cause or allow the bus to idle at any location greater than 100 feet from a school for more than five consecutive minutes or for an aggregated period of more than five minutes in any one hour

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

However, vehicle idling may be allowed under limited conditions, including, but not limited to, occasions when idling is necessary to: (13 CCR 2480)

- 1. Stop for an official traffic control signal or device, for traffic conditions under which the driver has no control, or at the direction of law enforcement
- 2. Ascertain that the bus is in safe operating condition and properly equipped
- 3. Operate equipment designed to safely load, unload, or transport students with disabilities
- 4. Operate a heater, air conditioner, defroster, or other equipment as necessary to ensure the safety or health of passengers
- 5. Cool down a turbo-charged diesel engine before turning off the engine
- 6. Recharge a battery or other energy storage unit of a hybrid electric bus or vehicle

The Superintendent or designee shall notify all drivers, upon employment and at least once per year thereafter, of the requirements specified above and the potential legal and employment consequences of failure to comply. All complaints of noncompliance shall be

reviewed and remedial action taken as necessary. The Superintendent or designee shall retain records of the training and of any complaints and enforcement actions for at least three years. (13 CCR 2480)

# Reports

The Superintendent or designee shall retain records of: (13 CCR 1234)

- 1. Each driver's duty status and supporting documents provided pursuant to 13 CCR 1201 and 1213. Such records shall be retained for six months and made available to the CHP upon request.
- 2. The different types of vehicles and vehicle combinations each driver has demonstrated capability to operate.
- 3. Records of each driver's license, certificate, medical certificate, first aid certificate, and training as specified in 13 CCR 1234.
- 4. Daily vehicle inspection reports prepared by drivers pursuant to 13 CCR 1215.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

#### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

39800.5 Qualifications of driver of 15-passenger van

39830-39842 School buses

40080-40090.5 Training required to obtain or renew bus driver certificate

45125.1 Criminal background checks for contractors

56195.8 Training in installation of mobile seating devices

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

39640-39642 Vehicle idling, penalties

#### PENAL CODE

241.3 Assault against school bus driver

243.3 Battery against school bus driver

### **VEHICLE CODE**

415 Definition of motor vehicle

545 Definition of school bus

546 Definition of student activity bus

1808.8 Dismissal for safety-related cause

2570-2574 Contracts with private school bus contractors

12516-12517.4 Certification requirements

12522 First aid training for school bus drivers

13370-13371 Suspension or revocation of bus driver certificate

13376 Driver certificates; revocation or suspension; sex offense prosecution

22112 School bus signals; roadway crossings

23123-23125 Prohibitions against use of wireless telephone and text communications while driving; exceptions

25257-25257.7 School bus equipment

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14103 Authority of the driver

14104 School bus driver instructor

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1202.2 Motor carrier safety

1212-1228 School bus driver requirements

1234 Reports regarding school buses and bus drivers

2480 Vehicle idling

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

40.1-40.413 Transportation drug and alcohol testing programs

382.101-382.605 Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing

571.222 Federal motor vehicle safety standard #222

### Management Resources:

## **DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PUBLICATIONS**

California Commercial Driver Handbook

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATIONS

School Bus Driver In-Service Safety Series, October 2011

Management Resources: (continued)

**WEB SITES** 

California Air Resources Board: http://www.arb.ca.gov

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn

California Highway Patrol: http://www.chp.ca.gov

California Department of Motor Vehicles: http://www.dmv.ca.gov

California Department of Justice: http://oag.ca.gov National Transportation Safety Board: http://www.ntsb.gov

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES

**Cautionary Notice:** Government Code 17581.5 relieves districts from the obligation to perform specified mandated activities when the Budget Act does not provide reimbursement during that fiscal year. The Budget Act of 2016 (SB 826, Ch. 23, Statutes of 2016) extends the suspension of these requirements through the 2016-17 fiscal year. As a result, certain provisions of the following administrative regulation related to transportation safety plans and safety instruction for students may be suspended.

Each day, prior to driving a school bus, each school bus driver shall inspect the bus to ensure that it is in safe operating condition and equipped as required by law and that all equipment is in good working order. At the completion of each day's work, the driver shall prepare and sign a written report of the condition of the equipment specified in 13 CCR 1215. The report shall indicate any defect or deficiency discovered by or reported to the driver which would affect safe operation or result in mechanical breakdown of the bus or, if no defect or deficiency was discovered or reported, shall so indicate. Any defect or deficiency that would affect safe operation shall be repaired prior to operating the bus. (13 CCR 1215)

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(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
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# **Passenger Restraint Systems**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any school bus or student activity bus which is purchased or leased by the district is equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso passenger restraint system at all designated seating positions if that bus: (Vehicle Code 27316, 27316.5; 13 CCR 1201)

- 1. Is a Type 1 school bus manufactured on or after July 1, 2005 which is designed for carrying more than 16 passengers and the driver
- 2. Is a Type 2 school bus or student activity bus manufactured on or after July 1, 2004 which meets one of the following criteria:
  - a. Is designed for carrying 16 or fewer passengers and the driver
  - b. Has a manufacturer's vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less and is designed for carrying not more than 20 passengers and the driver

The Superintendent or designee shall prioritize the allocation of school buses purchased, leased, or contracted to ensure that elementary students receive first priority for new school buses equipped with passenger restraint systems whenever feasible.

When a school bus or student activity bus is equipped with a passenger restraint system, all passengers shall use the passenger restraint system. (5 CCR 14105)

Bus drivers shall be instructed regarding procedures to enforce the proper use of the passenger restraint system. Students who fail to follow instructions of the bus driver may be subject to discipline, including suspension of riding privileges, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

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(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
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## **Fire Extinguishers**

Each school bus shall be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher located in the driver's compartment which meets the standards specified in law. In addition, a wheelchair school bus shall have another fire extinguisher placed at the wheelchair loading door or emergency exit. All fire extinguishers shall be regularly inspected and serviced in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal. (Education Code 39838; 13 CCR 1242; 19 CCR 574-575.3)

#### **Electronic Communications Devices**

A bus driver is prohibited from driving a school bus or student activity bus while using a wireless telephone or other electronic wireless communications device except for work-related or emergency purposes, including, but not limited to, contacting a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or other emergency service agency or entity. In any such permitted situation, the driver shall only use a wireless telephone or device that is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation or a function that requires only a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger provided the device is mounted on the windshield, dashboard, or center console of the bus. (Vehicle Code 23123.5, 23125)

## **Safe Bus Operations**

School buses and student activity buses shall not be operated whenever the number of passengers exceeds bus seating capacity, except when necessary in emergency situations which require that individuals be transported immediately to ensure their safety. (Education Code 39834)

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(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
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School bus operations shall be limited when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less during regular home-to-school transportation service. Bus drivers for school activity trips may discontinue bus operation whenever they determine that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility. (Vehicle Code 34501.6)

## **Unauthorized Entry**

The Superintendent or designee may place a notice at bus entrances that warns against unauthorized entry. The driver or another school official may order any person to disembark if that person enters a bus without prior authorization. (Education Code 39842; 13 CCR 1256.5)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

# **Transportation Safety Plan for Boarding and Exiting Buses**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a transportation safety plan containing procedures for school personnel to follow to ensure the safe transport of students. The plan shall address all of the following: (Education Code 39831.3)

- 1. Determining if students in grades prekindergarten through 8 require an escort to cross a private road or highway at a bus stop pursuant to Vehicle Code 22112
- 2. Procedures for all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 to follow as they board and exit the bus at their bus stops
- 3. Boarding and exiting a school bus at a school or other trip destination
- 4. Procedures to ensure that a student is not left unattended on a school bus, student activity bus, or youth bus
  - Such procedures shall include, on or before the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, the installation of a child safety alert system at the interior rear of each bus that requires the driver to either manually contact or scan the device, thereby prompting the driver to inspect the entirety of the interior of the vehicle before exiting. A student activity bus may be exempt from this requirement under the conditions specified in Vehicle Code 28160.
- 5. Procedures and standards for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany students on a school activity bus

A copy of the plan shall be kept at each school site and made available upon request to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). (Education Code 39831.3)

#### **Parental Notifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide written safety information to the parents/guardians of all students in grades prekindergarten through 6 who have not previously been transported in a district school bus or student activity bus. This information shall be provided upon registration and shall contain: (Education Code 39831.5)

- 1. A list of school bus stops near each student's home
- 2. General rules of conduct at school bus loading zones
- 3. Red light crossing instructions
- 4. A description of the school bus danger zone
- 5. Instructions for safely walking to and from school bus stops

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

#### **Student Instruction**

Students who are transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety as follows: (Education Code 39831.5; 5 CCR 14102)

- 1. Each year, all students who receive home-to-school transportation in a school bus shall be provided appropriate instruction in safe riding practices and emergency evacuation drills.
- 2. At least once each school year, all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver
  - b. How to safely cross the street, highway, or private road
  - c. In school buses with passenger restraint systems, instruction in the use of such systems as specified in 5 CCR 14105, including, but not limited to, the proper fastening and release of the passenger restraint system, acceptable placement of passenger restraint systems on students, times at which the passenger restraint systems should be fastened and released, and acceptable placement of the passenger restraint systems when not in use

- d. Proper passenger conduct
- e. Bus evacuation procedures
- f. Location of emergency equipment

As part of this instruction, students shall evacuate the school bus through emergency exit doors. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

Each time the above instruction is given, the following information shall be documented:

- a. District name
- b. School name and location
- c. Date of instruction
- d. Names of supervising adults
- e. Number of students participating
- f. Grade levels of students
- g. Subjects covered in instruction
- h. Amount of time taken for instruction
- i. Bus driver's name
- j. Bus number
- k. Additional remarks

This documentation shall be kept on file at the district office or the school for one year and shall be available for inspection by the CHP.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

3. Before departing on a school activity trip, all students riding on a school bus or student activity bus shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to, the location of emergency exits and the location and use of emergency equipment. This instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

## **Bus Accidents**

In the event of a school bus accident, the driver shall immediately notify the CHP and the Superintendent or designee. The driver shall not leave the immediate vicinity of the bus to seek aid unless necessary. (13 CCR 1219)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a report of each accident that occurred on public or private property involving a school bus with students aboard. The report shall contain pertinent details of the accident and shall be retained for 12 months from the date of the accident. If the accident was not investigated by the CHP, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the report to the local CHP within five work days of the date of the accident. (13 CCR 1234)

The Superintendent or designee shall review all investigations of bus incidents and accidents to develop preventative measures.

(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

#### Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

39830-39843 Transportation, school buses

39860 Contract for transportation; requirement that student not be left unattended

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

### PENAL CODE

241.3 Assault against school bus driver

243.3 Battery against school bus driver

#### VEHICLE CODE

415 Definition of motor vehicle

545-546 Definition of school bus and student activity bus

22112 Loading and unloading passengers

23123.5 Use of wireless telephone or communications device while driving; exceptions

23125 Use of wireless telephone prohibited while driving school bus

27316-27316.5 Passenger restraint systems

28160 Child safety alert system

34500 California Highway Patrol responsibility to regulate safe operation of school buses

34501.5 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: safe operation of school buses

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

34508 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: equipment and bus operations

# CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14100-14105 School buses and student activity buses

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1293 Motor carrier safety

2480 Airborne toxic control measure; limitation on bus idling

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19

574-575.3 Inspection and maintenance of fire extinguishers

### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

571.1-571.500 Motor vehicle standards, including school buses

## Management Resources:

# <u>CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS</u>

Passenger Restraints Frequently Asked Questions

### **WEB SITES**

California Association of School Business Officials: http://www.casbo.org

American School Bus Council: http://www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org

California Association of School Transportation Officials: http://www.castoways.org

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn

California Highway Patrol: http://www.chp.ca.gov

National Transportation Safety Board: http://www.ntsb.gov

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov

## FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees recognizes that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to the district's food service programs and to maximize their participation in available programs.

Foods and beverages available through the district's food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease

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(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)
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2. Meet or exceed nutrition standards specified in law and administrative regulation

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(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)
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- 3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits
- 4. Be served in age-appropriate portions
- 5. Be available to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost or at reduced prices, and to other students at reasonable prices

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(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
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The district's food service program shall give priority to serving fresh fruits and vegetables.

To encourage student participation in school meal programs, schools may offer multiple choices of food items within a meal service, provided all food items meet nutrition standards and all students are given an opportunity to select any food item.

The Board desires to provide students with adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to encourage participation in school meal programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school facilities for cafeteria eating and food preparation.

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(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3517- Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
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In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a food safety program in order to reduce the risk of foodborne hazards at each step of the food preparation process, from receiving to service.

The Superintendent or designee shall report semiannually to the Board on student participation in the district's nutrition programs and the extent to which the district's food services program meets state and federal nutrition standards for foods and beverages. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide all necessary and available documentation required for the Administrative Review conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE) to ensure the food service program's compliance with federal requirements related to nutrition standards, meal patterns, provision of drinking water, school meal environment, food safety, and other areas as required by the CDE.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability) (cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

35182.5 Contracts, non-nutritious beverages

38080-38103 Cafeteria, establishment and use

45103.5 Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions

49430-49434 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001

49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs

49500-49505 School meals

49510-49520 Nutrition

49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act

49540-49546 Child care food program

49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services

49550-49562 Meals for needy students

49570 National School Lunch Act

51795-51797 School gardens

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15510 Mandatory meals for needy students

15530-15535 Nutrition education

15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs

15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meal programs

# UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769j National School Lunch Program, including:

1758b Local wellness policy

1761 Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option

1769a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

1771-1793 Child nutrition, especially:

1772 Special Milk Program

1773 National School Breakfast Program

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

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## FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

#### **Nutrition Standards for School Meals**

Meals, food items, and beverages provided through the district's food services program shall: (Education Code 49531, 49553; 42 USC 1758, 1773)

- 1. Comply with National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program standards for meal patterns, nutrient levels, and calorie requirements for the ages/grade levels served, as specified in 7 CFR 210.10, or 220.8, as applicable
- 2. Not be deep fried, par fried, or flash fried, as defined in Education Code 49430 and 49430.7

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(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
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(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

## **Drinking Water**

The district shall provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times in food service areas at all district schools, including, but not limited to, areas where reimbursable meals under the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program are served or consumed. (Education Code 38086; 42 USC 1758)

## **Food Safety**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's food service program meets the applicable sanitation and safety requirements of the California Retail Food Code as set forth in Health and Safety Code 113700-114437.

For all district schools participating in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement a written food safety program for the storage, preparation, and service of school meals which complies with the national Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system. The district's HACCP plan shall include, but is not limited to, a determination of critical control points and critical limits at each stage of food production, monitoring procedures, corrective actions, and recordkeeping procedures. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide ongoing staff development on food safety to food service managers and employees. Each new employee shall complete initial food safety training prior to handling food. The Superintendent or designee shall document the date, trainer, and subject of each training. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that at least one child nutrition employee at each school site is certified in food safety pursuant to the California Retail Food code.

The Superintendent or designee shall assign staff to maintain records and logs documenting food safety activities, including, but not limited to, records of food deliveries, time and temperature monitoring during food production, equipment temperature (freezer, cooler, thermometer calibration), corrective actions, verification or review of safety efforts, and staff training.

## **Inspection of Food Facilities**

All food preparation and service areas shall be inspected in accordance with Health and Safety Code 113725-113725.1 and applicable county regulations.

Each school participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program shall, during each school year, obtain a minimum of two food safety inspections conducted by the county environmental health agency. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall retain records from the most recent food safety inspection. All schools shall post a notice indicating that the most recent inspection report is available to any interested person upon request. (Health and Safety Code 113725.1; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 210.15, 220.7)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records) (cf. 3580 - District Records)

## FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND

Note: The following policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Memorandum SP 46-2016, districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast program (42 USC 1751-1769j, 1773) are **mandated** to adopt policy addressing delinquent meal charges; see the section "Meal Sales" below and the accompanying administrative regulation.

Pursuant to 7 CFR 210.9, 210.14, and 220.7, districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast program must maintain a nonprofit school food service program. Revenues received through the program may be used for the operation or improvement of the food service program, but not to construct buildings. Revenues also may not be used to purchase land or buildings, unless otherwise approved by the USDA. Authorized expenditures are defined in the California Department of Education's (CDE) <u>California School Accounting Manual</u>.

The Board of Trustees intends that school food services shall be a self-supporting, nonprofit program. To ensure program quality and increase cost effectiveness, the Superintendent or designee shall centralize and direct the purchasing of foods and supplies, the planning of menus, and the auditing of all food service accounts for the district.

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)
(cf. 3311 - Bids)
(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
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Note: Pursuant to 42 USC 1776, the USDA has established minimum professional standards for food service personnel. With approval from the CDE, more flexible standards may be used in districts with average daily attendance of less than 500 or in districts of any size when hiring a new acting food services director. For more information about professional standards for food service directors, see CDE's Management Bulletin SNP-17-2016.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all food service personnel possess the required qualifications and receive ongoing professional development related to the effective management and implementation of the district's food service program in accordance with law.

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(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program (42 USC 1751-1769j, 1773). Pursuant to 42 USC 1776, such districts must ensure that food service personnel and other appropriate personnel who conduct or oversee administrative procedures receive training on administrative practices (i.e., training in application, certification, verification, meal counting, and meal claiming procedures) at least once each year. In addition, all food service personnel are

required to receive annual training that (1) is designed to improve the accuracy of approvals for free and reduced-price meals and the identification of reimbursable meals at the point of service and (2) includes modules on nutrition, health and food safety standards and methodologies, and any other appropriate topics as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The CDE provides online training that meets these requirements; see the CDE's web site.

At least once each year, food service administrators, other appropriate personnel who conduct or oversee administrative procedures, and other food service personnel shall receive training provided by the California Department of Education (CDE). (42 USC 1776)

#### Meal Sales

Meals may be sold to students, district employees, Board members, and employees or members of the fund or association maintaining the cafeteria. (Education Code 38082)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. Pursuant to Education Code 38082, the Governing Board may, by formal resolution, authorize the serving of meals to persons other than those listed above. In Management Bulletin No. 00-111, the CDE states that the Board's policy or resolution must specify the circumstances under which those other persons will be served and indicates that using funds from the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program to serve any nonstudent would be contrary to program goals.

In addition, meals may be sold to nonstudents, including parents/guardians, volunteers, students' siblings, or other individuals, who are on campus for a legitimate purpose. Any meals served to nonstudents shall not be subsidized by federal or state reimbursements, food service revenues, or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) foods.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 38084, the district may determine meal prices consistent with the goal of paying the costs of maintaining the cafeterias (exclusive of the costs of housing and equipping cafeterias, or other costs determined by Board resolution, pursuant to Education Code 38100).

Students who meet federal eligibility criteria for the reduced-price meal program cannot be charged more than the amounts listed in 42 USC 1758 and 1773; see AR 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals. For information about setting prices for full-price meals, see 42 USC 1760 and CDE Management Bulletin USDA-SNP-16-2012.

Meal prices, as recommended by the Superintendent or designee and approved by the Board, shall be based on the costs of providing food services and consistent with Education Code 38084 and 42 USC 1760.

Note: Education Code 49557 requires the Board to approve a plan that ensures students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals are not treated differently from other students, including, but not limited to, assurance that eligible students will not be overtly identified by the use of special tokens, tickets, or any other means. For additional language addressing this requirement, see BP/AR 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals.

Students who are enrolled in the free or reduced-price meal program shall receive meals free of charge or at a reduced price in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Such students shall not be overtly identified or treated differently from other students.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
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for additional language fulfilling this mandate.

Note: Pursuant to USDA Memorandum SP 46-2016, districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast program are **mandated** to have a written and clearly communicated meal charge policy which includes, but is not limited to, policy on the collection of delinquent meal charge debt. Pursuant to CDE Management Bulletin SNP-03-2017, the district's unpaid meals policy must ensure that students with unrecovered or delinquent debt are not overtly identified. See the accompanying administrative regulation

The Superintendent or designee shall establish strategies and procedures for the collection of meal payments, including delinquent meal payments, and shall clearly communicate these procedures and related district policies to students and parents/guardians. The procedures adopted by the Superintendent or designee shall conform with 2 CFR 200.426 and any applicable CDE guidance, and shall not overtly identify students with unrecovered or delinquent debt or treat them differently than other students.

#### Cafeteria Fund

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 38090, money received for the sale of food or for any services performed by the cafeterias may be paid into the county treasury to the credit of a "cafeteria fund" for the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a cafeteria fund independent of the district's general fund.

Note: Education Code 38103 allows the Board, at its discretion and with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools who is responsible for a countywide payroll/retirement system under Education Code 42646, to have wages, salaries, and benefits of food service employees paid either from the district's general fund (Option 1 below) or from the district's cafeteria fund (Option 2).

**OPTION 1:** The wages, salaries, and benefits of food service employees shall be paid from the district's general fund. At any time, the Board may order reimbursement from the district's cafeteria fund for these payments in amounts prescribed by the Board and not exceeding the costs actually incurred. (Education Code 38103)

**OPTION 2:** The wages, salaries, and benefits of food service employees shall be paid from the cafeteria fund. (Education Code 38103)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix VII and USDA guidance, <u>Indirect Costs</u>: <u>Guidance for State Agencies and School Food Authorities</u>, provide information regarding allowable indirect costs that may be charged to the nonprofit school food service account. Also see the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that state and federal funds provided through school meal programs are allocated only for purposes related to the operation or improvement of food services and reasonable and necessary indirect program costs as allowed by law.

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(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)
(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)
(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)
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### **Contracts with Outside Services**

Note: The following section is **optional**. Pursuant to Education Code 45103.5, the district is authorized to contract for consulting services related to food service management. 42 USC 1758, 7 CFR 210.16, and Education Code 45103.5 authorize a district, under specified conditions and with approval of the CDE, to contract with a food service management company to manage its food service operation in one or more of its schools. See the accompanying administrative regulation for related requirements.

With Board approval, the district may enter into a contract for food service consulting services or management services in one or more district schools. (Education Code 45103.5; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.16)

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(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
(cf. 3600 - Consultants)
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#### **Procurement of Foods**

Note: The following section is for districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program (42 USC 1751-1769j, 1773). Pursuant to 7 CFR 210.21, districts are required to comply with all requirements for purchasing commercial food products served in the school meals programs, including those outlined in the Buy American provision. This provision indicates that a district participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program or any entity purchasing food on its behalf must, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase domestically grown and processed foods, as defined. According to USDA Memorandum SP-24-2016, a domestic commodity or product is deemed to be "substantially using" domestic agricultural commodities when over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities produced in the United States.

To the maximum extent practicable, foods purchased for use in school meals by the district or by any entity purchasing food on its behalf shall be domestic commodities or products. *Domestic commodity or product* means an agricultural commodity that is produced in the

United States and a food product that is processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. (42 USC 1760; 7 CFR 210.21)

Note: The following paragraph reflects limited exceptions to the Buy American requirement, as described in USDA Memorandum SP-24-2016. If the district is using one of these exceptions, it must maintain documentation justifying the exception(s).

A nondomestic food product may be purchased for use in the district's food service program only as a last resort when the product is not produced or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonable quantities of a satisfactory quality, or when competitive bids reveal the costs of a United States product are significantly higher than the nondomestic product. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall retain documentation justifying the exception.

# **Program Monitoring and Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board, at least annually, financial reports regarding revenues and expenditures related to the food service program.

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that have one or more schools participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Seamless Summer Feeding Option, and/or other federal meal program. The state monitoring process (the Administrative Review) includes a review of district compliance with requirements for federal meal programs, including a review of resource management in the food service program as provided in the following paragraph. Each district is reviewed at least once every three years. See the CDE's nutrition services web site for a current list of documents that may be requested for the review.

During the Administrative Review, CDE will review district policies on charge accounts, alternate meals, and guidelines for continually notifying parents/guardians of these policies. USDA Memorandum SP 23-2017 adds a requirement to maintain and submit the district's policy on unpaid meal charges to the CDE during the Administrative Review.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all necessary documentation required for the Administrative Review conducted by the CDE to ensure compliance of the district's food service program with federal requirements related to maintenance of the nonprofit school food service account, meal charges, paid lunch equity, revenue from nonprogram goods, indirect costs, and USDA foods.

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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## FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND

## **Payments for Meals**

With the exception of students who are eligible to receive meals at no cost, students may pay on a per-meal basis or may submit payments in advance. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a system for accurately recording payments received and tracking meals provided to each student.

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
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At the beginning of the school year, and whenever a student enrolls during the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of the district's meal payment policies and be encouraged to prepay for meals whenever possible. The Superintendent or designee shall communicate the district's meal payment policies through multiple methods, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Providing the policy whenever parents/guardians are notified regarding the application process for free and reduced-price meals, such as in the distribution of applications at the start of the school year
- 2. Posting the policy on the district's web site
- 3. Establishing a system to notify parents/guardians when a student's meal payment account has a low or negative balance

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(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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In order to avoid potential misuse of a student's food service account by someone other than the student in whose name the account has been established, the Superintendent or designee shall verify a student's identity when setting up the account and when charging any meal to the account. The Superintendent or designee shall investigate any claim that a bill does not belong to a student or is inaccurate, shall not require a student to pay a bill that appears to be the result of identity theft, and shall open a new account with a new account number for a student who appears to be the subject of identity theft.

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(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 3580 - District Records)
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Any payments made to a student's food service account shall, if not used within the school year, be carried over into the next school year or be refunded to the student's parents/guardians.

# **Unpaid and Delinquent Meal Charges**

Parents/guardians shall be provided with an email notification whenever their account has a low or negative balance. Parents/guardians also receive a letter regarding their negative account balance at least quarterly. Elementary students receive an "Invoice to Parents/Guardian" whenever their account has a negative balance.

In cases of repeated nonpayment by a student, the Superintendent or designee may contact parents/guardians to discuss the reasons for the nonpayment. The Superintendent or designee may evaluate individual circumstances to determine if the student's parents/guardians need assistance completing an application for free or reduced-price meals or need referral to social services.

The district's efforts to collect debt shall be consistent with district policies and procedures, California Department of Education (CDE) guidance, and 2 CFR 200.426. The district shall not spend more than the actual debt owed in efforts to recover unpaid meal charges.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the efforts made to collect unpaid meal charges and, if applicable, financial documentation showing when the unpaid meal balance has become an operating loss.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the number of meals served each day by school site and by category of free, reduced-price, and full-price meals. The Superintendent or designee shall submit reimbursement claims for school meals to the CDE using the online Child Nutrition Information and Payment System.

#### Cafeteria Fund

All proceeds from food sales and other services offered by the cafeteria shall be deposited in the cafeteria fund as provided by law. The income and expenditures of any cafeteria revolving account established by the Board of Trustees shall be recorded as income and expenditures of the cafeteria fund. (Education Code 38090, 38091)

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)
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#### **Reimbursement Claims**

The cafeteria fund shall be used only for those expenditures authorized by the Board as necessary for the operation of school cafeterias in accordance with Education Code 38100-38103, 2 CFR Part 200 Appendix VII, and the California School Accounting Manual.

Any charges to, or transfers from, a food service program shall be dated and accompanied by a written explanation of the expenditure's purpose and basis. (Education Code 38101)

(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

Indirect costs charged to the food service program shall be based on either the district's prior year indirect cost rate or the statewide average approved indirect cost rate for the second prior fiscal year, whichever is less. (Education Code 38101)

Net cash resources in the nonprofit school food service shall not exceed three months average expenditures. (2 CFR 220.14)

# **U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that foods received through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are handled, stored, and distributed in facilities which: (7 CFR 250.14)

- 1. Are sanitary and free from rodent, bird, insect, and other animal infestation
- 2. Safeguard foods against theft, spoilage, and other loss
- 3. Maintain foods at proper storage temperatures
- 4. Store foods off the floor in a manner to allow for adequate ventilation
- 5. Take other protective measures as may be necessary

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain inventories of USDA foods in accordance with 7 CFR 250.59 and CDE procedures, and shall ensure that foods are used before their expiration dates.

USDA donated foods shall be used in school lunches as far as practicable. USDA foods also may be used in other nonprofit food service activities, including, but not limited to, school breakfasts or other meals, a la carte foods sold to students, meals served to adults directly involved in the operation and administration of the food service and to other school staff, and training in nutrition, health, food service, or general home economics instruction for students, provided that any revenues from such activities accrue to the district's nonprofit food service account. (7 CFR 250.59)

## **Contracts with Outside Services**

The term of any contract for food service management or consulting services shall not exceed one year. Any renewal of the contract or further requests for proposals to provide such services shall be considered on a year-to-year basis. (Education Code 45103.5; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for management of the food service operation shall be approved by CDE and comply with the conditions in Education Code 49554 and 7 CFR 210.16 as applicable. The district shall retain control of the quality, extent, and general nature of its food services, including prices to be charged to students for meals, and shall monitor the food service operation through periodic on-site visits. The district shall not enter into a contract with a food service company to provide a la carte food services only, unless the company agrees to offer free, reduced-price, and full-price reimbursable meals to all eligible students. (Education Code 49554; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for consulting services shall not result in the supervision of food service classified staff by the management consultant. All persons providing consulting services shall be subject to applicable employment conditions related to health and safety as listed in Education Code 45103.5. (Education Code 45103.5)

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(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
(cf. 3515.6 - Criminal Background Checks for Contractors)
(cf. 3600 - Consultants)
(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 4212 - Appointments and Conditions of Employment)
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## FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to the development, health, and learning of all students. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate and encourage the participation of students from low-income families in the district's food service program.

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(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
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The district shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate meal each school day, free of charge or at a reduced price, for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria. (Education Code 49550, 49552)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that meals provided through the free and reduced-price meals program meet applicable state and/or federal nutritional standards in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
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The Board shall approve, and shall submit to the California Department of Education for approval, a plan that ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students. (Education Code 49557)

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
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# Confidentiality/Release of Records

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program shall be confidential and may not be released except as provided by law and authorized by the Board or pursuant to a court order. (Education Code 49558)

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(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
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The Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program for the following purposes: (Education Code 49558)

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data

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(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
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2. Identification of students eligible for alternative supports in any school identified as a Title I program improvement school

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(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
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If a student transfers from the district to another district, charter school, county office of education program, or private school, the Superintendent or designee may share the student's meal eligibility information to the other educational agency to assist in the continuation of the student's meal benefits.

The Superintendent or designee may release the name and eligibility status of a student participating in the free or reduced-price meal program to another school district, charter school, or county office of education that is serving a student living in the same household for purposes related to program eligibility and data used in local control funding formula calculations. (Education Code 49558)

The Superintendent or designee may release the name and eligibility status of a student participating in the free or reduced-price meal program to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for purposes of determining allocations under the local control funding formula and for assessing accountability of that funding. (Education Code 49558)

The Superintendent or designee may release information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines eligibility for participation in the Medi-Cal program if the student has been approved for free meals or, if included in the agreement with the local agency, for reduced-price meals. He/she also may release information on the school lunch application to the local agency that determines eligibility for CalFresh or another nutrition assistance program authorized under 7 CFR 210.1 if the student has been approved for free or reduced-price meals. Information may be released for these purposes only if the student's parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information and the district has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the local agency which, at a minimum, includes the roles and responsibilities of the district and local agency and the process for sharing the information. After sharing information with the local agency for purposes of determining eligibility for that program, no further information shall be shared unless otherwise authorized by law. (Education Code 49557.2, 49557.3, 49558)

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(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
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220.10-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

245.1-245.13 Determination of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk

#### WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

14005.41 Basic health care

#### Management Resources:

### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Monitoring for Success: A Guide for Assessing and Strengthening Student Wellness Policies, 2012

Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, 2012

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## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Feed More Kids, Improve Program Participation

Direct Certification Implementation Checklist, May 2008

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

Eligibility Manual for School Meals: Determining and Verifying Eligibility, July 2015

Provision 2 Guidance: National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Summer 2002

Management Resources: (continued)

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: http://www.californiahealthykids.org

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

http://www.californiaprojectlean.org

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd

### FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

## **Applications**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's application form for free and reduced-price meals and related materials include the statements specified in Education Code 49557 and 7 CFR 245.5. The district's application packet shall include the notifications and information listed in Education Code 49557.2.

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
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The application form and related information shall be distributed in paper form to all parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be available to students at all times during the school day. (Education Code 48980, 49520; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.5)

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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In addition, the district application form for free and reduced price meals shall be available online. The online application form shall require completion of only those questions necessary for determining eligibility, contain clear instructions for families that are homeless or migrant, and comply with other requirements specified in Education Code 49557.

After the beginning of the year, an application form and related information shall also be provided to newly enrolled students.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall send a public release, containing the same information supplied to parents/guardians and including eligibility criteria, to local media, the local unemployment office, and any major employers in the district attendance area contemplating large layoffs. Copies of the public release shall be made available upon request to any interested person. (7 CFR 245.5)

# **Eligibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall determine students' eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program based on the criteria specified in 42 USC 1758 and 1773 and 7 CFR 245.1-245.13 and made available by the California Department of Education.

When authorized by law, participants in other federal or state programs may be directly certified, without further application, for enrollment in the free and reduced-price meals program. (Education Code 49561; 42 USC 1758)

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(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
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# **Verification of Eligibility**

Not later than November 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the eligibility of a sample of household applications approved for the school year in accordance with the sample sizes and procedures specified in 42 USC 1758 and 7 CFR 245.6a. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.6a)

If the review indicates that the initial eligibility determination is correct, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the approved household application. If the review indicates that the initial eligibility determination is incorrect, the Superintendent or designee shall: (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.6a)

- 1. If the eligibility status changes from reduced price to free, make the increased benefits immediately available and notify the household of the change in benefits
- 2. If the eligibility status changes from free to reduced price, first verify the application, then notify the household of the correct eligibility status, and, when required by law, send a notice of adverse action as described below
- 3. If the eligibility status changes from free or reduced price to paid, send the household a notice of adverse action as described below

If any household is to receive a reduction or termination of benefits as a result of verification activities, or if the household fails to cooperate with verification efforts, the Superintendent or designee shall reduce or terminate benefits, as applicable, and shall properly document and retain on file in the district the reasons for ineligibility. He/she also shall send a notice of adverse action to any household that is to receive a reduction or termination of benefits. Such notice shall be provided 10 days prior to the actual reduction or termination of benefits. The notice shall advise the household of: (7 CFR 245.6a)

- 1. The change and the reasons for the change
- 2. The right to appeal, when the appeal must be filed to ensure continued benefits while awaiting a hearing and decision, and instructions on how to appeal
- 3. The right to reapply at any time during the school year

# Confidentiality/Release of Records

The Superintendent designates the Coordinator of Educational Services to use individual records pertaining to student participation in the free and reduced-price meals program for the purpose of disaggregation of academic achievement data or for the identification of students who are eligible for alternative supports in a Title I program improvement school:

In using the records for such purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that: (Education Code 49558)

1. No individual indicators of participation in the free and reduced-price meals program are maintained in the permanent records of any student if not otherwise allowed by law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

2. Information regarding individual student participation in the free and reduced-price meals program is not publicly released.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

- 3. All other confidentiality provisions required by law are met.
- 4. Information collected regarding individual students certified to participate in the free and reduced-price meals program is destroyed when no longer needed for its intended purpose.

### **Nondiscrimination Plan**

The district's plan for students receiving free or reduced-price meals shall ensure the following: (Education Code 49557; 42 USC 1758)

- 1. The names of the students shall not be published, posted, or announced in any manner, or used for any purpose other than the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, unless otherwise provided by law.
- 2. There shall be no overt identification of any of the students by the use of special tokens or tickets or by any other means.
- 3. The students shall not be required to work for their meals or for milk.
- 4. The students shall not be required to use a separate dining area, go through a separate serving line or entrance, or consume their meals or milk at a different time.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
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When more than one lunch, breakfast, or type of milk is offered, the students shall have the same choice of meals or milk as is available to those students who pay the full price. (Education Code 49557; 7 CFR 245.8)

# **Prices**

The maximum price that shall be charged to eligible students for reduced-price meals shall be 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. (42 USC 1758, 1773)

## OTHER FOOD SALES

The Board of Trustees believes that sales of foods and beverages at school during the school day should be aligned with the district's goals to promote student wellness. Any food sales conducted outside the district's food service program shall meet nutritional standards specified in law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall not reduce student participation in the district's food service program.

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)
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The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to approve the sale of foods and beverages outside the district's food service program, including sales by student or school-connected organizations, sales through vending machines, and/or sales at secondary school student stores for fundraising purposes.

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(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1321 - Solicitations of Funds from and by Students)
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When vending machines are sponsored by the district or a student or adult organization, the Superintendent or designee shall determine how and where vending machines may be placed at school sites, district offices, or other school facilities.

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(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

# **OTHER FOOD SALES** (continued)

#### Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

35182.5 Contracts, non-nutritious beverages

48931 Authorization and sale of food

49430-49434 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001

51520 School premises; prohibited solicitations

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500 Food sales in elementary schools

15501 Sales in high schools and junior high schools

15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meals program

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code

# UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769j National School Lunch Act, including:

1758b Local wellness policy

1771-1791 Child nutrition, School Breakfast Program

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program

220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

# Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

<u>Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness.</u> Policy Brief, rev. October 2007 <u>Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007</u> <u>Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006</u>

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BULLETINS

06-110 Restrictions on Food and Beverage Sales Outside of the School Meal Program, August 2006 FISCAL CRISIS AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM PUBLICATIONS

Associated Student Body Accounting Manual and Desk Reference, 2002

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn, 2000

### **WEB SITES**

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu

California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: http://www.californiahealthykids.org

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

http://www.californiaprojectlean.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team: http://www.fcmat.org

National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE): http://www.nasbe.org

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Information Center: http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic

Policy adopted:

## OTHER FOOD SALES

# Requirements for Schools Not Participating in Federal Meal Program

Food and beverage sales outside the district's food service program shall comply with applicable nutritional standards specified in Education Code 49431-49431.7 and 5 CCR 15500-15501 and 15575-15578.

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)
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The sale of foods or beverages that do not comply with the standards in Education Code 49431-49431.5 may be permitted in either of the following circumstances: (Education Code 49431-49431.5)

- 1. The sale takes place off and away from school premises.
- 2. The sale takes place on school premises at least one-half hour after the end of the school day.

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(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1321 - Solicitations of Funds from and by Students)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
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## **Requirements for Schools Participating in Federal Meal Program**

For any district school participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program, food and beverage sales conducted outside the district's food service program on school campuses during the school day shall comply with applicable nutritional standards specified in 7 CFR 210.11 and 220.12 or with state nutrition standards in Education Code 49431-49431.7 and 5 CCR 15500-15501 and 15575-15578, whichever rule is stricter.

These standards shall apply to all competitive foods and beverages sold from midnight before the school day to one-half hour after the end of the school day. (7 CFR 210.11)

In a school with any of grades K-8 that is participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program, the Superintendent or designee shall not permit the sale of foods by a student organization except when all of the following conditions are met: (5 CCR 15500)

- 1. The student organization sells only one food item per sale.
- 2. The specific nutritious food item is approved by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Board policy.
- 3. The sale does not begin until after the close of the regularly scheduled midday food service period.

# **OTHER FOOD SALES** (continued)

- 4. The sale during the regular school day is not of food items prepared on the premises.
- 5. There are no more than four such sales per year per school.
- 6. The food sold is not one sold in the district's food service program at that school during that school day.

In any middle or high school, a student organization may be approved to sell food items during or after the school day if all of the following conditions are met: (5 CCR 15501)

- 1. Only one student organization conducts a food sale on a given school day and the organization sells no more than three types of food or beverage items, except that up to four days during the school year may be designated on which any number of organizations may conduct the sale of any food items.
- 2. The specific nutritious food items are approved by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Board policy.
- 3. Food items sold during the regular school day are not prepared on the premises.
- 4. The food items sold are not those sold in the district's food service program at that school during that school day.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records, or shall require organizations selling foods and beverages to maintain records, to document compliance with federal nutrition standards for all competitive foods and beverages sold through and outside the district's food services program. At a minimum, these records shall include receipts, nutrition labels, and/or product specifications. (7 CFR 210.11)

### NUTRITION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

The Board of Trustees recognizes the district's responsibility to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws as they apply to the district's nutrition programs. The district shall not deny any individual the benefits or service of any nutrition program or discriminate against him/her on any basis prohibited by law.

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

#### Coordinator

The Board designates the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the district's civil rights coordinator to ensure compliance with the laws governing its nutrition programs and to investigate any related complaints.

The responsibilities of the compliance officer/coordinator include, but are not limited to:

1. Providing the name of the civil rights coordinator, Section 504 coordinator, and Title IX coordinator, if different from the civil rights coordinator, to the California Department of Education and other interested parties

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

2. Annually providing mandatory civil rights training to all frontline staff who interact with program applicants or participants and to those who supervise frontline staff

The subject matter of such training shall include, but not be limited to, collection and use of data, effective public notification systems, complaint procedures, compliance review techniques, resolution of noncompliance, requirements for reasonable accommodation of persons with disabilities, requirements for language assistance, conflict resolution, and customer service.

3. Establishing admission and enrollment procedures that do not restrict enrollment of students on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or disability, including preventing staff from incorrectly denying applications and ensuring that such persons have equal access to all programs

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

4. Sending a public release announcing the availability of the child nutrition programs and/or changes in the programs to public media and to community and grassroots organizations that interact directly with eligible or potentially eligible participants

- 5. Communicating the program's nondiscrimination policy and applicable complaint procedures, as provided in the section "Notifications" below
- 6. Providing appropriate translation services when a significant number of persons in the surrounding population have limited English proficiency
- 7. Ensuring that every part of a facility is accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities and that participants with disabilities are not excluded from the benefits or services due to inaccessibility of facilities
- 8. Ensuring that special meals are made available to participants with disabilities who have a medical statement on file documenting that their disability restricts their diet

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

- 9. Implementing procedures to process and resolve civil rights (discrimination) complaints and program-related complaints, including maintaining a complaint log and working with the appropriate person to resolve any complaint
- 10. Developing a method, which preferably uses self-identification or self-reporting, to collect racial and ethnic data for potentially eligible populations, applicants, and participants

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(cf. 5022 - Students and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
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#### **Notifications**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) "And Justice for All" civil rights poster or a substitute poster approved by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service shall be displayed in areas visible to the district's nutrition program participants, such as food service areas and school offices.

The coordinator shall notify the public, all program applicants, participants, and potentially eligible persons of their program rights and responsibilities and steps necessary for participation. Applicants, participants, and the public also shall be advised of their right to file a complaint, how to file a complaint, the complaint procedures, and that a complaint may be file anonymously or by a third party.

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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In addition, all forms of communication available to the public regarding program availability shall contain, in a prominent location, the following statement:

"In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Forms of communication requiring this nondiscrimination statement include, but are not limited to, web sites, public information releases, publications, and posters, but exclude menus. The nondiscrimination statement need not be included on every page of program information on the district's or school's web site, but the statement or a link to the statement shall be included on the home page of the program information.

A short version of the nondiscrimination statement, stating "This institution is an equal opportunity provider," may be used on pamphlets, brochures, and flyers in the same print size as the rest of the text.

# **Complaints**

Any complaint concerning the district's nutrition programs shall be investigated using the process identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

When a complaint alleging discrimination of the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability is unresolved at the district level, the coordinator shall notify the complainant of the option to contact and/or forward his/her complaint to one of the following agencies:

- 1. Child Nutrition Program Civil Rights and Program Complaint Coordinator, California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division, 1430 N Street, Room 4503, Sacramento, CA 95814-2342 or call (916) 323-8531 or (800) 952-5609
- 2. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, (866) 632-9992, (800) 877-8339 (Federal Relay Service English), (800) 845-6136 (Federal Relay Service Spanish), fax (202) 690-7442, or email program.intake.usda.gov.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

48985 Notices to parents in language other than English

49060-49079 Student records

49490-49590 Child nutrition programs

#### PENAL CODE

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

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act

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

#### 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 7

210.23 National School Lunch Program, district responsibilities

215.7 Special Milk Program, requirements for participation

215.14 Special Milk Program, nondiscrimination

220.7 School Breakfast Program, requirements for participation

225.3 Summer Food Service Program, administration

225.7 Summer Food Service Program, program monitoring

### 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: (see next page)

### Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

<u>Civil Rights and Complaint Procedures for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs</u>, rev. November 2015

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

<u>Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities</u>, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Notice of Non-Discrimination, August 2010

**WEB SITES** 

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services: http://www.fns.usda.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office for Civil Rights: http://www.ascr.usda.gov

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: http://www2.ed.gov/ocr

### DISTRICT RECORDS

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of securing and retaining district documents. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district records are developed, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

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(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 3440 - Inventories)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
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The Superintendent or designee shall consult with district legal counsel, site administrators, district information technology staff, personnel department staff, and others as necessary to develop a secure document management system that provides for the storage, retrieval, archiving, and destruction of district documents, including electronically stored information such as email. This document management system shall be designed to comply with state and federal laws regarding security of records, record retention and destruction, response to "litigation hold" discovery requests, and the recovery of records in the event of a disaster or emergency.

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(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 9011 - Board Member Electronic Communications)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the confidentiality of records as required by law and shall establish regulations to safeguard data against damage, loss, or theft.

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(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees receive information about the district's document management system, including retention and confidentiality requirements and an employee's obligations in the event of a litigation hold established on the advice of legal counsel.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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If the district discovers or is notified that a breach of security of district records containing unencrypted personal information has occurred, the Superintendent or designee shall notify every individual whose personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, a social security number, driver's license or identification card number, medical information, health insurance information, or an account number in combination with an access code or password that would permit access to a financial account. (Civil Code 1798.29)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the notice in a timely manner either in writing or electronically, unless otherwise provided in law. The notice shall include the material specified in Civil Code 1798.29, be formatted as required, and be distributed in a timely manner, consistent with the legitimate needs of law enforcement to conduct an uncompromised investigation or any measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and restore reasonable integrity of the data system. (Civil Code 1798.29)

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(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
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## **Safe at Home Program**

District public records shall not include the actual addresses of students, parents/guardians, or employees when a substitute address is designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Safe at Home program. (Government Code 6206, 6207)

When a substitute address card is provided pursuant to this program, the confidential, actual address may be used only to establish district residency requirements for enrollment and for school emergency purposes.

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(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
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Legal Reference: (see next page)

#### Legal Reference:

# EDUCATION CODE

35145 Public meetings

35163 Official actions, minutes and journal

35250-35255 Records and reports

44031 Personnel file contents and inspection

49065 Reasonable charge for transcripts

49069 Absolute right to access

CIVIL CODE

1798.29 Breach of security involving personal information

### **CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

1985.8 Electronic Discovery Act

2031.010-2031.060 Civil Discovery Act, scope of discovery demand

2031.210-2031.320 Civil Discovery Act, response to inspection demand

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

6205-6210 Confidentiality of addresses for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking

6252-6265 Inspection of public records

12946 Retention of employment applications and records for two years

#### PENAL CODE

11170 Retention of child abuse reports

### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

430 Individual student records; definition

432 Varieties of student records

16020-16022 Records, general provisions

16023-16027 Retention of records

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.8 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

### Management Resources:

## **WEB SITES**

California Secretary of State: http://www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome

### DISTRICT RECORDS

#### **Classification of Records**

*Records* means all records, maps, books, papers, and documents of a school district required by law to be prepared or retained as necessary or convenient to the discharge of official duty. (5 CCR 16020)

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(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
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Before January 1, the Superintendent or designee shall review the prior year's records and shall classify them as either a Class 1 (Permanent), Class 2 (Optional), or Class 3 (Disposable) record. (5 CCR 16022)

*Records of continuing nature* (active and useful for administrative, legal, fiscal, or other purposes over a period of years) shall not be classified until such usefulness has ceased. (5 CCR 16022)

An inventory of equipment shall be a continuing record and shall not be classified until the inventory is superseded or until the equipment is removed from district ownership. (5 CCR 16022)

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(cf. 3440 - Inventories)
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A student's cumulative record is a continuing record until the student ceases to be enrolled in the district. (5 CCR 16022)

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(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
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When an electronic or photographed copy of a Class 1 (Permanent) record has been made, the copy may be classified as Class 1 (Permanent) and the original classified as either Class 2 (Optional) or Class 3 (Disposable). However, no original record that is basic to any required audit may be destroyed prior to the second July 1st succeeding the completion of the audit. (Education Code 35254)

#### **Class 1 - Permanent Records**

The original of each of the following records, or one exact copy of it when the original is required by law to be filed with another agency, is a Class 1 (Permanent) record and shall be retained indefinitely unless microfilmed in accordance with 5 CCR 16022: (5 CCR 16023)

## 1. Annual Reports

- a. Official budget
- b. Financial reports of all funds, including cafeteria and student body funds

- c. Audit of all funds
- d. Average daily attendance, including Period 1 and Period 2 reports
- e. Other major annual reports, including:
  - (1) Those containing information relating to property, activities, financial condition, or transactions
  - (2) Those declared by Board of Trustees minutes to be permanent

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)
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(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)

### 2. Official Actions

- a. Minutes of the Board or Board committees, including the text of rules, regulations, policies, or resolutions included by reference only
- b. The call for and the result of any elections called, conducted, or canvassed by the Board
- c. Records transmitted by another agency pertaining to its action with respect to district reorganization

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(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)
(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)
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### 3. Personnel Records

Class 1 (Permanent) records include all detailed records relating to employment; assignment; amounts and dates of service rendered; termination or dismissal of an employee in any position; sick leave record; rate of compensation, salaries, or wages paid; and deductions or withholdings made and the person or agency to whom such amounts were paid. In lieu of the detailed records, a complete proven summary payroll record for each employee containing the same data may be classified as a Class 1 (Permanent) record and the detailed records may then be classified as Class 3 (Disposable) records.

Information of a derogatory nature as defined in Education Code 44031 shall be retained as a Class 1 (Permanent) record only when the time for filing a grievance has passed or the document has been sustained by the grievance process.

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(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
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#### 4. Student Records

The records of enrollment and scholarship for each student required by 5 CCR 432 and all records pertaining to any accident or injury involving a minor for which a claim for damages had been filed as required by law shall be classified as Class 1 (Permanent) records. These include any related policy of liability insurance, except that these records cease to be Class 1 (Permanent) records one year after the claim has been settled or the statute of limitations has expired.

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(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
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## 5. Property Records

Class 1 (Permanent) records include all detailed records relating to land, buildings, and equipment. In lieu of detailed records, a complete property ledger may be classified as a Class 1 (Permanent) record. The detailed records may then be classified as Class 3 (Disposable) records if the property ledger includes all fixed assets; an equipment inventory; and, for each piece of property, the date of acquisition, name of previous owner, a legal description, amount paid, and comparable data if the unit is disposed of.

(cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)

## **Class 2 - Optional Records**

Any records considered temporarily worth keeping, but which are not Class 1 records, may be classified as Class 2 (Optional) records and shall be retained until reclassified as Class 3 (Disposable) records. If, by agreement of the Board and Superintendent or designee, classification of the prior year records has not been made before January 1 as specified in 5 CCR 16022, all records of the prior year may be classified as Class 2 (Optional) records pending further review and classification within one year. (5 CCR 16024)

## **Class 3 - Disposable Records**

All records not classified as Class 1 (Permanent) or as Class 2 (Optional) records shall be classified as Class 3 (Disposable) records. These include, but are not limited to, detailed records basic to audit, including those relating to attendance, average daily attendance, or business or financial transactions; detailed records used in preparing another report; teachers'

registers if all information required by 5 CCR 432 is retained in other records or if the General Records pages are removed from the register and classified as Class 1 (Permanent) records; and periodic reports, including daily, weekly, and monthly reports, bulletins, and instructions. (5 CCR 16025)

All Class 3 (Disposable) records shall be destroyed during the third school year after the school year in which the records originated. In addition, Class 3 (Disposable) records shall not be destroyed until after the third school year following the completion of any legally required audit or the retention period required by any agency other than the State of California, whichever is later. A continuing record shall not be destroyed until the fourth year after it has been classified as a Class 3 (Disposable) record. (5 CCR 16026, 16027)

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)

### **Electronically Stored Information**

All electronically stored information related to the conduct of district business, including information created, saved, sent, or received on a district employee's or Board member's personal account or device, shall be saved as an electronic file to a district-provided account or device and retained in accordance with the section "Classification of Records" above. Such information includes, but is not limited to, email, text messages, instant messages, computer files, and other electronic communications related to district business. In addition, when appropriate, the information may be printed and physically filed in a way that allows it to be easily retrieved when needed.

(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)

Employees shall be required to regularly purge their email accounts and district-issued computers, cell phones, and other communication devices of personal electronically stored information and other information unrelated to district business. The Superintendent or designee may check for appropriate use of any district-owned equipment at any time.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

Any person to whom a district-owned computer, cell phone, or other electronic communication device is provided shall be notified about the district's electronic information management system and, as necessary, provided training on the effective use of the device.

### **CONSULTANTS**

The Board of Trustees authorizes the use of consultants to provide expert professional advice or specialized technical or training services which are not needed on a continuing basis and which cannot be provided by district staff because of limitations of time, experience or knowledge. Individuals, firms or organizations employed as consultants may assist management with decisions and/or project development related to financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal, administrative, instructional or other matters.

As part of the contract process, the Superintendent or designee shall determine, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines, that the consultant is properly classified as an independent contractor. District employees who perform extra-duty consultant services shall not be retained as independent contractors. They shall be considered employees for all purposes, even if the additional services are not related to their regular duties.

All consultant contracts shall be brought to the Board for approval.

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(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
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The district shall not contract for consulting services that can be performed without charge by a public agency or official unless these services are unavailable from the public source for reasons beyond the district's control.

All qualified firms or resource persons shall be accorded equal opportunity for consultant contracts regardless of race, creed, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, age or disability.

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(cf. 3311 - Bids)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
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Independent contractors applying for a consultant contract shall submit a written conflict of interest statement disclosing financial interests as determined necessary by the Superintendent or designee, depending on the range of duties to be performed by the consultant. The Superintendent or designee shall consider this statement when deciding whether to recommend the consultant's employment.

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(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)
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When employees of a public university, county office of education or other public agency serve as consultant or resource persons for the district, they shall certify as part of the consultant agreement that they will not receive salary or remuneration other than vacation pay from any other public agency for the specific days when they work for this district.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

## **CONSULTANTS** (continued)

### Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

10400-10407 Cooperative improvement programs

17596 Limit on continuing contracts

35010 Control of districts; prescription and enforcement of rules

35172 Promotional activities

35204 Contract with attorney

44925 Part-time readers employed as independent contractors

45103 Classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system

45103.5 Contracts for food service consulting services

45134-45135 Employment of retired classified employee

45256 Merit system districts; classified service; positions established for professional experts on a temporary basis

### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

53060 Contract for special services and advice

#### Management Resources:

# INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

15-A Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide