

GOALS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

As part of the Governing Board's responsibility to set direction for the school district, the Board shall adopt long-term goals focused on the achievement of all district students. The district's goals shall be aligned with the district's vision, mission, philosophy, and priorities.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

In developing goals and identifying strategies to achieve those goals, the Board and Superintendent shall solicit input and review from key stakeholders. The Board shall also review and consider quantitative and/or qualitative data, including data disaggregated by student subgroup and school site, to ensure that district goals are aligned with student needs.

Note: Education Code 52060-52077, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), require the Governing Board to adopt a three-year local control and accountability plan (LCAP) by July 1, 2014, and to update the LCAP on or before July 1 of each subsequent year; see BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. Pursuant to Education Code 52060, the LCAP must include annual goals, aligned with eight specified state priorities and any local priorities established by the Board, to be achieved for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052. Pursuant to Education Code 52052, a numerically significant subgroup includes ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, and foster youth, when there are at least 30 students in the subgroup (or at least 15 foster youth) in the school or district. For schools or districts with 11-99 students, numerically significant student subgroups are defined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction with approval by the State Board of Education.

5 CCR 15497, as added by Register 2014, No. 6, provides a template that the district must use to detail its actions and expenditures to support student outcomes and overall performance. Pursuant to this template, the district may organize its goals for the eight state priorities into three categories: (1) conditions of learning, including Williams compliance (teacher qualifications, access to instructional materials, and facilities in good repair), implementation of Common Core State Standards, and student access to a broad course of study; (2) student outcomes, including student achievement as measured by specified indicators and student outcomes in the course of study; and (3) engagement, including parent involvement, student engagement, and school climate. A district goal may address multiple priorities, and the district also may identify school sites and student subgroups that have the same goals and may group and describe those goals together.

Goals shall be established for all students and each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, which may include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, and foster youth, and shall address each of the state priorities identified in Education Code 52060 and any additional local priorities established by the Board. These goals shall be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). (Education Code 52060, 52062, 52063; 5 CCR 15497)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

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The LCAP shall include a clear description of each goal, one or more of the state or local priorities addressed by the goal, any student subgroup(s) or school site(s) to which the goal is applicable, and expected progress toward meeting the goal for the term of the LCAP and in each year. (5 CCR 15497)

Each year the district's update to the LCAP shall review progress toward the goals and describe any changes to the goals. (Education Code 52060-52061)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

In addition to the goals identified in the LCAP, and consistent with those goals, the district and each school site may establish goals for inclusion in another district or school plan or for any other purpose. Such goals may address the improvement of governance, leadership, fiscal integrity, facilities, community involvement and collaboration, student wellness and other conditions of children, and/or any other areas of district or school operations. As appropriate, each goal shall include benchmarks or short-term objectives that can be used to determine progress toward meeting the goal.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17002 *State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair*

42238.01-42238.07 *Local control funding formula*

44258.9 *County superintendent review of teacher assignment*

51002 *Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals*

51020 *Definition of goal*

51021 *Definition of objective*

51041 *Evaluation of the educational program*

51210 *Course of study for grades 1-6*

51220 *Course of study for grades 7-12*

52050-52059 *Public Schools Accountability Act, especially:*

52052 *Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

60119 *Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution*

64000-64001 *Consolidated application process*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15497 *Local control and accountability plan template*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 *Accountability, adequate yearly progress*

6312 *Local educational agency plan*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

State Priorities for Funding: The Need for Local Control and Accountability Plans, Fact Sheet, August 2013

WEB SITES

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

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

FEES AND CHARGES

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49011, a district is prohibited from requiring students to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge in order to participate in an educational activity as defined in Education Code 49010. A district is also required to provide the supplies, materials, and equipment needed by students to participate in educational activities. Additionally, Education Code 49011 clarifies that an otherwise impermissible fee would not be made permissible by the provision of a waiver for some students. However, pursuant to 5 CCR 350, a district is permitted, in certain circumstances, to impose fees that are specifically authorized by law. See the accompanying administrative regulation for a list of permissible fees.

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that books, materials, equipment, supplies, and other resources necessary for students' participation in the district's educational program are made available to them at no cost.

No student shall be required to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge for his/her participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011; 5 CCR 350)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

As necessary, the Board may approve fees, deposits, and other charges which are specifically authorized by law. When approving such fees, deposits, or charges, establishing fee schedules, or determining whether waivers or exceptions should be granted, the Board shall consider relevant data, including the socio-economic conditions of district students' families and their ability to pay.

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

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

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. The prohibition against student fees pursuant to Education Code 49011 does not restrict districts from soliciting for voluntary donations, participating in fundraising activities, and providing prizes or other recognition for participants in such fundraising activities.

The prohibition against student fees shall not restrict the district from soliciting for voluntary donations, participating in fundraising activities, and providing prizes or other recognition for participants in such activities and events. However, the district shall not offer or award to a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities in exchange for voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student and shall not remove, or threaten to remove, from a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against the student, due to a lack of voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student.

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

Whenever district employees, volunteers, students, parents/guardians, or educational or civic organizations participate in such events or activities, the Superintendent or designee shall emphasize that participation in the event or activity is voluntary.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49013, a district is mandated to adopt a policy which allows complaints to be filed using the uniform complaint procedures when the district is alleged to have violated the prohibition against requiring unauthorized student fees. See BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for language implementing this mandate.

A complaint alleging district noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring student fees, deposits, or other charges shall be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 49013)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Note: Education Code 49013 provides for districts found in violation of the prohibition against requiring student fees to design a remedy which may include reasonable efforts to fully identify and reimburse all affected individuals as specified in 5 CCR 4600, as amended by Register 2013, No. 38.

If, upon investigation, the district finds merit in the complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend and the Board shall adopt an appropriate remedy to be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians in accordance with 5 CCR 4600.

Note: Education Code 49013 requires the district to include information about the prohibition against requiring unauthorized student fees in the annual notification required pursuant to 5 CCR 4622.

Information related to the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees for participation in an educational activity shall be included in the district's annual notification required to be provided to all students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 49013)

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

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

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The Superintendent or designee may provide additional information or professional development opportunities to administrators, teachers, and other personnel regarding permissible fees.

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

Legal Reference: (see next page)

FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 8239 *Preschool and wraparound child care services*
- 8250 *Child care and development services for children with disabilities*
- 8263 *Child care eligibility*
- 8482.6 *After School Education and Safety programs*
- 8760-8774 *Outdoor science and conservation programs*
- 17453.1 *District sale or lease of Internet appliances or personal computers to students or parents*
- 17551 *Property fabricated by students*
- 19910-19911 *Offenses against libraries*
- 32033 *Eye protective devices*
- 32221 *Insurance for athletic team member*
- 32390 *Fingerprinting program*
- 35330-35332 *Excursions and field trips*
- 35335 *School camp programs*
- 38080-38086 *Cafeteria establishment and use*
- 38120 *Use of school band equipment on excursions to foreign countries*
- 39801.5 *Transportation for adults*
- 39807.5 *Payment of transportation costs*
- 39837 *Transportation of students to places of summer employment*
- 48050 *Residents of adjoining states*
- 48052 *Tuition for foreign residents*
- 48904 *Liability of parent or guardian*
- 49010-49013 *Student fees*
- 49065 *Charge for copies*
- 49066 *Grades, effect of physical education class apparel*
- 49091.14 *Prospectus of school curriculum*
- 51810-51815 *Community service classes*
- 52612 *Tuition for adult classes*
- 52613 *Nonimmigrant aliens*
- 56504 *School records; students with disabilities*
- 60410 *Students in classes for adults*

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 6253 *Request for copy; fee*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

- Article 9, Section 5 Common school system*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 350 *Fees not permitted*
- 4600-4687 *Uniform complaint procedures*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8

- 1184 *Foreign students*

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

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COURT DECISIONS

Driving School Assn of CA v. San Mateo Union HSD (1993) 11 Cal. App. 4th 1513

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Addendum to Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, October 4, 2013

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

WEB SITES

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

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

FEES AND CHARGES

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 350, districts may charge fees only when specifically authorized by law. The following list specifies fees currently authorized by law. Other permissible fees may exist and be identified in the future.

Pursuant to Education Code 49011, a district is prohibited from requiring a student to pay fees or charges in order to participate in an educational activity. A complaint alleging the unauthorized charging of student fees may be filed in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures; see the accompanying Board policy and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Districts with questions as to whether a particular fee may be charged should consult with legal counsel.

When approved by the Governing Board, the Superintendent or designee may impose a fee for the following: (5 CCR 350)

1. Insurance for athletic team members, with an exemption providing for the district to pay the cost of the insurance for any team member who is financially unable to pay (Education Code 32221)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

2. Insurance for medical or hospital service for students participating in field trips and excursions (Education Code 35331)
3. Expenses of students' participation in a field trip or excursion to another state, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country, as long as no student is prohibited from making the field trip due to lack of funds (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

4. Student fingerprinting program, as long as the fee does not exceed the actual costs associated with the program (Education Code 32390)

(cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)

5. School camp programs in outdoor science education, conservation education, or forestry operated pursuant to Education Code 8760-8774, provided that the fee is not mandatory and no student is denied the opportunity to participate for nonpayment of the fee (Education Code 35335)

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

Note: Education Code 17551 permits the district to sell to a student any nonperishable property of the district which has been fabricated by the student, as provided in item #6 below. California Department of Education (CDE) Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02 clarifies that this cost applies to materials the student will take home for his/her own possession and use, such as wood shop, art, or sewing projects.

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6. Reimbursement for the direct cost of materials provided by the district to a student for the fabrication of nonperishable personal property the student will take home for his/her own possession and use, such as wood shop, art, or sewing projects kept by the student (Education Code 17551)
7. Home-to-school transportation and transportation between regular, full-time day schools and regional occupational centers, programs, or classes, as long as the fee does not exceed the statewide average nonsubsidized cost per student and exemptions are made for indigent and disabled students (Education Code 39807.5)

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

8. Transportation for students to and from their places of employment in connection with any summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)
9. Deposit for school band instruments, music, uniforms, and other regalia which school band members take on excursions to foreign countries (Education Code 38120)

<p>Note: Education Code 17453.1 permits the district to sell or lease Internet appliances or personal computers to students as provided in item #10 below. CDE Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02 defines "Internet appliance" as a technological product that allows connection or access to an online educational network and clarifies that Internet appliances and personal computers are deemed supplemental and not an essential part of a district's educational program.</p>
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10. Sale or lease of Internet appliances or personal computers for the purpose of providing access to the district's educational computer network, at no more than cost, as long as the district provides network access for families who cannot afford it (Education Code 17453.1)

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

11. Fees for any community service class in civic, vocational, illiteracy, health, homemaking, and technical and general education, not to exceed the cost of maintaining the class (Education Code 51810, 51815)

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

12. Eye safety devices worn in courses or activities involving the use of hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes, when being sold to students and/or teachers or instructors to keep and at a price not to exceed the district's actual costs (Education Code 32033)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

13. Actual cost of furnishing copies of any student's records, except that no charge shall be made for furnishing up to two transcripts or two verifications of a former student's records or for reproducing records of a student with a disability when the cost would effectively prevent the parent/guardian from exercising the right to receive the copies (Education Code 49065, 56504)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

14. Actual costs of duplication for reproduction of the prospectus of school curriculum or for copies of public records (Education Code 49091.14; Government Code 6253)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

15. Food sold at school, subject to free and reduced-price meal program eligibility and other restrictions specified in law (Education Code 38084)

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

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

(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

16. As allowed in law, replacement cost or reimbursement for lost or damaged district books, supplies, or property, or for district property loaned to a student that he/she fails to return (Education Code 19910-19911, 48904)

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

17. Tuition for district school attendance by an out-of-state or out-of-country resident (Education Code 48050, 48052, 52613; 8 USC 1184)

(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

18. Adult education books, materials, transportation, and classes, except that no fee may be charged for classes in elementary subjects or for which high school credit is granted when taken by a person who does not hold a high school diploma or, effective July 1, 2015, classes in English and citizenship (Education Code 39801.5, 52612, 60410)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

19. Preschool and child care and development services, in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, unless the family qualifies for subsidized services or the program is for severely disabled children and the student is eligible to enroll in it (Education Code 8239, 8250, 8263)

FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

20. After School Education and Safety Programs, as long as no eligible student is denied the ability to participate because of inability to pay the fee (Education Code 8482.6)

Note: In Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, the CDE lists item #21 below as permissible. Districts with questions concerning this item should consult legal counsel.

21. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma examinations for college credits, as long as the examination is not a course requirement and the results have no impact on student grades or credits in the course

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

Note: In its Addendum to Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02 issued in October 2013, the CDE clarifies that a district that requires its students to wear a cap and gown as a condition for their participation in the high school graduation ceremony may not require such students to purchase the cap and gown. CDE recommends that such districts provide the graduates with a cap and gown for their use at the graduation ceremony and inform them that those interested may purchase a cap and gown from a vendor.

SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

Note: The following **optional** policy and accompanying administrative regulation detail the procedures that govern the district's sale or lease of surplus real property.

When district properties are not being utilized for school purposes after specific time periods, Education Code 17219-17224 authorize the State Allocation Board (SAB) to charge an "unused site fee." The Office of Public School Construction has developed a guide, the Unused Site Program Handbook, to assist districts with non-use payments.

Education Code 17455 authorizes the sale, or lease of up to 99 years, of any district real property together with any personal property located thereon without taking a vote of the electors of the district. To do so, the property must not or will not be needed by the district and the district must follow the procedures under Education Code 17387-17391. When a district is selling any property or leasing it with an option to purchase, Education Code 17464 lists the public entities that have priority to lease or purchase surplus district properties and the types of notice that the district must provide such entities before disposing of the property. Pursuant to Education Code 17457.5, as amended by AB 86 (Ch. 48, Statutes of 2013), an offer to sell the property must first be extended to a charter school that: (1) projects an in-district average daily attendance of at least 80 students for the following fiscal year, (2) submitted a written request to the district to be notified of surplus property offered for sale or lease by the district, and (3) intends to use the property exclusively to provide instruction or instructional support.

Under certain circumstances, districts may also need to comply with Education Code 17485-17500 (the Naylor Act), which require the granting of priority to public agencies when disposing of any district property that includes a playground, playing field, or land with an outdoor recreational purpose. Under certain conditions, the district may grant priority to licensed child care providers pursuant to Education Code 17458 or may sell surplus property for less than fair market value to public entities for recreational purposes pursuant to Education Code 17230.

When proposing the sale or lease of surplus property, the district must also comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code 21000-21177.

The Governing Board believes that the district should utilize its facilities and resources in the most economical and practical manner. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically study the current and projected use of all district facilities to ensure the efficient utilization of space for the effective delivery of instruction.

- (cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*
- (cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*
- (cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*
- (cf. 7160 - Charter School Facilities)*

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 17388, before surplus real property is sold or leased, the Governing Board must appoint an advisory committee to advise the Board on the disposition of such property. Education Code 17389 requires that the advisory committee be representative of specific groups within the community and be composed of not less than seven nor more than 11 members (commonly referred to as a "7-11 committee").

Prior to the sale or lease of any surplus real property, the Board shall appoint a district advisory committee to advise the Board regarding the use or disposition of schools or school building space which is not needed for school purposes. (Education Code 17388-17389)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY (continued)

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 65402, before disposing of any real property, the district is required to submit a report to its local planning agency for comparison with the local planning agency's general plan. The planning agency has 40 days during which it may raise objections. If objections are not raised within 40 days, the lack of response is deemed acceptance of the district report. If objections are timely raised, the Board may either make adjustments to accommodate such objections or take further steps to override those objections.

Upon determination that district property is no longer needed, or may not be needed until some future time, the Board shall first submit a report to the local planning agency as to what real property the district intends to offer for sale or lease. Not less than 40 days after issuance of the report to the local planning agency, and prior to entering into any agreement for sale or lease of district real property, the Board shall offer to sell or lease district-owned real property in accordance with priorities and procedures specified in applicable law. (Education Code 17230, 17387-17391, 17457.5, 17464, 17485-17500; Government Code 54222, 65402)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 17462.3, as amended by AB 308 (Ch. 496, Statutes of 2013), the SAB may require a district selling real property purchased, constructed, or modernized with funds received from a state school facilities funding program to return those funds if: (1) the state funds were received and the property purchased or improved within the previous 10 years; (2) the proceeds from the sale are not used for capital outlay; and (3) the property is not sold to a charter school, another school district, a county office of education, or an agency that will use the property exclusively for the delivery of child care and development services.

In addition, when selling real property purchased, constructed, or modernized with funds received within the past 10 years from a school facilities funding program, the Board shall consider whether any of the proceeds from the sale will need to be returned to the State Allocation Board (SAB) pursuant to Education Code 17462.3.

Resolution of Intention to Sell or Lease

Before ordering the sale or lease of any real property, the Board shall adopt a resolution by a two-thirds vote of all of its members at a regularly scheduled open meeting. The resolution shall describe the property proposed to be sold or leased in such a manner as to identify it, specify the minimum price or rent, describe the terms upon which it will be sold or leased, and specify the commission or rate, if any, which the Board will pay to a licensed real estate broker out of the minimum price or rent. The resolution shall fix a time, not less than three weeks thereafter, for a public meeting, held at the Board's regular meeting place, at which sealed proposals to purchase or lease will be received and considered. (Education Code 17466)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notice of the adoption of the resolution and of the time and place of the meeting that will be held to consider bids by posting copies of the resolution, signed by the Board, in three public places not less than 15 days before the date of the meeting. In addition, the notice shall be published at least once a week for three successive weeks before the meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, if such a newspaper exists. (Education Code 17469)

In accordance with Education Code 17470, the Superintendent or designee shall take reasonable steps to provide notification to the former owners of the property of the district's intent to sell it.

Acceptance/Rejection of Bids

At the public meeting specified in the resolution of intention to sell or lease property, the Board shall open, examine, and declare all sealed bids. Before accepting a written proposal, the Board shall call for oral bids in accordance with law. (Education Code 17472, 17473)

The Board may reject any and all bids, either written or oral, and withdraw the properties from sale when the Board determines that rejection is in the best public interest. If no proposals are submitted or the submitted proposals do not conform to all the terms and conditions specified in the resolution of intention to lease, the Board may lease the property in accordance with Education Code 17477. (Education Code 17476, 17477)

Of the proposals submitted by responsible bidders which conform to all terms and conditions specified in the resolution of intention to sell or lease, the Board shall finally accept the highest bid after deducting the commission, if any, to be paid to a licensed real estate broker, unless the Board accepts a higher oral bid or rejects all bids. (Education Code 17472)

The final acceptance of the bid may be made either at the same meeting specified in the resolution or at any adjourned/continued meeting held within 10 days. Upon acceptance of the bid, the Board may adopt a resolution of acceptance that directs the Board president, or any other Board member, to execute the deed or lease and to deliver the document upon performance and compliance by the successful bidder of all of the terms and conditions of the contract. (Education Code 17475-17478)

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

Use of Proceeds

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 17462, the proceeds derived from the sale or lease of surplus property must be used for capital outlay or maintenance. However, proceeds from the sale or lease with an option to purchase may be deposited in the district's general fund when the Board and SAB determine that the district has no anticipated need for additional sites or building construction for the next 10 years and no major deferred maintenance requirements. Thus, districts may not apply to the state for new construction or modernization funding during that time period unless certain conditions specified in Education Code 17462 are satisfied.

SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY (continued)

In addition, Education Code 17462 requires that the proceeds be used for one-time expenditures and prohibits the use for ongoing expenditures. 2 CCR 1700 defines "ongoing expenditures" as costs paid by a district's general or special fund in support of salaries. However, 2 CCR 1700 creates an exception and authorizes the use of such proceeds, if approved by the SAB, for one-time funding to reduce a district's unfunded liability for other postemployment benefits (OPEBs) (i.e., medical, dental, vision, hearing, life insurance, long-term care, long-term disability, and other nonpension benefits for retired employees). For information about prefunding OPEBs and reporting the district's liability for OPEBs, see BP 3100 - Budget and AR 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the proceeds from the sale, or lease with an option to purchase, of district surplus property are used in accordance with law. (Education Code 17462; 2 CCR 1700)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

Note: As amended by AB 86 (Ch. 48, Statutes of 2013), Education Code 17463.7 has extended, until January 1, 2016, the authority to use the proceeds from the sale of surplus real property, along with the proceeds from any personal property located on that real property, for any one-time general fund purpose. Districts that choose to exercise this authority will be ineligible for hardship funding from the SAB for five years after the proceeds are deposited.

Prior to exercising this authority, Education Code 17463.7 requires the Board to adopt a plan for expending the resources and to make specific certifications to the SAB, as specified below. Education Code 17463.7 contains additional requirements applicable to the sale of property purchased with proceeds from a local general obligation bond or revenue from developer fees.

Pursuant to the authorization in Education Code 17463.7, the district may expend proceeds from the sale of surplus real property, along with the proceeds from any personal property located on that real property, for any one-time general fund purpose(s). Before the district exercises this authority: (Education Code 17463.7)

1. The Board shall submit documents to the SAB certifying that:
 - a. The district has no major deferred maintenance requirements not covered by existing capital outlay resources.
 - b. The sale of real property pursuant to Education Code 17463.7 does not violate the provisions of a local bond act.

(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)

- c. The real property is not suitable to meet projected school construction needs for the next 10 years.

SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY (continued)

2. The Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board, at a regularly scheduled meeting, a plan for expending these one-time resources. The plan shall identify the source and use of the funds and shall describe the reasons that the expenditure shall not result in ongoing fiscal obligations for the district.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17219-17224 *Acquisition of property not utilized as school site; nonuse payments; exemptions*
17230-17234 *Surplus property*
17385 *Conveyances to and from school districts*
17387-17391 *Advisory committees for use of excess school facilities*
17400-17429 *Leasing property*
17430-17447 *Leasing facilities*
17453 *Lease of surplus district property*
17455-17484 *Sale or lease of real property, especially:*
17457.5 *Offer to charter school*
17462.3 *State Allocation Board program to reclaim funds*
17463.7 *Proceeds for general fund purposes*
17485-17500 *Surplus school playground (Naylor Act)*
17515-17526 *Joint occupancy*
17527-17535 *Joint use of district facilities*
33050 *Request for waiver*
38130-38139 *Civic Center Act*

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54220-54232 *Surplus land, especially:*
54222 *Offer to sell or lease property*
54950-54963 *Brown Act, especially:*
54952 *Legislative body, definition*

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1700 *Definitions related to surplus property*

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Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Closing a School Best Practices Guide

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PUBLICATIONS

Unused Site Program Handbook, May 2008

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, School Facilities Planning Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa>

Coalition for Adequate School Housing: <http://www.cashnet.org>

Office of Public School Construction: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/opsc>

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Interim Reports

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

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

Note: Interim reports must be based on the criteria and standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) pursuant to Education Code 33127. These criteria and standards are specified in 5 CCR 15453-15464, as amended by Register 2013, No. 49, and address the areas listed below. As amended, 5 CCR 15453 and 15460 replace the standard for revenue limits with a standard for LCFF revenue beginning in the 2014-15 fiscal year. 5 CCR 15460 provides that projected LCFF revenue for the current fiscal year or any of the two subsequent fiscal years should not have changed by more than two percent since budget adoption.

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

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3220.1 - Lottery Funds)

(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)

(cf. 3314 - Payment for Goods and Services)

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

(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

Audit Report

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

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

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

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 41020, the audit must include an audit of income and expenditures for all district funds, as provided below. Additionally, AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) amended Education Code 41020 to require that the audit include a determination of whether funds were expended in accordance with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). Pursuant to Education Code 52061, as added by AB 97 and amended by SB 97 (Ch. 357, Statutes of 2013), the annual update to the LCAP must list expenditures for specific actions to be taken to achieve the goals in the LCAP, including expenditures for services to English learners, foster youth, and students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan for requirements pertaining to the LCAP.

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

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3430 - Investing)

(cf. 3451 - Petty Cash Funds)

(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

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

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

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

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)

Note: Pursuant to 31 USC 7502, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, and subsequent compliance supplements, whenever the district expends \$500,000 or more in federal funds during a fiscal year, its audit of federal funds must be submitted to the federal audit clearinghouse designated by the OMB within the timelines specified below. Although submission of the report is often done by the auditor, it is the district's responsibility to ensure that it is submitted on time.

When required by federal law, specified records pertaining to the audit of federal funds received and expended by the district shall be transmitted to the federal clearinghouse designated by the federal Office of Management and Budget and shall be made available for public inspection. Such records shall be transmitted within 30 days after receipt of the auditor's report or within nine months after the end of the fiscal year, whichever is sooner, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the federal agency or a different period is specified in a program-specific audit guide. (31 USC 7502)

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

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

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

Fund Balance

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

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

1. Nonspendable fund balance, including amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as resources that are not in a spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact

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2. Restricted fund balance, including amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers or by law
3. Committed fund balance, including amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Board
4. Assigned fund balance, including amounts which the Board or its designee intends to use for a specific purpose
5. Unassigned fund balance, including amounts that are available for any purpose

Negative Balance Report

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

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

Non-Voter-Approved Debt Report

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

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

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

(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)

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

Other Postemployment Benefits Report (GASB 45)

Note: GASB Statement 45 contains reporting requirements pertaining to "other postemployment benefits" (OPEBs) (i.e., medical, dental, vision, hearing, life insurance, long-term care, long-term disability, and other nonpension benefits for retired employees). Under GASB 45, the district must report OPEBs as a current expense during the working years of an employee, calculated by an actuary using one of six specified actuarial cost methods. In addition, to the extent that the OPEBs are not prefunded in a designated fund or irrevocable trust, they must be reported as a liability on the district's financial statements. The decision of whether to prefund the benefits, and by how much, is at the Board's discretion; see BP 3100 - Budget.

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

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

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

In accordance with GASB Statement 45, the district's financial statements shall report the annual expense of nonpension other postemployment benefits (OPEBs) on an accrual basis over retirees' active working lifetime, as determined by a qualified actuary procured by the Superintendent or designee. To the extent that these OPEBs are not prefunded, the district shall report a liability on its financial statements.

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

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

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Note: Pursuant to GASB 45, the district must arrange for an actuary to update the valuation of its OPEB obligations either every two years (for OPEB plans with a total membership of 200 or more) or every three years (for OPEB plans with fewer than 200 members). CDE correspondence dated February 26, 2007 indicates that districts with fewer than 100 plan members may use an alternative method that does not require the services of an actuary. The district may revise the following paragraph to reflect the district's circumstances.

The amount of the district's financial obligation for OPEBs shall be reevaluated every two or three years in accordance with GASB 45 depending on the number of members in the OPEB plan.

Workers' Compensation Claims Report

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

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

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

Note: Health and Safety Code 104420 **mandates** districts receiving Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) funds to adopt a tobacco-free schools policy that prohibits the use of tobacco anytime, anywhere in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles. Such districts must certify compliance with this requirement by submitting a California Department of Education (CDE) certification form and supporting documentation to the county office of education's TUPE coordinator by July 1 in order to apply for TUPE funding for that fiscal year. The certification process also requires submission of the district's written policy and enforcement procedures; see the accompanying administrative regulation for enforcement procedures.

At their discretion, districts that do not receive TUPE funds may modify this policy to limit the prohibition against smoking to only enclosed spaces, pursuant to Labor Code 6404.5 and 20 USC 6083.

The Governing Board 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 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; Labor Code 6404.5; 20 USC 6083)

This prohibition applies 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)

Note: State law does not define "tobacco products" for purposes of the district's tobacco-free schools policy. The CDE's web site recommends that a district's policy define "tobacco products" to include products containing tobacco or nicotine, including nicotine delivery devices such as electronic cigarettes, electronic hookah, and other vapor-emitting devices.

The products prohibited include any product containing tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, clove cigarettes, betel, electronic cigarettes, electronic hookahs, and other vapor-emitting devices, with or without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products.

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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: (see next page)

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion

48901 Prohibition against tobacco use by students

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

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

7100-7117 Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21

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

PERB 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>

All PersonnelE 4112.9(a)
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4312.9**EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS**

Note: The following exhibit lists notices which the law requires be provided to employees. Unless otherwise indicated, code numbers below refer to Education Code sections.

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees			
At the beginning of school year or upon employment	231.5, Government Code 12950, 2 CCR 11023	AR 4119.11 4219.11 4319.11	The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints
Annually to all employees	17612	AR 3514.2	Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information
To all employees, prior to implementing year-round schedule	37616	AR 6112	Public hearing on year-round program
To all employees, prior to implementing block schedule	46162	AR 6112	Public hearing on block schedule
Annually to all employees	49013; 5 CCR 4622	AR 1312.3 BP 3260	Uniform complaint procedures, appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints about student fees and local control and accountability plan
To all employees	Government Code 1126	BP 4136 4236 4336	Prohibition of activities that are inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties; discipline; appeal
Prior to beginning employment	Government Code 3102	AR 4112.3 4212.3 4312.3	Oath or affirmation of allegiance required of public employees
To all employees	Government Code 8355; 41 USC 8102	BP 4020 BP 4159 4259 4359	District's drug- and alcohol-free workplace; actions to be taken if violated; available employee assistance programs
Upon placement of automated external defibrillator (AED) in school, and annually thereafter	Health and Safety Code 1797.196	AR 5141	Proper use of AED; location of all AEDs on campus

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To all employees, if the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds	Health and Safety Code 104420	AR 3513.3	District's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures
Annually to all employees	Health and Safety 120875, 120880	AR 4119.43 4219.43 4319.43	AIDS and hepatitis B, including methods to prevent exposure
To covered employees and former employees	Labor Code 2800.2	AR 4154 4254 4354	Availability of COBRA/ Cal-COBRA continuation and conversion coverage; statement encouraging careful examination of options before declining coverage
Upon employment or by end of first pay period	Labor Code 3551	BP 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Workers' compensation benefits, how to obtain medical care, role of primary physician, form for reporting personal physician/chiropractor
Prior to beginning employment	Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5	AR 5141.4	Status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, reporting obligations, confidentiality rights, copy of law
Upon employment, and when employee goes on leave for specified reasons	Unemployment Insurance Code 2613	AR 4154 4254 4354	Disability insurance rights and benefits
To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee	2 CCR 11096; 29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA); obligation to provide 30 days' notice of need for leave when possible
To all employees and job applicants	34 CFR 104.8, 106.9	BP 0410 BP 4030	District's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
Annually to all employees	40 CFR 763.84, 763.93	AR 3514	Availability of asbestos management plan; inspections, response actions, post-response actions planned or in progress
II. To Certificated Employees			
To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire	22455.5	AR 4121	Criteria for membership in retirement system; right to elect membership at any time
Upon employment of a retired certificated individual	22461	AR 4117.14 4317.14	Postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction; monthly report of compensation
To certificated employees	35171	AR 4115 BP 4315	District regulations related to performance evaluations
30 days before last day of school year for instructional staff, or by June 30 for noninstructional certificated staff, in any year in which employee is evaluated	44663	AR 4115	Copy of employee's evaluation
To a certificated employee with unsatisfactory evaluation	44664	AR 4115	Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance
By May 30, if district issues reemployment notices to certificated employees	44842	AR 4112.1	Request that the employee notify district of intent to remain in service next year
To certificated employees upon employment	44916	AR 4112.1 AR 4121	Employment status and salary
To probationary employees in district with ADA of 250 or more, by March 15 of employee's second consecutive year of employment	44929.21	AR 4117.6	Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. To Certificated Employees (continued)			
When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause	44934	AR 4117.4 AR 4118	Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice
To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct	44938	AR 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct
To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, within 10 days of entry of judgment in proceedings	44940.5	AR 4118	Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice
To probationary employees 30 days prior to dismissal, or not later than March 15 for second-year probationary employees	44948.3	AR 4117.4	Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal
To probationary employees in districts with less than 250 ADA, before notice of nonreelection but no later than March 15, with final notice by May 15	44948.5	AR 4117.4	Recommendation of nonreelection notice for reason other than personnel reduction; statement of reasons upon request
By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15	44949, 44955	BP 4117.3	Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board decision re: termination
On or before June 30, to temporary employee who served 75 percent of school year but will be released	44954	BP 4121	District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year
To teacher, when student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts	49079	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct or while allegation is pending	5 CCR 80303	AR 4117.7	Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. To Certificated Employees (continued)			
To teachers when school is identified for Title I program improvement restructuring	20 USC 6316	AR 0520.2	School identified for restructuring; opportunity to comment and participate
III. To Classified Employees			
To classified employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, in merit system district	44940.5	AR 4218	Notice of intent to dismiss in 30 days
When classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in nonmerit district	45113	AR 4218	Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights
To classified employees, at least 60 days prior to layoff, or by April 29 if specially funded program is expiring at end of school year	45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff and reemployment rights
To classified employees upon employment and upon each change in classification	45169	AR 4212	Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours, prescribed workweek
To classified permanent employee whose leave is exhausted	45192, 45195	AR 4261.1 AR 4261.11	Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers prior to expiration of specified documents	13 CCR 1234	AR 3542	Expiration date of driver's license, driver's certificate and medical certificate; need to renew
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers upon employment and at least once per year thereafter	13 CCR 2480	AR 3542	Limitations on vehicle idling; consequences of not complying
To school bus drivers, prior to district drug testing program and thereafter upon employment	49 CFR 382.601	BP 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Explanation of federal requirements for drug testing program and district's policy

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
IV. To Administrative/Supervisory Personnel			
To deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract	35031	BP 4312.1	Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term
Upon request by administrative or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position	44896	AR 4313.2	Statement of the reasons for the release or reassignment
By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year	44951	AR 4313.2	Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year
V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances			
Prior to placing derogatory information in personnel file	44031	AR 4112.6 4212.6 4312.6	Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment
24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or charges against employee	Government Code 54957	BB 9321	Employee's right to have complaints/charges heard in open session
Notice or training to employee with access to confidential information	Government Code 54963	BP 4119.23 4219.23 4319.23	Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session
Within one day of work-related injury or victimization of crime at workplace	Labor Code 3553, 5401	BP 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, claim form
Within five days of employee's request for family care and medical leave	2 CCR 11049; 29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Whether or not employee is eligible for FMLA leave
To any employee with exposure to bloodborne pathogens, upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter	8 CCR 3204, 5193	AR 4119.42 4219.42 4319.42	The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records

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EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances (continued)			
To any employee assigned to a work area where hazardous chemicals are present, upon initial assignment and upon new exposure situation	8 CCR 5191	AR 3514.1	Location and availability of chemical hygiene plan, exposure limits, signs and symptoms of exposure, location of reference material
To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous substances in the work area, upon initial assignment and when new hazard is introduced into work area	8 CCR 5194	AR 3514.1	Any presence of hazardous substances in the work area, location and availability of hazard communication program, new material safety data sheet, employee rights
To employee eligible for military leave	38 USC 4334	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave
Whenever notice of eligibility for FMLA is provided to employee	29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Rights and responsibilities re: use of FMLA; consequences of failure to meet obligations
Within five days of receiving information to determine if leave qualifies for FMLA	29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Designation of leave as FMLA or non-FMLA; any requirement to use paid leave; any requirement for fitness-for-duty certification; any subsequent changes in designation notice

POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT

Note: The following **optional** administrative regulation addresses postretirement employment restrictions and benefits which are applicable by law when retired members of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) are hired by the district after their retirement.

When necessary, the Governing Board may hire a qualified retired certificated individual who possesses the knowledge and experience needed to perform creditable service for the district as an employee, the employee of a third party, or an independent contractor/consultant, provided that all applicable restrictions specified by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) are met. Applicable CalSTRS restrictions include, but are not limited to, a requirement that a retired member be paid compensation comparable to that for active employees for comparable duties and prohibitions against the hiring of a retired member within 180 days of his/her retirement and for the classified service, except as an aide pursuant to Education Code 45134. Additional restrictions and rules may apply to other employment situations, such as when CalSTRS retired members are employed as employees of third parties, independent contractors, or consultants. The Superintendent or designee should consult legal counsel when dealing with such employment situations. (Education Code 22119.5, 22164.5, 24214, 24214.5)

(cf. 3600 - Consultants)
(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

Any retired member of the defined benefit program of CalSTRS who is hired by the district to perform retired member activities as defined pursuant to Education Code 22164.5 shall be paid at an annualized rate of pay that shall not be below the minimum or exceed the maximum paid to other district employees performing comparable duties. However, such a retired individual shall not make contributions to the CalSTRS retirement fund or accrue service credit based on compensation earned from the retired member activity. (Education Code 24214)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 24214.5, retired CalSTRS members may be hired to perform work that would normally accrue service credit in CalSTRS (creditable service) as long as the work commences more than 180 days after the member's retirement. Such retired individuals are allowed to receive compensation for services rendered without reduction in their retirement allowance if the compensation does not exceed the CalSTRS earnings limit. However, a retired CalSTRS member may be exempted from the 180-day waiting period if he/she has attained the normal retirement age and certain other conditions are met, as listed in items #1-6 below. Even if a retired individual is exempted from the 180-day waiting period, he/she shall still be subject to the postretirement compensation limitation specified in Education Code 24214.

No retired member of the CalSTRS defined benefit program shall be hired by the district for at least 180 calendar days after his/her retirement from service, unless he/she has attained the normal retirement age and qualifies for an exemption to the 180-day waiting period. To seek this exemption, the Board shall, during the open session of a Board meeting, adopt a resolution which shall include the following information and findings: (Education Code 24214.5)

1. A statement expressing the Board's intent to seek an exemption to the 180-day waiting period
2. AR 4117.14(b)4317.14

POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (continued)

2. A description of the nature of the employment of the retiree
3. A finding that the retiree has reached the normal retirement age
4. A finding that the appointment of the retiree is necessary to fill a critically needed position before the 180-day waiting period has passed

Note: Education Code 24214.5 requires a finding that the retired individual did not receive additional service credit or a financial inducement to retire, as provided in item #5 below. Pursuant to Education Code 24214.5, as amended by AB 1381 (Ch. 559, Statutes of 2013), "financial inducement to retire" is defined broadly and includes any form of compensation or other payment paid to a retired member directly or indirectly by "any public employer," not just the district needing to employ the retired member.

5. A finding that the retired individual did not receive additional service credit pursuant to Education Code 22714 or 22715 or any financial inducement to retire. Financial inducement to retire shall include, but is not limited to, cash or any form of compensation or other payment directly or indirectly paid by any public employer to the retired individual before or after his/her retirement, if the individual retires for service on or before a specific date or range of dates established by the public employer on or before the date the inducement is offered
6. A finding that the retired individual's termination of employment with the district is not the basis for the need to acquire the services of the retired individual

The resolution shall not be adopted through the Board's consent agenda. (Education Code 24214.5)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

When employing a retired individual who is eligible for exemption from the 180-day waiting period, the Superintendent or designee shall submit all required documentation to substantiate eligibility for the exemption to CalSTRS before the retired member begins performing any retired member activities. The Superintendent or designee may contact CalSTRS to request information as to whether the retired member qualifies for the exemption after 30 days of submitting the required documentation to CalSTRS. (Education Code 24214.5)

Note: Special rules apply to the hiring of an individual receiving a CalSTRS disability allowance and the district should consult CalSTRS and legal counsel prior to employing any such disability allowance recipient.

Postretirement Compensation Limitation, Notice, and Report

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 22461, as amended by AB 1379 (Ch. 558, Statutes of 2013), a district is required to notify retired individuals of the employment restrictions and the CalSTRS postretirement compensation limitation as specified in the following section. However, the statute expressly states that it does not impose liability upon the district for any amount paid in excess of the limitation or for failing to inform the retired individual that continuation of service would exceed the limitation.

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All CalSTRS retirees performing creditable service for the district shall be subject to the applicable CalSTRS earnings limit. Monies earned in excess of the limit may subject the CalSTRS retiree to a reduction in his/her retirement allowance. Compensation subject to the earnings limitation includes, but is not limited to, salary or wages, deferred compensation plans, purchase of an annuity contract, tax-deferred retirement plan or insurance program, and other plans or contributions when the cost is covered by a district. (Education Code 22119.5, 22164.5, 24214)

Whenever the district retains the services of a CalSTRS retiree as a district employee, employee of a third party, or an independent contractor, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 22461, 24214)

1. Advise the retired individual of the postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction set forth in Education Code 22714, 24214, or 24214.5 or any other applicable law

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

2. Maintain accurate records of the retired individual's compensation and report it monthly to CalSTRS and the individual, regardless of the method of payment or the fund from which the payments are made

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 27000-27009, CalSTRS has the authority to impose penalties on employers for late reporting of retired members' contributions. However, since retirees no longer contribute to CalSTRS, the penalties may be inapplicable.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

22119.5 *Creditable service, definition*

22131 *Employer; employing agency, definition*

22164.5 *Retired member activities, definition*

22461 *Notice of earnings limitation*

22714 *Encouragement of retirement*

22715 *Additional service credit*

22716 *Unpaid services*

24214 *Creditable service by retiree*

24214.5 *Postretirement compensation limit; members below normal retirement age*

26113 *Creditable service, definition*

35046 *Consultancy contracts*

44830 *Employment of certificated employees*

44830.3 *Employment of district interns*

44929 *Service credit under STRS; additional two years*

44929.1 *2+2 service and year credit option under STRS*

45134 *Age limits*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

27000-27009 *Penalties and interests for late remittances and late and unacceptable reporting by employers*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California State Teachers' Retirement System: <http://www.calstrs.com>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS REPORTS

Note: Education Code 44030.5 and 44242.5, as added and amended by AB 449 (Ch. 232, Statutes of 2013), and 5 CCR 80303, as amended by Register 2014, No. 14, require the Superintendent to make a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) when the employment status of a certificated employee has been changed as a result of alleged misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending. Upon notification by the district or other specified agencies, the CTC may conduct a review and take an adverse action against the certificated employee, including, but not limited to, suspension or revocation of the credential.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 80303, the report must be made regardless of any proposed or actual agreement, settlement, or stipulation between the district and the employee not to make such a report. The report must also be made if the allegations are withdrawn in consideration of the employee's resignation, retirement, or other failure to contest the truth of the allegations.

Pursuant to Education Code 44030.5 and 5 CCR 80303, as amended, the Superintendent's failure to make the report of the change in employment status or to notify the affected employee of the contents of 5 CCR 80303 would be considered unprofessional conduct and, if it is determined that the Superintendent refused or willfully neglected to make the report, he/she may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined.

The Superintendent shall report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) any change in the employment status of a certificated employee who, while working in a position requiring a credential and as a result of an allegation of misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending: (Education Code 44030.5, 44242.5; 5 CCR 80303)

1. Is dismissed or nonreelected

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

(cf. 4117.6 - Decision Not to Rehire)

2. Resigns

(cf. 4117.2 - Resignation)

3. Is suspended or placed on unpaid administrative leave for more than 10 days as a final adverse employment action

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

4. Retires

5. Is otherwise terminated by a decision not to employ or reemploy

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

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44030.5 and 44242.5, as added and amended by AB 449 (Ch. 232, Statutes of 2013), a change in employment status due solely to unsatisfactory performance or a reduction in force does not require a report to the CTC.

This report is not required when the change in employment status is due solely to unsatisfactory performance pursuant to Education Code 44932 or a reduction in force pursuant to Education Code 44955-44958. (Education Code 44030.5, 44242.5; 5 CCR 80303)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4117.3 - Personnel Reduction)

Note: Education Code 44030.5 requires the Superintendent to submit the report to the CTC within 30 days of the change in employment status. 5 CCR 80303, as amended by Register 2014, No. 14, requires the CTC to acknowledge receipt of the report within 30 days of receipt.

5 CCR 80303, as amended, describes the contents that must be included in the report. The report should be made using a notification form available on the CTC's web site and attaching relevant documents, evidence, and materials related to the district's investigation of the misconduct.

When required, the report of a change in employment status shall be submitted not later than 30 days after the employment action. The report shall be made using a form provided by the CTC and shall include all known information about each alleged act of misconduct by the employee. The report shall contain the name and current address of the certificated employee, name of the district, last school or district assignment, an explanation of the allegation of misconduct or pending allegation of misconduct, current contact information for all persons who may have information relating to the alleged misconduct, and any and all documentation related to the case. (Education Code 44030.5; 5 CCR 80303)

Upon a change in employment status as a result of alleged misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending, the Superintendent shall, in writing, inform the employee of the contents of 5 CCR 80303. (5 CCR 80303)

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

Additional Reports of Employee Misconduct

Note: Notification forms for the reports specified in items #1-2 below are available on the CTC's web site.

The Superintendent or designee shall submit a report to the CTC, using a form provided by the CTC and attaching all relevant documents, whenever:

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44940, the district must notify the CTC when an employee has been charged in court with a "mandatory leave of absence offense," defined as a sex or drug offense specified in Education Code 44940. Also see BP/AR 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action. Upon receiving notification from the district regarding any such offense, the CTC will automatically suspend the employee's credential. Education Code 44423.5 also requires the CTC to suspend an individual's credential upon receiving notice that another state has taken final action to revoke the individual's credential.

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1. An employee, by complaint, information, or indictment filed in court, is charged with a "mandatory leave of absence offense," defined as a sex or drug offense specified in Education Code 44940. (Education Code 44242.5, 44940, 44940.5)

Not later than 10 days after receipt of such a complaint, information, or indictment regarding an employee, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the received documents to the CTC. In addition, he/she shall report to the CTC any action taken in connection with extending the employee's mandatory leave beyond the initial period. (Education Code 44940, 44940.5)

Note: According to the CTC's notification form, submission of this notification to the CTC does not relieve the district of the obligation to also submit an employment status report of the same misconduct when the district takes disciplinary action resulting in a change in employment status.

If the offense results in a change in employment status, the Superintendent shall submit an employment status report in addition to the report of the mandatory leave of absence offense.

2. An employee refuses, without good cause, to fulfill a valid employment contract, or departs from district service without the consent of the Superintendent or Governing Board. (Education Code 44242.5, 44420)

Note: Education Code 44242.5 gives the CTC authority to review any of the violations described in items #1-3 below upon receiving notice from a district. Since the law does not require districts to report these violations to the CTC, the district should revise the following list to identify the types of violations that it will report and then ensure consistent implementation.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee also shall notify the CTC of any of the following:

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 44242.5, the CTC will not consider action on the basis of alleged sexual misconduct (item #1 below) unless there is evidence in the form of a written or oral declaration under penalty of perjury that confirms the personal knowledge of the declarant regarding the acts alleged to constitute misconduct.

1. A complaint filed with the district regarding a certificated employee's alleged sexual misconduct (Education Code 44242.5)

The notice to the CTC shall contain all of the following information: (5 CCR 80304)

- a. Name of the employee alleged to have engaged in the sexual misconduct
- b. Name, age, and address of each victim of the alleged sexual misconduct

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- c. A summary of all information known to the district regarding the alleged sexual misconduct
- d. A summary of the action, if any, taken at the district level in response to the complaint of sexual misconduct

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

- 2. An employee's knowing and willful use of school records of student data in connection with, or in implicit or explicit attempts to recruit a student to be a customer for, any business owned by the certificated employee or in which the certificated employee is an employee (Education Code 44242.5, 44421.1)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

- 3. An employee's knowing and willful reporting of false fiscal expenditure data relative to the conduct of any educational program (Education Code 44242.5, 44421.5)
- 4. An employee's subversion or attempt to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination (Education Code 44242.5, 44439)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS REPORTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44009 Conviction of specified crimes

44010 Sex offense, definitions

44011 Controlled substance offense, definitions

44030.5 Employment status reports

44225 Powers and duties of the CTC

44242.5 Reports and review of alleged misconduct

44420-44440 Adverse actions by CTC against credential holder

44932 Causes for dismissal

44940 Sex offenses and narcotic offenses; compulsory leave of absence

44940.5 Compulsory leave of absence

44955-44958 Reduction in force

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

80303 Reports of change in employment status, alleged misconduct

80304 Notice of sexual misconduct

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

California's Laws and Rules Pertaining to the Discipline of Professional Certificated Personnel, 2013

WEB SITES

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

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

TOBACCO

Note: The following **optional** policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 48901 requires any district maintaining a high school to take all steps deemed practical to discourage high school students from smoking. Tobacco-use prevention resources generally encourage prevention efforts to begin as early as possible, including in the middle or elementary grades.

The state's Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) competitive grant program for grades 6-12 (Health and Safety Code 104350-104495) provides support for local tobacco-use prevention and intervention programs.

The Governing Board recognizes the serious health risks presented by tobacco use and desires to ensure that, through adoption of consistent policies, district students are made aware of those risks and, to the extent possible, protected from them. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a coordinated school health system which includes a comprehensive behavioral health education component that teaches students the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need in order to lead healthy lives and avoid high-risk behaviors, such as tobacco use.

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide prevention, intervention, and cessation education, information, activities, and/or referrals to district students and shall ensure consistent enforcement of district policies prohibiting student possession and use of tobacco products.

Prohibition Against Tobacco Use

Note: Education Code 48900 and 48901 prohibit students from possessing, smoking, or using tobacco on school grounds, as provided in the following paragraph. Pursuant to Education Code 48900, students who violate this prohibition may be subject to discipline, including suspension or expulsion. However, pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, it is recommended that other means of correction that address the student's conduct be implemented instead of suspension or expulsion; see the section "Intervention/Cessation Services" below and AR 5144 - Discipline. In addition, Health and Safety Code 104420 mandates that any district receiving funding through the TUPE program adopt and enforce a tobacco-free schools policy which prohibits the use of tobacco products in district buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles by any person at any time; see BP 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools for language implementing this mandate.

Students shall not possess, smoke, or use tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees. Prohibited products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. (Education Code 48900, 48901)

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(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))

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Note: Although state law does not define "tobacco products," the California Department of Education (CDE) recommends that districts define "tobacco products" to include electronic cigarettes, electronic hookahs, and other vapor-emitting devices. According to the CDE, districts are increasingly reporting student possession of these nicotine delivery devices for purposes of prohibited drug use (i.e., as drug paraphernalia).

Students' possession or use of electronic cigarettes, electronic hookahs, and other vapor-emitting devices, with or without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products is also prohibited.

These prohibitions do not apply to a student's possession or use of his/her own prescription products. However, student possession or use of prescription products in school shall be subject to the district's policy and regulation for addressing the administration of medications on campus. (Education Code 48900)

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

Prevention Instruction

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice and the grade levels offered by the district. Education Code 51202 requires the district to offer a course of study at the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels that includes the effects of tobacco upon the human body. Education Code 51202 also requires that the course of study in secondary grades include instruction on the effects of tobacco upon prenatal development. See AR 6143 - Courses of Study. The state's content standards for health education include a number of standards at selected grade levels from K-12 related to the health consequences of tobacco use.

The TUPE program provides resources for supplemental instruction in grades 6-12 that addresses specified topics; see the accompanying administrative regulation. CDE's [Guidelines for Tobacco Prevention](#), contained in its [Getting Results](#) publication, recommend developmentally appropriate instruction in grades K-12, with instruction that is especially intensive in grades 6-9 (particularly the transition year from elementary to middle school/junior high) and is reinforced in high school.

The district shall provide developmentally appropriate tobacco-use prevention instruction for students at selected grade levels from K-12 pursuant to Education Code 51202. Such instruction shall be aligned with state content standards and the state curriculum framework for health education and with any requirements of state and/or federal grant programs in which the district participates.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Intervention/Cessation Services

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 104420 and 104460, districts receiving TUPE funds must provide students with access to intervention and cessation services and must provide pregnant and parenting minors with access to designated services.

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The district may fulfill these requirements either through the direct provision of services or through referrals to available services. See the accompanying administrative regulation. Pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, such intervention should be implemented to correct student behavior rather than suspension or other measures that may exclude a student from instruction.

The district may provide or refer students to counseling, intensive education, and other intervention services to assist in the cessation of tobacco use. Such intervention services shall be provided as an alternative to suspension for tobacco possession.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Program Planning

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

Health and Safety Code 104420 requires the CDE to give priority for TUPE funding to programs that, in addition to targeting current tobacco users, target students most at risk for beginning to use tobacco. Student populations considered to be "most at risk" are to be identified by the district through a local needs assessment, as provided in the following paragraph.

The district's tobacco-use prevention and intervention program shall be based on an assessment of tobacco-use problems in district schools and the community, an examination of existing services and activities in the community, and a determination of high-risk student populations that are most in need of district services.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Health and Safety Code 104420 and 104435 require districts receiving TUPE funds, with assistance from the county office of education, to coordinate efforts with the "lead local agency" in the community, defined in Health and Safety Code 104400 as the county or city health department.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with the local health department and county office of education in program planning and implementation. He/she may establish an advisory council including students, parents/guardians, district staff, representatives of the local health department and community organizations, law enforcement professionals, and/or others with demonstrated expertise in tobacco prevention and cessation.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Councils)

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

The Superintendent or designee also shall coordinate the district's tobacco-use prevention and intervention program with other district efforts to reduce students' use of illegal substances and to promote student wellness.

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(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that receive TUPE funds and may be used by other districts at their discretion.

The Superintendent or designee shall select tobacco-use prevention programs based on the model program designs identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) and may adapt the model to meet district needs. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

Note: Pursuant to TUPE Acceptance of Funds Guidance on the CDE's web site, TUPE grant funding will not be awarded to an applicant that receives any funding or educational materials from the tobacco industry, or from any agency which has received funding from the tobacco industry, for the purpose of implementing tobacco-use prevention or intervention programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall not accept for distribution any materials or advertisements that promote the use or sale of tobacco products. He/she also shall not accept tobacco-use prevention or intervention funds or materials from the tobacco industry or from any entity which is known to have received funding from the tobacco industry.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

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

Program Evaluation

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice. Districts that accept TUPE funds are required by the CDE to administer the core California Healthy Kids Survey in the first year of funding and at least every other year thereafter to assess the health-related behavior of a representative sample of students in grades 7, 9, and 11. In addition, districts that receive funding through TUPE are required to complete the TUPE Annual Report by June 30 of each year.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the district's program and ensure accountability, the Superintendent or designee shall biennially administer the California Healthy Kids Survey or other appropriate student survey at selected grade levels in order to assess student attitudes toward tobacco and student use of tobacco. He/she also shall annually report to the Board, and to the CDE if required, the data specified in Health and Safety Code 104450.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 6162.8 - Research)

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The results of program evaluations shall be used to refine program goals and objectives and make changes as needed to strengthen program implementation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48900 Suspension or expulsion (grounds)

48900.5 Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception

48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

60041 Instructional materials, portrayal of effects of tobacco use

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

104350-104495 Tobacco-use prevention education

119405 Unlawful to sell or furnish electronic cigarettes to minors

PENAL CODE

308 Minimum age for tobacco possession

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6800 Definition, health assessment

6844-6847 Child Health and Disability Prevention program; health assessments

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7111-7117 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

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Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

TUPE Acceptance of Funds Guidance

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

Health Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

Getting Results: Part II California Action Guide to Tobacco Use Prevention Education, 2000

WEST ED PUBLICATIONS

Guidebook for the California Healthy Kids Survey

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Tobacco-Use Prevention Education:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at/tupe.asp>

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

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

California Healthy Kids Survey: <http://www.wested.org/hks>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Smoking and Tobacco Use: <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco>

U.S. Surgeon General: <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>

DISCIPLINE

Note: The following policy is **optional**. Pursuant to Education Code 52060, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), the Governing Board is required to adopt, for the district and each school under its jurisdiction, a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) that includes a description of the specific actions that the district intends to take in order to achieve its annual goals in specific priority areas, including student engagement and school climate. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Since a district's ability to meet its goals around these priorities is impacted by its student discipline policies and practices, the Board must be careful to enact rules that are effective in maintaining safety and order on campus and in correcting student misbehavior without unnecessarily excluding students from school or participation in instruction. Education Code 48900 specifies behaviors for which a student may be suspended and/or recommended for expulsion (see BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process) and authorizes the use of age-appropriate alternatives designed to address a student's specific misbehavior, including those listed in Education Code 48900.5 and 48900.6.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, state that studies have suggested a correlation between exclusionary discipline policies and practices (such as suspension and expulsion) and an array of serious educational, economic, and social problems, including school avoidance, diminished educational engagement, decreased academic achievement, increased behavior problems, and increased likelihood of dropping out, substance abuse, and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Consequently, they recommend that districts adopt alternative disciplinary measures that provide students with appropriate interventions and supports as a means for preventing and addressing student misbehavior.

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive school environment which is conducive to student learning and to preparing students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and classroom management strategies, provision of appropriate intervention and support, and parent involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Superintendent or designee shall design a complement of effective, age-appropriate strategies for maintaining a positive school climate and correcting student misbehavior at district schools. The strategies shall focus on providing students with needed supports; communicating clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations and consequences for student conduct; and ensuring equity and continuous improvement in the implementation of district discipline policies and practices.

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In addition, the Superintendent or designee's strategies shall reflect the Board's preference for the use of positive interventions and alternative disciplinary measures over exclusionary discipline measures as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

Disciplinary measures that may result in loss of instructional time or cause students to be disengaged from school, such as detention, suspension, and expulsion, shall be imposed only when required by law or when other means of correction have been documented to have failed. (Education Code 48900.5)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

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

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

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. According to Public Counsel's model policy issued as part of the Fix School Discipline Project, a discipline matrix that lists violations and consequences could be a useful guide to school site administrators with regard to when suspension or expulsion referrals should be utilized.

The Superintendent or designee shall create a model discipline matrix that lists violations and the consequences for each as allowed by law.

Note: Education Code 35291.5 authorizes, but does not require, school sites to adopt rules and procedures for student discipline. Pursuant to Education Code 32282, any adopted site-level discipline rules must be included in the comprehensive safety plan; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan. The following paragraph is **optional**.

The administrative staff at each school may develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. The Board, at an open meeting, shall review the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law. Site-level disciplinary rules shall be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 35291.5, 32282)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health, well-being, and opportunity to learn.

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Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

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

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing the skills needed to effectively implement the disciplinary strategies adopted for district schools, including, but not limited to, consistent school and classroom management skills, effective accountability and positive intervention techniques, and development of strong, cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

<p>Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52060, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), the district must annually adopt an LCAP that includes a description of district goals for improving school climate, as provided in the following paragraph.</p>

District goals for improving school climate, based on suspension and expulsion rates, surveys of students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding their sense of school safety, and other local measures, shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan, as required by law.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding disciplinary strategies used in district schools in the immediately preceding school year and their effect on student learning.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

DISCIPLINE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 *School safety plans*
35146 *Closed sessions*
35291 *Rules*
35291.5-35291.7 *School-adopted discipline rules*
37223 *Weekend classes*
44807.5 *Restriction from recess*
48900-48926 *Suspension and expulsion*
48980-48985 *Notification of parent/guardian*
49330-49335 *Injurious objects*
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Public Counsel: <http://www.fixschooldiscipline.org>

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

DISCIPLINE

Site-Level Rules

Note: The following section is **optional**. Pursuant to Education Code 35291.5, schools are authorized, but not required, to adopt site-level student discipline rules and procedures. Schools that choose to adopt student discipline rules, or that are directed by the Governing Board to do so, must solicit input from groups specified in items #1-5 below. Such site-level rules must be consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. If the school develops student discipline rules, Education Code 32282 requires that they be included in the comprehensive safety plan; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

In addition, pursuant to Education Code 52060, the district is required to adopt a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) that includes a description of the specific actions that it intends to take achieve its annual goals in specified priority areas, including student engagement and school climate. In the development of the LCAP, the district is required to involve and/or consult with parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, and students in accordance with law. See BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Site-level rules shall be consistent with district policies and administrative regulations. In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the principal or designee shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Note: Item #5 below may be deleted by elementary districts.

5. For junior high and high schools, students enrolled in the school

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 35291.5 authorizes, but does not require, each school site to adopt school rules every four years. However, it is recommended that the timelines for the review of school rules be aligned with those for the review and updating of the comprehensive safety plan, since the school rules must, by law, be included in the plan. Pursuant to Education Code 32286, the comprehensive safety plan must be reviewed and updated every year by March 1; see BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

Annually, site-level discipline rules shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated to align with any changes in district discipline policies or goals for school safety and climate as specified in the district's local control and accountability plan. A copy of the rules shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee for inclusion in the comprehensive safety plan.

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

School rules shall be communicated to students clearly and in an age-appropriate manner.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary Strategies

Note: Education Code 48900.5 lists means of correction of student behavior that a district may use as an alternative to suspension. The district should select those strategies that are appropriate for its student population. The following strategies may be modified or expanded to reflect district practice.

To the extent possible, staff shall use disciplinary strategies that keep students in school and participating in the instructional program. Except when a student's presence causes a danger to himself/herself or others or he/she commits a single act of a grave nature or an offense for which suspension or expulsion is required by law, suspension or expulsion shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. Disciplinary strategies may include, but are not limited to:

1. Discussion or conference between school staff and the student and his/her parents/guardians

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

2. Referral of the student to the school counselor or other school support service personnel for case management and counseling

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

3. Convening of a study team, guidance team, resource panel, or other intervention-related team to assess the behavior and develop and implement an individual plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

4. When applicable, referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

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5. Enrollment in a program for teaching prosocial behavior or anger management
6. Participation in a restorative justice program
7. A positive behavior support approach with tiered interventions that occur during the school day on campus
8. Participation in a social and emotional learning program that teaches students the ability to understand and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations capably

Note: The Public Counsel's Fix School Discipline Project recognizes that exposure to chronic violence and other family or community traumas, such as serious accidents and life-threatening illnesses involving loved ones, and to conditions such as homelessness, may affect students' ability to learn and function well in school, and urges schools to adopt policies that recognize those factors and provide appropriate support to students.

9. Participation in a program that is sensitive to the traumas experienced by students, focuses on students' behavioral health needs, and addresses those needs in a proactive manner
10. After-school programs that address specific behavioral issues or expose students to positive activities and behaviors, including, but not limited to, those operated in collaboration with local parent and community groups

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

11. Recess restriction as provided in the section below entitled "Recess Restriction"
12. Detention after school hours as provided in the section below entitled "Detention After School"
13. Community service as provided in the section below entitled "Community Service"
14. In accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation, restriction or disqualification from participation in extracurricular activities

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities)

15. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

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(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

16. Suspension and expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation

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

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

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, when a student's misbehavior may result in a referral for suspension or expulsion after other means of correction have failed, the district may document and place in the student's record any other means of correction used to address the behavior. The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

When, by law or district policy, other means of correction are required to be implemented before a student could be suspended or expelled, any other means of correction implemented shall be documented and retained in the student's records. (Education Code 48900.5)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Recess Restriction

Note: The following **optional** section should be revised to reflect district practice. Although Education Code 44807.5 authorizes the district to adopt reasonable regulations allowing a teacher to restrict recess time for disciplinary purposes, it is recommended that districts discourage its use since it could limit students' opportunity to engage in physical activity which is inconsistent with district goals for student wellness. Studies have shown that, apart from its multiple health benefits, physical activity can help students improve their academic performance, attention, and behavior. Useful resources, including policy briefs and fact sheets that provide more information about the links between physical activity and student health and learning, are available on the CSBA web site.

A teacher may restrict a student's recess time only when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior. When recess restriction may involve the withholding of physical activity from a student, the teacher shall try other disciplinary measures before imposing the restriction. Recess restriction shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under a certificated employee's supervision during the period of restriction.
3. Teachers shall inform the principal of any recess restrictions they impose.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

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Detention After School

Note: 5 CCR 353 limits after-school detention to one hour after the close of the maximum school day or until the departure of the school transportation to which the student has been assigned pursuant to 5 CCR 307. For safety purposes, when a student will miss his/her transportation due to detention, the school should notify the parent/guardian at least one day in advance so that alternative arrangements may be made.

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

Note: The following paragraph should be modified to reflect district practice.

If a student will miss his/her school bus on account of being detained after school, or if the student is not transported by school bus, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs. (5 CCR 307, 353)

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is offered for districts that use Saturday classes for purposes of detention. Education Code 37223 authorizes the use of Saturday classes; however, except in the case of truants, attendance at such classes must be at the election of the student or parent/guardian.

Students may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school.

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Board, Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service during nonschool hours on school grounds or, with written permission of the student's parent/guardian, off school grounds. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer, or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

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Note: Education Code 48900.6 provides that the community service option is not available for those students who have been suspended, pending expulsion, for acts qualifying for either "mandatory recommendation for expulsion" or "mandatory expulsion" pursuant to Education Code 48915. See AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then the student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension. (Education Code 48900.6)

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of district rules related to discipline. (Education Code 35291, 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of disciplinary rules to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the district.

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Note: Education Code 35291 requires the Governing Board to prescribe rules and regulations for maintaining discipline in the schools under its jurisdiction. In addition, Education Code 48918 **mandates** the setting of rules and regulations for student expulsion as specified in this Board policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

While recognizing that suspension or expulsion of students is sometimes necessary, legislative, administrative, regulatory, civic, and educational leaders are united in the belief that instructional time should be used for student learning purposes and that school discipline should be imposed in a way that, as much as possible, would not exclude students from school or limit their ability or opportunity to learn. Pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, a district is not authorized to suspend a student for certain specified violations unless other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. Such other means of correction include, but are not limited to, conferences between school personnel and the student and his/her parents/guardians; use of study, guidance, or other intervention teams to develop a plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student; and participation in a restorative justice program. Education Code 48900.5 also authorizes a district to document in a student's records the alternative means of correction used to address the student's behavior. For further information about specific disciplinary strategies, including alternatives to class or school removals, see BP/AR 5144 - Discipline.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, state that studies have suggested a correlation between exclusionary discipline policies and practices (such as suspension and expulsion) and an array of serious educational, economic, and social problems, including school avoidance and diminished educational engagement, decreased academic achievement, increased behavior problems, and increased likelihood of dropping out, substance abuse, and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Consequently, they recommend that districts adopt alternative disciplinary measures that provide students with appropriate interventions and supports as a means for preventing and addressing student misbehaviors.

The need to implement means of correction other than suspension and expulsion is underscored by Education Code 52060-52077, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), which require districts to adopt, and annually update, a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) which must include descriptions of the district's and each school's goals for improving student engagement and school climate, as measured by rates of student absenteeism, suspension and expulsion, and other relevant measures identified by the Board.

The Governing Board desires to provide district students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. The Board shall develop rules and regulations setting the standards of behavior expected of district students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending, and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be only those specified in law and the accompanying administrative regulation.

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900(s), a student may be subject to discipline only when the violation is related to a school activity or school attendance as specified below. A student may also be disciplined for violations committed away from school. For example, Education Code 48900, as amended by AB 256 (Ch. 700, Statutes of 2013), defines bullying by means of an electronic act as including an act that originates off campus; see the accompanying administrative regulation and BP/AR 5131.2 - Bullying. In addition, a student may be disciplined for sexual harassment that occurs off campus, when the harassment results in a hostile school environment for the victim; see BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

Except when otherwise permitted by law, a student may be suspended or expelled only when his/her behavior is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within any district school or other school district, regardless of when it occurs, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48900(s))

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

Note: The following paragraph addresses the problem of unlawful discrimination in the administration of student discipline. In their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, the DOJ and OCR noted that, based on the civil rights data collection conducted by OCR, students of certain racial or ethnic groups tended to be disciplined more, and sometimes more harshly, than their similarly situated peers in violation of federal nondiscrimination laws. The letter warned that any district determined to have engaged in unlawful discrimination could be subject to OCR investigation and significant remedial action.

District staff shall enforce the rules concerning suspension and expulsion of students fairly, consistently, equally, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

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

Appropriate Use of Suspension and Expulsion

Note: Education Code 48900.5 requires districts to use other means of correction instead of suspension or expulsion, except when a student commits certain enumerated offenses. Although the term "zero tolerance" does not appear in law, the federal Gun-Free Schools Act (20 USC 7151) requires a district to expel for one year a student who brings a firearm to school without permission. This requirement has commonly been labeled as "zero tolerance." Education Code 48915(c) also requires the mandatory suspension and

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recommendation for expulsion of students who possess, sell, or furnish a firearm, brandish a knife, sell a controlled substance, commit or attempt to commit a sexual assault or sexual battery, or possess an explosive. However, Education Code 48915(c) clarifies that a student's possession of an "imitation firearm" does not require expulsion. See the accompanying administrative regulation and BP/AR 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Except when a student commits an act that violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e) or his/her presence causes a danger to others, suspension shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.

Except when a student commits an act listed in Education Code 48915(c), the Superintendent or designee shall have the discretion to determine whether to recommend to the Board that the student be expelled.

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

To correct the behavior of any student who is subject to discipline, the Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent allowed by law, first use alternative disciplinary strategies specified in AR 5144 - Discipline. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph reflects the Legislature's intent, expressed in Education Code 48900, concerning disciplinary actions against truant, tardy, or absent students. Since these are not enumerated offenses, a district does not have the authority to suspend or expel students for committing any of these acts.

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Students shall not be suspended or expelled for truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional** and should be revised to reflect district practice. Although Education Code 48900(k) allows suspension or expulsion of students who disrupt school activities or otherwise willfully defy the valid authority of school personnel (see section "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" in the accompanying administrative regulation), the use of suspension or expulsion as a means of correcting the behavior of such students has been increasingly discouraged based on the subjective nature of these grounds, data indicating their disproportionate use with certain ethnic minority groups, and their inconsistency with district goals to use positive interventions that will not disrupt the student's education.

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District staff shall not suspend any student for disruption or willful defiance, unless the suspension is warranted by documented repetitive behavior of the student or the disruption or willful defiance occurred in conjunction with another violation for which the student may be suspended.

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

A student's parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible when there is an escalating pattern of misbehavior that could lead to classroom or school removal.

Due Process

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices, hearings, and appeals as specified in law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48911, 48915, 48915.5, 48918)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

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

Removal from Class by a Teacher and Parental Attendance

Note: The following section is mandated for any district that chooses to require parents/guardians to attend a portion of the school day when their child is removed from class for specified behaviors, as authorized by Education Code 48900.1. Districts that do not require parental attendance should delete this section.

When suspending a student from class for committing an obscene act, engaging in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupting school activities, or otherwise willfully defying valid staff authority, the teacher of the class may require any parent/guardian who lives with the student to attend a portion of the school day in the class from which the student is being suspended, to assist in resolving the classroom behavior problems. (Education Code 48900.1)

Teachers should reserve the option of required parental attendance for cases in which they have determined that it is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the teacher and the student and his/her parents/guardians and to improve the student's behavior.

Any teacher requiring parental attendance pursuant to this policy shall apply the policy uniformly to all students within the classroom. (Education Code 48900.1)

When a teacher requires parental attendance, the principal shall send a written notice to the parent/guardian stating that his/her attendance is required pursuant to law and that, if there are reasonable factors that may prevent the parent/guardian from complying with the requirement, he/she should contact the school. (Education Code 48900.1)

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: For any district that authorizes parental attendance as a disciplinary option, Education Code 48900.1 **mandates** that the district's policy include procedures to ensure that parents/guardians who attend school meet with the principal or designee after completing the classroom visitation and before leaving the school.

A parent/guardian who has received a written notice shall attend class as specified in the notice. After completing the classroom visit and before leaving school premises, the parent/guardian also shall meet with the principal or designee. (Education Code 48900.1)

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

At the meeting with the student's parent/guardian, the principal or designee shall explain the district's and school's discipline policies, including the disciplinary strategies that may be used to achieve proper student conduct.

Note: For any district that authorizes parental attendance as a disciplinary option, Education Code 48900.1 **mandates** that the district's policy include procedures for contacting parents/guardians who do not respond to the request to attend. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

When a parent/guardian does not respond to the request to attend school, the principal or designee shall contact him/her by any method that maintains the confidentiality of the student's records.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

District regulations and school-site rules for student discipline shall include procedures for implementing parental attendance requirements. Parents/guardians shall be notified of this policy prior to its implementation. (Education Code 48900.1)

Supervised Suspension Classroom

Note: As an alternative to off-campus suspension, Education Code 48911.1 authorizes a supervised suspension classroom program for students who pose no imminent danger to anyone at school and who have not been recommended for expulsion, as specified below. Education Code 48911.2 states that if the number of students suspended during the prior year exceeds 30 percent of the school's enrollment, the district should consider implementing this program and/or another program of on-campus progressive discipline. However, Education Code 48900.5 requires a district to try other means of correction and document that those means have failed to bring about proper conduct, before imposing a supervised suspension.

The following **optional** section is for use by districts implementing a supervised suspension classroom program; such districts may continue to claim funding apportionments for students so assigned, provided they meet specific criteria which are set forth under "Supervised Suspension Classroom" in the accompanying administrative regulation. A district does not receive funding for out-of-school suspensions.

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To ensure the proper supervision and ongoing learning of students who are suspended for any of the reasons enumerated in Education Code 48900 and 48900.2, but who pose no imminent danger or threat to anyone at school and for whom expulsion proceedings have not been initiated, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a supervised suspension classroom program which meets the requirements of law.

Except where a supervised suspension is permitted by law for a student's first offense, supervised suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5)

Decision Not to Enforce Expulsion Order

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48917, the Board may decide to suspend the enforcement of an order for expulsion if a student satisfies specific conditions. See the accompanying administrative regulation for criteria. In addition, the Attorney General opined in 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 85 (1997) that the enforcement of an expulsion order may be suspended even in those cases where the student has committed an offense for which expulsion is required by law. Legal counsel should be consulted as appropriate.

Upon voting to expel a student, the Board may suspend enforcement of the expulsion order pursuant to the requirements of law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48917)

Maintenance and Monitoring of Outcome Data

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, the district is required to maintain data related to suspensions and expulsions and to report such data to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 52060, a district is required to address school climate in its LCAP, by including an assessment of baseline data regarding suspension and expulsion rates by student subgroups and schools and setting goals for improving those rates and other related factors. The DOJ and OCR, in their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, recommend that districts maintain disaggregated discipline information to ensure transparency and facilitate community discussion.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually present to the Board a report of the outcome data which the district is required to collect pursuant to Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, including the number of students recommended for expulsion, the grounds for each recommended expulsion, the actions taken by the Board, the types of referral made after each expulsion, and the disposition of the students after the expulsion period.

The report shall be disaggregated by school and by numerically significant student subgroups, including, but not limited to, ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, foster youth, and students with disabilities. The report also shall include information about whether and how the district is meeting its goals for improving school climate as specified in its local control and accountability plan.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

212.5 *Sexual harassment*

233 *Hate violence*

1981 *Enrollment of students in community school*

17292.5 *Program for expelled students*

32261 *Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985*

35145 *Open board meetings*

35146 *Closed sessions (regarding suspensions)*

35291 *Rules (for government and discipline of schools)*

35291.5 *Rules and procedures on school discipline*

48645.5 *Readmission; contact with juvenile justice system*

48660-48666 *Community day schools*

48853.5 *Foster youth*

48900-48927 *Suspension and expulsion*

48950 *Speech and other communication*

48980 *Parental notifications*

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SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS

Note: Education Code 35291 requires the Governing Board to adopt rules and regulations that are not inconsistent with law or rules adopted by the State Board of Education, for the government and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction. In addition, Education Code 48918 and 48918.5 **mandate** that districts adopt rules concerning the due process rights of students in expulsion situations, and Education Code 48916 **mandates** procedures for filing and processing requests for readmission. Specific language complying with these mandates is included throughout this administrative regulation.

The acts for which students may be suspended or expelled are specified in law and in the section below titled "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion." The Board does not have authority to add to those enumerated acts. However, the Board has authority to prohibit suspension or expulsion for certain acts for which suspension or expulsion is permissible rather than mandatory. The Board may consider limiting the use of suspension and expulsion for such offenses as part of the district plan to address school climate within the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) required pursuant to Education Code 52060, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013). In addition, pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, a district is not authorized to suspend a student for certain specified violations unless other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.

Definitions

Suspension from school means removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. However, suspension does not mean any of the following: (Education Code 48925)

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level.
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students.
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code 48910. Removal from a particular class shall not occur more than once every five school days.

Expulsion means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control or the general supervision of school personnel. (Education Code 48925)

Day means a calendar day unless otherwise specifically provided. (Education Code 48925)

School day means a day upon which the schools of the district are in session or weekdays during the summer recess. (Education Code 48925)

Principal's designee means one or more administrators or, if there is not a second administrator at one school site, a certificated person specifically designated by the principal, in writing, to assist with disciplinary procedures. Only one such person may be designated at any time as the principal's primary designee and only one such person may be designated as secondary designee for the school year. The names of such persons shall be on file in the principal's office. (Education Code 48911)

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School property, for the purposes described in Education Code 48900, includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases. (Education Code 48900(u))

Notice of Regulations

At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each school shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all school rules related to discipline, including suspension and expulsion. (Education Code 35291, 48900.1, 48980)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion

Acts for which a student, including a student with disabilities, may be suspended or expelled shall be only those specified as follows:

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

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense; or committed as an aider or abettor, as adjudged by a juvenile court, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury (Education Code 48900(a) and (t))

Note: The Attorney General, in 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 91 (1997), determined that a student may be expelled for "possession" of a firearm if the student knowingly and voluntarily had direct control over the firearm. The only exceptions are when the student has permission from school officials to possess the firearm (pursuant to Education Code 48900 and 48915) or when the possession is brief and solely for the purpose of disposing of the firearm, such as handing it to school officials. Note that "firearm" does not include "imitation firearm" which is listed separately in item #13 below. See BP 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Pursuant to Penal Code 417.27, students are prohibited from possessing a laser pointer on school premises, except for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose. See BP 5131 - Conduct.

2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence (Education Code 48900(b))

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

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3. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind (Education Code 48900(c))

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

4. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented same as such controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant (Education Code 48900(d))
5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion (Education Code 48900(e))
6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property (Education Code 48900(f))
7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property (Education Code 48900(g))
8. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel, except that this restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing his/her own prescription products (Education Code 48900(h))

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity (Education Code 48900(i))
10. Unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11014.5 (Education Code 48900(j))
11. Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties (Education Code 48900(k))

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

12. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property (Education Code 48900(l))

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13. Possessed an imitation firearm (Education Code 48900(m))

Imitation firearm means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm. (Education Code 48900(m))

14. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4 (Education Code 48900(n))

15. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness (Education Code 48900(o))

16. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma (Education Code 48900(p))

17. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing (Education Code 48900(q))

Hazing means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student. *Hazing* does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.

Note: Education Code 48900(r) defines "bullying" as "any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of electronic act," which is directed toward a student and which would have serious detrimental consequences upon a reasonable student. Pursuant to Education Code 48900, as amended by AB 256 (Ch. 700, Statutes of 2013), a student may be disciplined for bullying by means of electronic act even when the act originated off campus. See also BP 5131.2 - Bullying.

18. Engaged in an act of bullying (Education Code 48900(r))

Bullying means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, directed toward one or more students that has or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student in fear of harm to himself/herself or his/her property; cause the student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his/her physical or mental health; or cause the student to experience substantial interferences with his/her

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academic performance or ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Note: "Bullying" also would include any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation (as set forth in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4; see items #21-23 below) that is committed by a student of any grade level, when the act results in harm to a reasonable student as specified in the above paragraph. However, when bullying is found under these circumstances, students below grade 4 may not be disciplined for the underlying violations of items #21-23 below, but may only be disciplined for "bullying."

Bullying shall include any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation, as defined in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 (items #21-23 below), that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.

Electronic act means the creation or transmission of a communication originated on or off school site, including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, image, or post on a social network Internet web site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. A post on a social network Internet web site shall include, but is not limited to, the posting or creation of a burn page or the creation of a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above.

Reasonable student means a student, including, but not limited to, a student who has been identified as a student with a disability, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his/her age, or for a person of his/her age with his/her disability. (Education Code 48900(r))

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

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

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

Note: Education Code 48900 allows for the suspension, but not expulsion, of a student who "aids or abets," as defined in Penal Code 31, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person. The term "aiding or abetting," is a complex legal term and requires that, at the time he/she committed the crime, the aider or abettor was aware of the crime and specifically intended to commit the crime. Because of the complexities of criminal law, legal counsel should be consulted as appropriate.

19. Aided or abetted the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person, as defined in Penal Code 31. (Education Code 48900(t))

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20. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property. (Education Code 48900.7)

A terrorist threat includes any written or oral statement by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death or great bodily injury to another person or property damage in excess of \$1,000, with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out. (Education Code 48900.7)

Note: The following additional grounds apply only to students in grades 4-12 and may be revised to reflect grade levels offered by the district. As discussed in item #18 above, although Education Code 48900(r) defines bullying to include acts involving items #21-23, only students in grades 4-12 may be suspended or expelled for the individual acts that constitute sexual harassment, hate violence, and harassment as stated in items #21-23 below. The interplay between items #18 and #21-23 can raise complex legal issues. Districts should consult legal counsel as appropriate.

A student in grades 4-12 is also subject to suspension or recommendation for expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

21. Committed sexual harassment as defined in Education Code 212.5 (Education Code 48900.2)

Sexual harassment means conduct which, when considered from the perspective of a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim, is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. (Education Code 212.5, 48900.2)

(cf. 5145.7 - *Sexual Harassment*)

22. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence as defined in Education Code 233 (Education Code 48900.3)

Hate violence means any act punishable under Penal Code 422.6, 422.7, or 422.75. Such acts include injuring or intimidating a victim, interfering with the exercise of a victim's civil rights, or damaging a victim's property because of the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; a perception of the presence of any of those characteristics in the victim; or the victim's association with a person or group with one or more of those actual or perceived characteristics. (Education Code 233; Penal Code 422.55)

(cf. 5145.9 - *Hate-Motivated Behavior*)

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23. Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against district personnel or students that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of school personnel or students by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment (Education Code 48900.4)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Removal from Class by a Teacher and Parental Attendance

Note: The following section is optional and may be revised to reflect district practice.

A teacher may remove a student from his/her class for the remainder of the day and the following day only for acts specified in Education Code 48900 and listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above. (Education Code 48910)

When removing a student from his/her class, the teacher shall immediately report this action to the principal or designee and send the student to the principal or designee for appropriate action. If that action requires the continuing presence of the student at school, he/she shall be appropriately supervised during the class periods from which he/she has been removed. (Education Code 48910)

As soon as possible after the teacher decides to remove the student, he/she shall ask the student's parent/guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the removal. A counselor or psychologist may attend the conference if it is practicable, and a school administrator shall attend if either the parent/guardian or teacher so requests. (Education Code 48910)

A student removed from class shall not be returned to class during the period of removal without the approval of the teacher of the class and the principal or designee. (Education Code 48910)

A student removed from class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of removal. However, a student assigned to more than one class per day may continue to attend other regular classes except those held at the same time as the class from which he/she was removed. (Education Code 48910)

The teacher of any class from which a student is removed may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the removal. (Education Code 48913)

Note: The remainder of this section is for use by districts that have adopted a policy regarding required parental attendance pursuant to Education Code 48900.1; see the accompanying Board policy.
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Pursuant to Board policy, a teacher may require the parent/guardian of a student whom the teacher has removed to attend a portion of a school day in his/her child's classroom. When a teacher makes this request, the principal shall send the parent/guardian a written notice that the parent/guardian's attendance is requested pursuant to law. (Education Code 48900.1)

Note: Education Code 48900.1 requires the principal's notice to specify when the parent/guardian must attend the class and to take into account reasonable factors that may prevent the parent/guardian from complying, such as illness, injury, disability, risk of losing his/her job or compensation, or absence from town. Items #1-4 below are **optional** and should be modified to reflect district practice.

The notice shall:

1. Inform the parent/guardian when his/her presence is expected and by what means he/she may arrange an alternate date
2. State that if the parent/guardian does not have a means of transportation to school, he/she may ride the school bus with the student
3. Direct the parent/guardian to meet with the principal after the visit and before leaving school
4. Direct the parent/guardian to contact the school if there are reasonable factors that would prevent him/her from complying with the attendance requirement

Suspension by Superintendent, Principal, or Designee

The Superintendent, principal, or designee shall immediately suspend any student found at school or at a school activity to be: (Education Code 48915(c))

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence
2. Brandishing a knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g)
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
5. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

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Note: Education Code 48900.5 limits situations warranting suspension for a first offense to when the violation involves Education Code 48900(a)-(e) or the student's presence causes a danger to persons.

In addition, the Superintendent, principal, or designee may impose a suspension upon a first offense if he/she determines that the student violated any of items #1-5 listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above or if the student's presence causes a danger to persons. (Education Code 48900.5)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48900 and 48915, except for certain egregious acts or offenses for which suspension is permissible or mandatory, as specified above pursuant to Education Code 48915(a) or (c), the Superintendent or principal is authorized to use his/her discretion to provide an alternative, age-appropriate disciplinary measure that is tailored to correct a student's specific misbehavior. In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in their joint January 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, recommend that effective alternatives to suspension and expulsion be implemented for correcting student misbehavior. For a list of appropriate alternatives, see AR 5144 - Discipline.

For all other offenses, a student may be suspended only when the Superintendent or principal has determined that other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct in the student. (Education Code 48900.5)

When other means of correction are implemented prior to imposing suspension or supervised suspension upon a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall document the other means of correction used and retain them in the student's record. (Education Code 48900.5)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Length of Suspension

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may suspend a student from school for not more than five consecutive school days unless the suspension is extended pending expulsion. (Education Code 48911)

A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year. However, when a student enrolls in or is transferred to another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class for the purpose of adjustment, he/she may be suspended for not more than 30 school days in a school year. The district may count suspensions that occur while a student is enrolled in another school district toward the maximum number of days for which the student may be suspended in any school year. (Education Code 48903, 48911, 48912)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

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These restrictions on the number of days of suspension shall not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48911)

Due Process Procedures for Suspension

Suspensions shall be imposed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Informal Conference:** Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Superintendent, principal, or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action, presented with the evidence against him/her, and given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense. (Education Code 48911)

This conference may be omitted if the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that an emergency situation exists involving a clear and present danger to the lives, safety, or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of the conference. The conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives his/her right to it or is physically unable to attend for any reason. In such a case, the conference shall be held as soon as the student is physically able to return to school. (Education Code 48911)

Note: Item #2 below should be revised to reflect the district's processing and reporting procedures.
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2. **Administrative Actions:** All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee. A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48911)
3. **Notice to Parents/Guardians:** At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension. (Education Code 48911)

This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. (Education Code 48900.8)

Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.
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In addition, the notice may state the date and time when the student may return to school. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may add that state law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay.

4. **Parent/Guardian Conference:** Whenever a student is suspended, school officials may meet with the parent/guardian to discuss the cause(s) and duration of the suspension, the school policy involved, and any other pertinent matter. (Education Code 48914)

Although the parent/guardian is required to respond without delay to a request for a conference about his/her child's behavior, no penalties may be imposed on the student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied reinstatement solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend the conference. (Education Code 48911)

5. **Extension of Suspension:** If the Board is considering the expulsion of a suspended student from any school or the suspension of a student for the balance of the semester from continuation school, the Superintendent or designee may, in writing, extend the suspension until such time as the Board has made a decision. (Education Code 48911)

Any extension of the original period of suspension shall be preceded by notice of such extension with an offer to hold a conference concerning the extension, giving the student an opportunity to be heard. This conference may be held in conjunction with a meeting requested by the student or parent/guardian to challenge the original suspension. Extension of the suspension may be made only if the Superintendent or designee determines, following a meeting in which the student and the student's parent/guardian were invited to participate, that the student's presence at the school or at an alternative school would endanger persons or property or threaten to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48911)

Note: When the student being considered for expulsion is a foster youth, Education Code 48911 and 48918.1 require the district to invite the student's attorney and an appropriate county child welfare agency representative to the meeting specified above. To ensure such invitation, the following paragraph provides that the district liaison for foster youth be notified. However, any district that has designated another position to carry out this responsibility may modify the paragraph to specify that position. For designation of the liaison for foster youth, see AR 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth.

If the student involved is a foster youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for foster youth of the need to invite the student's attorney and a representative of the appropriate county child welfare agency to attend the meeting. (Education Code 48853.5, 48911, 48918.1)

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Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Since Education Code 48900 and 48900.5 require a district, under certain circumstances, to use alternative disciplinary measures prior to imposing suspension, including supervised suspension, the district may, as necessary, provide services that would address the student's specific misbehavior along with the suspension program. For example, the district may require the student to enroll in a program that teaches prosocial behavior or anger management even while the student is suspended.

In addition to suspending a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee may provide services or require the student to participate in an alternative disciplinary program designed to correct his/her behavior and keep him/her in school.

Suspension by the Board

The Board may suspend a student for any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above and within the limits specified under "Suspension by Superintendent, Principal, or Designee" above. (Education Code 48912)

The Board may suspend a student enrolled in a continuation school or class for a period not longer than the remainder of the semester if any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" occurred. The suspension shall meet the requirements of Education Code 48915. (Education Code 48912.5)

When the Board is considering a suspension, disciplinary action, or any other action (except expulsion) against any student, it shall hold a closed session if a public hearing would lead to disclosure of information violating a student's right to privacy under Education Code 49073-49079. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The Board shall provide the student and his/her parent/guardian with written notice of the closed session by registered or certified mail or personal service. Upon receiving this notice, the student or parent/guardian may request a public meeting, and this request shall be granted if made in writing within 48 hours after receipt of the Board's notice. However, any discussion that conflicts with any other student's right to privacy still shall be held in closed session. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

Supervised Suspension Classroom

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by any district establishing a supervised on-campus suspension program pursuant to Education Code 48911.1. However, pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, such a district is required to use other means of correcting a student's behavior before imposing a supervised suspension, unless such a supervised suspension is otherwise permitted by law for a student's first offense. Use of a supervised suspension classroom program does not in any way limit the district's ability to transfer a student to an opportunity school or class or a continuation education school or class in accordance with law.

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A student for whom an expulsion action has not been initiated and who poses no imminent danger or threat to the school, students, or staff may be assigned to a supervised suspension classroom in a separate classroom, building, or site for the entire period of suspension. The following conditions shall apply: (Education Code 48911.1)

1. The supervised suspension classroom shall be staffed in accordance with law.
2. The student shall have access to appropriate counseling services.
3. The supervised suspension classroom shall promote completion of schoolwork and tests missed by the student during the suspension.
4. The student shall be responsible for contacting his/her teacher(s) to receive assignments to be completed in the supervised suspension classroom. The teacher(s) shall provide all assignments and tests that the student will miss while suspended. If no such work is assigned, the person supervising the suspension classroom shall assign schoolwork.

At the time a student is assigned to a supervised suspension classroom, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in person or by telephone. When the assignment is for longer than one class period, this notification shall be made in writing. (Education Code 48911.1)

Authority to Expel

A student may be expelled only by the Board. (Education Code 48918(j))

The Board shall expel, as required by law, any student found to have committed any offense listed below under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion." (Education Code 48915)

For all other grounds listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion," the Board shall order a student expelled, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, principal, or designee, only if the Board makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct
2. That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others

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Superintendent, Principal, or Designee's Authority to Recommend Expulsion

Unless the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct, he/she shall recommend a student's expulsion for any of the following acts: (Education Code 48915(a))

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense
2. Possession of any knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g) or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance as listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, except for (a) the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, or (b) the student's possession of over-the-counter medication for his/her use or other medication prescribed for him/her by a physician
4. Robbery or extortion
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee

In determining whether or not to recommend the expulsion of a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall act as quickly as possible to ensure that the student does not lose instructional time. (Education Code 48915)

Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion

Note: The following section reflects circumstances under which Education Code 48915 requires both a recommendation of expulsion and Board action to expel the student. The Attorney General has determined, in 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 348 (1997), that a district may not adopt a zero tolerance policy mandating expulsion of a student for a first offense of possession of a controlled substance or alcohol; see the accompanying Board policy.

The Superintendent, principal, or designee shall recommend that the Board expel any student found at school or at a school activity to be: (Education Code 48915(c))

Note: The Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 USC 7151, requires districts and county offices of education to submit to the California Department of Education (CDE) assurances of compliance with state and federal laws related to incidents on campus involving the possession of firearms. Item #1 below reflects language that must be submitted to the CDE for compliance. For other such language that must be submitted to the CDE, see sections in this regulation entitled "Final Action by the Board" and "Notifications to Law Enforcement Authorities."

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Pursuant to Education Code 48915, possession of an "imitation firearm" is not an offense requiring mandatory expulsion as provided in item #1 below, but rather an offense for which the decision to recommend expulsion should be made on a case-by-case basis.

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the firearm from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence

However, possession of an imitation firearm, as defined in Education Code 48900(m), shall not be regarded as an offense requiring a mandatory recommendation for expulsion and mandatory expulsion.

2. Brandishing a knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g) at another person
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
5. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

Upon finding that the student committed any of the above acts, the Board shall expel the student. (Education Code 48915)

Student's Right to Expulsion Hearing

Note: Education Code 48918 **mandates** that the Board establish rules and regulations governing procedures for the expulsion of students. The timelines of Education Code 48918 must be strictly followed; failure to do so may result in loss of the district's power to act (Garcia v. Los Angeles Board of Education). In calculating timelines, the district should also be aware of the difference between the calculation of "school days" and "calendar days" under Education Code 48918.

Any student recommended for expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether he/she should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that the student has committed one of the acts listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion." (Education Code 48918(a))

The student is entitled to at least one postponement of an expulsion hearing for a period of not more than 30 calendar days. The request for postponement shall be in writing. Any subsequent postponement may be granted at the Board's discretion. (Education Code 48918(a))

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If the Board finds it impractical during the regular school year to comply with these time requirements for conducting an expulsion hearing, the Superintendent or designee may, for good cause, extend the time period by an additional five school days. Reasons for the extension shall be included as a part of the record when the expulsion hearing is held. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical to comply with the time requirements of the expulsion hearing due to a summer recess of Board meetings of more than two weeks, the days during the recess shall not be counted as school days. The days not counted during the recess may not exceed 20 school days, as defined in Education Code 48925. Unless the student requests in writing that the expulsion hearing be postponed, the hearing shall be held not later than 20 calendar days prior to the first day of the next school year. (Education Code 48918(a))

Once the hearing starts, all matters shall be pursued with reasonable diligence and concluded without unnecessary delay. (Education Code 48918(a))

Stipulated Expulsion

Note: The following section is **optional** and may be revised to reflect district practice. "Stipulated expulsion" is for districts that have adopted an expedited procedure which requires a student to waive his/her right to a pre-expulsion hearing in exchange for an agreement as to the terms of the expulsion. Such waivers are not specifically addressed in law and districts should ensure that the due process rights of students are included in the stipulated agreement and are clearly explained to them before the agreement is signed. Districts should consult legal counsel as appropriate.

After a determination that a student has committed an offense listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" for which expulsion is permitted or mandatory, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall offer the student and his/her parent/guardian the option to waive a hearing and stipulate to the expulsion. The offer shall be made only after the student or his/her parent/guardian has been given written notice of the expulsion hearing pursuant to Education Code 48918.

The stipulation agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian. The stipulation agreement shall include notice of all the rights that the student is waiving, including the waiving of his/her right to have a full hearing, to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education, and to consult legal counsel.

A stipulated expulsion shall be effective upon approval by the Board.

Rights of Complaining Witness

Note: Education Code 48918.5 **mandates** the following rights related to the treatment of witnesses alleging acts of sexual assault or sexual battery. Other procedures related to complaining witnesses also may be

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added as desired by the district. Additional mandated procedures related to the rights and treatment of complaining witnesses are included where appropriate throughout this regulation.

An expulsion hearing involving allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery may be postponed for one school day in order to accommodate the special physical, mental, or emotional needs of a student who is the complaining witness. (Education Code 48918.5)

Whenever the Superintendent or designee recommends an expulsion hearing that addresses allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery, he/she shall give the complaining witness a copy of the district's suspension and expulsion policy and regulation and shall advise the witness of his/her right to: (Education Code 48918.5)

1. Receive five days' notice of his/her scheduled testimony at the hearing
2. Have up to two adult support persons of his/her choosing present at the hearing at the time he/she testifies
3. Have a closed hearing during the time he/she testifies

Whenever any allegation of sexual assault or sexual battery is made, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately advise complaining witnesses and accused students to refrain from personal or telephone contact with each other during the time when an expulsion process is pending. (Education Code 48918.5)

Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing

Note: Education Code 48918 **mandates** the Board to adopt procedures that include the following items.

Written notice of the expulsion hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall include: (Education Code 48900.8, 48918(b))

1. The date and place of the hearing.
2. A statement of the specific facts, charges, and offense upon which the proposed expulsion is based.
3. A copy of district disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation.
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1, to provide information about the student's status in the district to any other district in which the student seeks enrollment. This obligation applies when a

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student is expelled for acts other than those described in Education Code 48915(a) or (c).

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or be represented by legal counsel or by a nonattorney advisor.

Legal counsel means an attorney or lawyer who is admitted to the practice of law in California and is an active member of the State Bar of California.

Nonattorney advisor means an individual who is not an attorney or lawyer, but who is familiar with the facts of the case and has been selected by the student or student's parent/guardian to provide assistance at the hearing.

6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing.
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing.
8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf, including witnesses.

Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth

Note: Prior to conducting a hearing to determine whether a foster youth should be expelled, Education Code 48918.1 requires the district to notify the student's attorney and a representative of an appropriate county child welfare agency, provided that the violation does not require a mandatory recommendation for expulsion. However, if the offense requires a mandatory recommendation for expulsion, the notice is permitted but not required.

At least 10 days prior to a hearing to determine if a student who is a foster youth as defined under Education Code 48853.5 should be expelled for an offense not requiring a mandatory recommendation for expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's attorney and a representative of an appropriate county child welfare agency. If the hearing is pursuant to an offense requiring a mandatory expulsion recommendation, the Superintendent or designee may provide the same notification. The notice shall be provided by the most cost-effective method possible, including by email or a telephone call. (Education Code 48918.1)

Conduct of Expulsion Hearing

Note: Education Code 48918 **mandates** that the Board adopt procedures that include the following items.

Instead of the Board conducting an expulsion hearing, it may appoint a hearing officer or an impartial administrative panel to conduct the hearing; see section "Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or

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Administrative Panel" below. Even if the district conducts all expulsion hearings in this manner, the requirements of Education Code 48918 pertaining to the conduct of the hearing must be met.

1. **Closed Session:** Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code 54953 and Education Code 35145, the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting. If such a request is made, the meeting shall be public unless another student's privacy rights would be violated. (Education Code 48918(c))

Note: For the purpose of Board deliberations during the closed session described below, the presence of any person other than the Board members, including the Superintendent, necessitates allowing the presence of the parent/guardian, student, and student's counsel.

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session to deliberate and determine whether or not the student should be expelled. If the Board admits any other person to this closed session, the parent/guardian, the student, and the counsel of the student also shall be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code 48918(c))

If a hearing that involves a charge of sexual assault or sexual battery is to be conducted in public, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in closed session when testifying in public would threaten serious psychological harm to the witness and when there are no alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm, including, but not limited to, videotaped deposition or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing room by closed-circuit television. (Education Code 48918(c))

2. **Record of Hearing:** A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made. (Education Code 48918(g))

Note: Education Code 48918 authorizes the Board to issue subpoenas for the personal appearance of percipient witnesses at an expulsion hearing. In Woodbury v. Dempsey, the court held that a district's authority to determine whether to issue subpoenas is discretionary, but a district could not have a blanket policy denying the issuance of subpoenas in all cases.

In accordance with Code of Civil Procedure 1987, the subpoena must be served at least 10 days before the time required for attendance unless the court prescribes a shorter time. Unless they are parties to the hearing or are district or government employees, witnesses who appear pursuant to a subpoena receive fees equal to those prescribed for witnesses in civil actions in a superior court, and all witnesses other than the parties to the hearing receive mileage; these fees and mileage must be paid by the party requesting the subpoena.

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- 3. Subpoenas:** Before commencing a student expulsion hearing, the Board may issue subpoenas, at the request of either the student or the Superintendent or designee, for the personal appearance at the hearing of any person who actually witnessed the action that gave rise to the recommendation for expulsion. After the hearing has commenced, the Board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may issue such subpoenas at the request of the student or the County Superintendent of Schools or designee. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1985.2 and enforced in accordance with Government Code 11455.20. (Education Code 48918(i))

Any objection raised by the student or the Superintendent or designee to the issuance of subpoenas may be considered by the Board in closed session, or in open session if so requested by the student, before the meeting. The Board's decision in response to such an objection shall be final and binding. (Education Code 48918(i))

If the Board determines, or if the hearing officer or administrative panel finds and submits to the Board, that a witness would be subject to unreasonable risk of harm by testifying at the hearing, a subpoena shall not be issued to compel the personal attendance of that witness at the hearing. However, that witness may be compelled to testify by means of a sworn declaration as described in item #4 below. (Education Code 48918(i))

- 4. Presentation of Evidence:** Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the expulsion hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The decision of the Board to expel shall be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts pursuant to Education Code 48900 and listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above. (Education Code 48918(h))

Note: Findings of fact made by the Board or a hearing panel must not be based on hearsay alone. "Hearsay" is evidence of an oral or written statement made by a person who is not present at the hearing which is offered to establish a fact as being true. Some exceptions to the hearsay rule exist under the Evidence Code and Education Code; the district should consult legal counsel as appropriate.
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Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. Although no finding shall be based solely on hearsay, sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses whose disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm. (Education Code 48918(f))

In cases where a search of a student's person or property has occurred, evidence describing the reasonableness of the search shall be included in the hearing record.

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Note: Education Code 48918.6 provides that testimony by a student witness at an expulsion hearing is privileged and thus protected from liability for defamation pursuant to Civil Code 47(b).
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5. **Testimony by Complaining Witnesses:** The following procedures shall be observed when a hearing involves allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code 48918, 48918.5)
- a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify.
 - b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during his/her testimony.
 - c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential.
 - d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person whom he/she finds is disrupting the hearing.
 - e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Penal Code 868.5.
 - f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard. Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.
 - g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a nonthreatening environment.
 - (1) The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony.

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- (2) At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he/she may leave the hearing room.
 - (3) The person conducting the hearing may:
 - (a) Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness
 - (b) Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours
 - (c) Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand
6. **Decision:** The Board's decision as to whether to expel a student shall be made within 40 school days after the student is removed from his/her school of attendance, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a))

Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or Administrative Panel

Note: For districts that use a hearing officer or administrative panel, Education Code 48918 mandates that the Board adopt procedures that include the following section.
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Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the Board may contract with the county hearing officer or with the Office of Administrative Hearings of the State of California for a hearing officer. Alternatively, the Board may appoint an impartial administrative panel composed of three or more certificated personnel, none of whom shall be members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. (Education Code 48918(d))

A hearing conducted by the hearing officer or administrative panel shall conform to the same procedures applicable to a hearing conducted by the Board as specified above in "Conduct of Expulsion Hearing," including the requirement to issue a decision within 40 school days of the student's removal from school, unless the student requests that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a) and (d))

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The hearing officer or administrative panel shall, within three school days after the hearing, determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If expulsion is not recommended, the expulsion proceeding shall be terminated and the student shall be immediately reinstated. The Superintendent or designee shall place the student in a classroom instructional program, any other instructional program, a rehabilitation program, or any combination of these programs after consulting with district staff, including the student's teachers, and with the student's parent/guardian. The decision to not recommend expulsion shall be final. (Education Code 48918(e))

If expulsion is recommended, findings of fact in support of the recommendation shall be prepared and submitted to the Board. All findings of fact and recommendations shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The Board may accept the recommendation based either upon a review of the findings of fact and recommendations submitted or upon the results of any supplementary hearing the Board may order. (Education Code 48918(f))

In accordance with Board policy, the hearing officer or administrative panel may recommend that the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion for a period of one year. (Education Code 48917, 48918)

Final Action by the Board

Note: Education Code 48918 mandates that the Board adopt procedures that include the following paragraph.
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Whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in closed or public session by the Board, a hearing officer, or an administrative panel or is waived through the signing of a stipulated expulsion agreement, the final action to expel shall be taken by the Board at a public meeting. (Education Code 48918(j))

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

If the Board conducts the hearing and reaches a decision not to expel, this decision shall be final and the student shall be reinstated immediately.

Note: The Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 USC 7151, requires that the following paragraph be sent to the CDE for assurances of compliance with federal and state law. For other language that must be submitted to the CDE, see section below entitled "Notifications to Law Enforcement Authorities."

Upon ordering an expulsion, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to a school within the district. For a student expelled for any act listed under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion" above, this date shall be one year from the date the expulsion occurred, except that the Board may set an earlier date on a case-by-case basis. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred.

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If an expulsion is ordered during summer session or the intersession period of a year-round program, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission not later than the last day of the semester following the summer session or intersession period in which the expulsion occurred. (Education Code 48916)

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, which may include: (Education Code 48916)

1. Periodic review, as well as assessment at the time of review, for readmission
2. Recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service, or other rehabilitative programs

Note: The following paragraph is optional . Education Code 48916.5 authorizes, but does not mandate, the Board to make the following requirement of certain expelled students.

With parent/guardian consent, students who have been expelled for reasons relating to controlled substances or alcohol may be required to enroll in a county-sponsored drug rehabilitation program before returning to school. (Education Code 48916.5)

Written Notice to Expel

The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of the decision to expel to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:

1. The specific offense committed by the student for any of the causes for suspension or expulsion listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" (Education Code 48900.8)
2. The fact that a description of readmission procedures will be made available to the student and his/her parent/guardian (Education Code 48916)
3. Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board (Education Code 48918)
4. Notice of the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the time of expulsion (Education Code 48918)
5. Notice of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1 (Education Code 48918)

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Decision Not to Enforce Expulsion Order

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48917, the Board's criteria for suspending the enforcement of expulsions must be applied uniformly to all students. Items #1-3 below are **optional** and should be revised to reflect district criteria.

In accordance with Board policy, when deciding whether to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order, the Board shall take into account the following criteria:

1. The student's pattern of behavior
2. The seriousness of the misconduct
3. The student's attitude toward the misconduct and his/her willingness to follow a rehabilitation program

The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion shall be governed by the following:

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class, or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation. This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program. (Education Code 48917)
2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status. (Education Code 48917)
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct. (Education Code 48917)
4. When the suspension of enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order. (Education Code 48917)
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school. Upon reinstatement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings. (Education Code 48917)

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6. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian. The notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board, the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the period of expulsion, and the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of his/her status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1(b). (Education Code 48918(j))
7. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with the County Board. (Education Code 48917)

Right to Appeal

The student or parent/guardian is entitled to file an appeal of the Board's decision with the County Board. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the Board's decision to expel, even if the expulsion order is suspended and the student is placed on probation. (Education Code 48919)

The student shall submit a written request for a copy of the written transcripts and supporting documents from the district simultaneously with the filing of the notice of appeal with the County Board. The district shall provide the student with these documents within 10 school days following the student's written request. (Education Code 48919)

Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities

Note: The Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 USC 7151, requires that the following two paragraphs be sent to the CDE for assurances of compliance with federal and state law.

In addition, Education Code 48902 requires the principal or designee to notify law enforcement authorities when a student or nonstudent possesses a firearm or explosive or sells or furnishes a firearm at school. However, when the student involved in such a case is a student with a disability, Education Code 49076 requires any law enforcement authority to which student information is disclosed to certify that those records will not be disclosed to another party without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian or other person invested with the student's educational right; see AR 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities).

Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts of assault which may have violated Penal Code 245. (Education Code 48902)

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The principal or designee also shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts which may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or of a controlled substance. In addition, law enforcement authorities shall be notified regarding any acts by students regarding the possession, sale, or furnishing of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons in violation of Education Code 48915(c)(1) or (5) or Penal Code 626.9 and 626.10. (Education Code 48902)

Within one school day after a student's suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities, by telephone or other appropriate means, of any student acts which may violate Education Code 48900(c) or (d), relating to the possession, use, offering, or sale of controlled substances, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind. (Education Code 48902)

Post-Expulsion Placements

Note: Education Code 48915 requires the Board to refer all expelled students to a program of study that is prepared to accommodate students with discipline problems and that is not located at the school the student currently attends or at any regular elementary, middle, junior, or senior high school. However, students expelled for the acts described in Education Code 48900(f) through (m) or Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 may be referred to a program of study that is at another elementary, middle, junior, or senior high school if the County Superintendent of Schools certifies that an alternative program is not available at a site away from such a school.

Education Code 48915.01 states that if the Board has established a community day school pursuant to Education Code 48661 on the same site as an elementary, middle, junior, or senior high school, expelled students may be referred to the community day school at that site. Although Education Code 48663 prohibits the use of independent study in community day schools, Education Code 48916.1 does not in any way restrict the district from offering independent study as a voluntary alternative placement option for expelled students.

The Board shall refer expelled students to a program of study that is: (Education Code 48915, 48915.01)

1. Appropriately prepared to accommodate students who exhibit discipline problems
2. Not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at any elementary school, unless the program is offered at a community day school established at such a site
3. Not housed at the school site attended by the student at the time of suspension

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

When the placement described above is not available and when the County Superintendent so certifies, students expelled for acts described in items #6-13 and #21-23 under "Grounds for

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Suspension and Expulsion" above may be referred to a program of study that is provided at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at an elementary school. (Education Code 48915)

The program for a student expelled from any of grades K-6 shall not be combined or merged with programs offered to students in any of grades 7-12. (Education Code 48916.1)

Readmission After Expulsion

Note: Education Code 48916 **mandates** that the Board adopt rules and regulations establishing a procedure for filing and processing requests for readmission and a process for Board review of all expelled students for readmission. Items #2-4 below should be revised to reflect district practice.

Readmission procedures shall be as follows:

1. On the date set by the Board when it ordered the expulsion, the district shall consider readmission of the student. (Education Code 48916)
2. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference, the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board his/her recommendation regarding readmission. The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session if information would be disclosed in violation of Education Code 49073-49079. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or adult student, it shall be honored.
4. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission.
5. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student has not satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or that the student continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other district students or employees. (Education Code 48916)
6. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school. (Education Code 48916)

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS (continued)

7. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program. This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district. (Education Code 48916)

No student shall be denied readmission into the district based solely on the student's arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other such contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code 48645.5)

Maintenance of Records

The district shall maintain a record of each suspension and expulsion, including its specific cause(s). (Education Code 48900.8)

Expulsion records of any student shall be maintained in the student's mandatory interim record and sent to any school in which the student subsequently enrolls upon written request by that school. (Education Code 48918(k))

<p>Note: Education Code 48915.1 requires that, when an expelled student asks to enroll in another district, the receiving district must hold a hearing to determine whether the student poses a danger to its students or staff. The receiving district then may either deny or permit the enrollment. Upon request from another district, the expelling district must provide information about the expulsion within five days.</p>
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The Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days, honor any other district's request for information about an expulsion from this district. (Education Code 48915.1)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS

Cautionary Notice 2013-14: AB 110 (Ch. 20, Statutes of 2013) amended Government Code 17581.5 to relieve districts from the obligation, until July 1, 2014, to perform any activities that are deemed to be reimbursable state mandates under that section. As a result, certain provisions of the following Exhibit that reflect those requirements may be suspended.

Note: The following exhibit lists notices which the law explicitly requires be provided to parents/guardians. However, there are other notices that districts are recommended to distribute (e.g., the notice included in AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment regarding the rights of transgender and gender-nonconforming students and the opportunity for a student to inform the district whenever his/her participation in a sex-segregated program or activity with a student of the opposite biological sex would be against the student's religious beliefs and/or practices or a violation of his/her right to privacy).

Unless otherwise indicated, code numbers below refer to Education Code sections.

When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually			
Beginning of each school year	17612, 48980.3	AR 3514.2	Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information
By February 1	35256	BP 0510	School Accountability Report Card provided
Beginning of each school year	35291, 48980	AR 5144 AR 5144.1	District and site discipline rules
Beginning of each school year	46010.1	BP 5113	Absence for confidential medical services
Beginning of each school year	48980	BP 6111	Schedule of minimum days
Beginning of each school year	48980, 231.5; 5 CCR 4917	AR 5145.7	Sexual harassment policy as related to students
Beginning of each school year	48980, 32255- 32255.6	AR 5145.8	Right to refrain from harmful or destructive use of animals
Beginning of each school year	48980, 35160.5, 46600-46611, 48204	AR 5111.1 AR 5116.1 AR 5117	All statutory attendance options, available local attendance options, options for meeting residency

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually (continued)			
Beginning of each school year, if Board allows such absence	48980, 46014	BP 5113 AR 5113	Absence for religious exercises or purposes
Beginning of each school year	48980, 48205	BP 5113 AR 5113 AR 6154	Excused absences; grade/credit cannot be reduced due to excused absence if work or test has been completed
Beginning of each school year	48980, 48206.3, 48207, 48208	AR 6183	Availability of home/hospital instruction for students with temporary disabilities
Beginning of each school year	48980, 49403	BP 5141.31	Consent to school immunization program
Beginning of each school year	48980, 49423, 49480	AR 5141.21	Administration of prescribed medication
Beginning of each school year	48980, 49451; 20 USC 1232h	AR 5141.3	Right to refuse consent to physical examination
Beginning of each school year	48980, 49472	BP 5143	Availability of insurance
Beginning of each school year	49013; 5 CCR 4622	AR 1312.3	Uniform complaint procedures, available appeals, civil law remedies
Beginning of each school year	49063	AR 5125 AR 5125.3	Challenge, review, and expunging of records
Beginning of each school year	49063, 49069; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.7	AR 5125	Student records: inspect and review, access, types, location, persons responsible, location of log, access criteria, cost of copies, amendment requests, criteria to determine legitimate educational interest, course prospectus availability
Beginning of each school year	49063, 49073; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.37	AR 5125.1	Release of directory information

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually (continued)			
Beginning of each school year	49520, 48980; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.5	AR 3553	Free and reduced price meals
Beginning of each school year	56301	BP 6164.4	Parental rights re: special education identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation and review, and procedures for initiating a referral for assessment
Beginning of each school year	58501, 48980	AR 6181	Alternative schools
Beginning of each school year	Health and Safety Code 104855	AR 5141.6	Availability of dental fluoride treatment; opportunity to accept or deny treatment
Annually	5 CCR 852	AR 6162.51	Student's participation in state assessments; option to request exemption from testing
Beginning of each school year	20 USC 1232h	AR 5022 BP 6162.8	Notice of privacy policy and dates of activities re: survey, health examination, or collection of personal information for marketing; process to opt out of such activities
Beginning of each school year, if district receives Title I funds	20 USC 6311; 34 CFR 200.61	AR 4112.24 AR 4222	Right to request information re: professional qualifications of child's teacher and paraprofessional
Beginning of each school year, if any district school has been identified for program improvement or corrective action	20 USC 6316	AR 0520.2	Availability of supplemental educational services, identity of providers, description of services, qualifications, effectiveness of providers
Beginning of each school year	34 CFR 104.8, 106.9	BP 0410 BP 6178	Nondiscrimination

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. Annually (continued)			
Beginning of each school year to parent, teacher, and employee organizations or, in their absence, individuals	40 CFR 763.84, 763.93	AR 3514	Availability of asbestos management plan; any inspections, response actions or post-response actions planned or in progress
II. At Specific Times During the Student's Academic Career			
Beginning in grade 7, at least once prior to course selection and career counseling	221.5, 48980	BP 6164.2	Course selection and career counseling
When child first enrolls in a public school, if the school offers a fingerprinting program	32390, 48980	AR 5142.1	Fingerprinting program
Upon registration in K-6, if students have not previously been transported	39831.5	AR 3543	School bus safety rules and information, list of stops, rules of conduct, red light crossing instructions, bus danger zones, walking to and from stops
Beginning of each school year for high school students, if high school is open campus	44808.5, 48980	AR 5112.5	Open campus
Beginning of each school year in grades 9-12, if district allows career technical education (CTE) course to satisfy graduation requirement	48980, 51225.3	AR 6146.1	How each high school graduation requirement does or does not satisfy college entrance a-g course criteria; list of district CTE courses that satisfy a-g course criteria
Beginning of each school year in grades 9-12 and when high school student transfers into the district	48980, 60850	AR 6162.52	Requirement to pass the high school exit exam including: date of exam, requirements for passing, consequences of not passing, and that passing is a condition of graduation
When students entering grade 7	49452.7	AR 5141.3	Specified information on type 2 diabetes

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. At Specific Times During the Student's Academic Career (continued)			
When in kindergarten, or first grade if not previously enrolled in public school	49452.8	AR 5141.32	Requirement for oral health assessment, explanation of law, importance of oral health, agency contact, privacy rights
Beginning of each school year for students in grades 9-12	51229, 48980	AR 6143	College admission requirements, UC and CSU web sites that list certified courses, description of CTE, CDE Internet address, how students may meet with counselors
Beginning of each school year for students in grades 7-12	51938, 48980	AR 6142.1	Explanation of sex and HIV/AIDS instruction; right to view A/V materials, who's teaching, request specific Education Code sections, right to excuse
Within 20 working days of receiving results of standardized achievement tests or, if results not available in school year, 20 days of start of next school year	60641; 5 CCR 863	AR 6162.51	Results of tests; test purpose, individual score and intended use
When child is enrolled in kindergarten	Health and Safety Code 124100	AR 5141.32	Health screening examination
To students in grades 11-12, early enough to enable registration for fall test	5 CCR 11523	AR 6146.2	Notice of proficiency examination provided under Education Code 48412
To secondary students, if district receives Title I funds	20 USC 7908	AR 5125.1	Notice that parents may request district to not release name, address, phone number of child to military recruiters without prior written consent
III. When Special Circumstances Occur			
Upon receipt of a complaint alleging discrimination	262.3	AR 1312.3	Civil law remedies available to complainants

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When student has been placed in structured English immersion program	310-311; 5 CCR 11309	AR 6174	Student's placement in program, opportunity to apply for parental exception waiver, other rights of student relative to such placements
When determining whether an English learner should be reclassified as fluent English proficient	313; 5 CCR 11303	AR 6174	Description of reclassification process, opportunity for parent/guardian to participate
When student is identified as English learner and district receives Title III funds, not later than 30 days after beginning of school year or within two weeks of placement if identified during school year	440; 20 USC 7012	AR 6174	Reason for classification, level of English proficiency, description of program(s), option to decline program or choose alternate, exit requirements of program
Before high school student attends specialized secondary program on a university campus	17288	None	University campus buildings may not meet Education Code requirements for structural safety
At least 72 hours before use of pesticide product not included in annual list	17612	AR 3514.2	Intended use of pesticide product
To members of athletic teams	32221.5	AR 5143	Offer of insurance; no-cost and low-cost program options
If school has lost its WASC accreditation status	35178.4	BP 6190	Loss of status, potential consequences
At least six months before implementing uniform policy	35183	AR 5132	Dress code policy requiring schoolwide uniform
Before implementing a year-round schedule	37616	BP 6117	Year-round schedule
When interdistrict transfer is requested and not approved or denied within 30 days	46601	AR 5117	Appeal process
Before early entry to kindergarten, if offered	48000	AR 5111	Effects, advantages and disadvantages of early entry

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When student identified as being at risk of retention	48070.5	AR 5123	Student at risk of retention
When student excluded due to quarantine, contagious or infectious disease, danger to safety or health	48213	AR 5112.2 BP 5141.33	Student has been excluded from school
Before already admitted student is excluded for lack of immunization	48216; 17 CCR 6040	AR 5141.31	Need to submit evidence of immunization or exemption within 10 school days; referral to medical care
When a student is classified a truant	48260.5, 48262	AR 5113.1	Truancy, parental obligation, availability of alternative programs, student consequences, need for conference
When a truant is referred to a SARB or probation department	48263	AR 5113.1	Name and address of SARB or probation department and reason for referral
When a school is identified on the state's Open Enrollment List	48354; 5 CCR 4702	AR 5118	Student's option to transfer to another school
Within 60 days of receiving application for transfer out of open enrollment school	48357; 5 CCR 4702	AR 5118	Whether student's transfer application is accepted or rejected; reasons for rejection
When student requests to voluntarily transfer to continuation school	48432.3	AR 6184	Copy of district policy and regulation on continuation education
Prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school	48432.5	AR 6184	Right to request meeting prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school
When student is removed from class and teacher requires parental attendance at school	48900.1	BP 5144.1 AR 5144.1	Parental attendance required; timeline for attendance
Prior to withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts	48904	AR 5125.2	Damaged school property

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts from transferring student	48904.3	AR 5125.2	Next school will continue withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts
When student is released to peace officer	48906	BP 5145.11	Release of student to peace officer
At time of suspension	48911	BP 5144.1 AR 5144.1	Notice of suspension
When original period of suspension is extended	48911	AR 5144.1	Extension of suspension
At the time a student is assigned to a supervised suspension classroom	48911.1	AR 5144.1	The student's assignment to a supervised suspension classroom
Before holding a closed session re: suspension	48912	AR 5144.1	Intent to hold a closed session re: suspension
When student expelled from another district for certain acts seeks admission	48915.1, 48918	BP 5119	Hearing re: possible danger presented by expelled student
When readmission is denied	48916	AR 5144.1	Reasons for denial; determination of assigned program
When expulsion occurs	48916	AR 5144.1	Readmission procedures
10 calendar days before expulsion hearing	48918	AR 5144.1	Notice of expulsion hearing
When expulsion or suspension of expulsion occurs	48918	AR 5144.1	Decision to expel; right to appeal to county board; obligation to inform new district of status
One month before the scheduled minimum day	48980	BP 6111	When minimum days are scheduled after beginning of the school year
When parents request guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site	48987	AR 5141.4	Guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site with local child protective agencies

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When student in danger of failing a course	49067	AR 5121	Student in danger of failing a course
When student transfers from another district or private school	49068	AR 5125	Right to receive copy of student's record and to challenge its content
Within 24 hours of release of information to a judge or probation officer	49076	AR 5125	Release of student record to a judge or probation officer for conducting truancy mediation program or for presenting evidence at a truancy petition
Before release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena	49077	AR 5125	Release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena
When screening results in suspicion that student has scoliosis	49452.5	AR 5141.3	Scoliosis screening
When test results in discovery of visual or hearing defects	49456	AR 5141.3	Vision or hearing test
Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes before their first practice or competition	49475	AR 6145.2	Information on concussions and head injuries
Before any test questioning personal beliefs	51513	AR 5022	Permission for test, survey questioning personal beliefs
Within 14 days of instruction if arrangement made for guest speaker after beginning of school year	51938	AR 6142.1	Instruction in HIV/AIDS or sexual health education by guest speaker or outside consultant
Prior to administering survey regarding health risks and behaviors to students in 7-12	51938	AR 5022	Notice that the survey will be administered
Within 30 calendar days of receipt of results of assessment or reassessment of English proficiency	52164.1, 52164.3; 5 CCR 11511.5	AR 6174	Results of state test of English proficiency

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
When migrant education program is established	54444.2	BP 6175 AR 6175	Parent advisory council membership composition
When child participates in licensed child care and development program	Health and Safety Code 1596.857	AR 5148	Parent right to enter facility
When district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Funds	Health and Safety 104420	AR 3513.3	The district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures
When sharing student immunization information with an immunization system	Health and Safety Code 120440	AR 5125	Types of information to be shared, name and address of agency, acceptable use of the information, right to examine, right to refuse to share
When hearing is requested by person asked to leave school premises	Penal Code 627.5	AR 3515.2	Notice of hearing
When responding to complaint re: discrimination, special education, or noncompliance with law	5 CCR 4631	AR 1312.3	Appeal rights and procedures
When child participates in licensed child care and development program	5 CCR 18066	AR 5148	Policies re: unexcused absences
When district substantively changes policy on student privacy rights	20 USC 1232h	AR 5022	Notice of any substantive change in policy or regulation
For districts receiving Title I funds, when child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not "highly qualified"	20 USC 6311	AR 4112.24	Timely notice to parent of child's assignment
When school identified for program improvement or corrective action, within 30 days of failure to make annual yearly progress, to parents of English learners	20 USC 6312	AR 0520.2	Notice of failure to make adequate yearly progress

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
III. When Special Circumstances Occur (continued)			
For districts receiving Title I funds, not later than 30 days after beginning of school year, to parents of English learners	20 USC 6312	AR 6174	Reasons for placement, level of proficiency, instructional methods, how program meets child's strengths and teaches English, exit requirements, right to choose other program
When school identified for program improvement or corrective action	20 USC 6316	AR 0520.2 AR 5116.1	Explanation of identification, reasons, how problem will be addressed, how parents can become involved, transfer option, availability of supplemental services
When district identified for program improvement	20 USC 6316	AR 0520.3	Explanation of status, reasons for identification, how parents can participate in upgrading district
For schools receiving Title I funds, upon development of parent involvement policy	20 USC 6318	AR 6020	Notice of policy
For districts receiving Title III funds, within 30 days of the release of state Title III accountability report	20 USC 7012	AR 6174	Notification of any failure to make progress on state's annual measurable achievement objectives for English learners
When household is selected for verification of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals	42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.6a	AR 3553	Notice of need to submit verification information; any subsequent change in benefits; right to appeal
When student transfers out of state and records are disclosed without consent pursuant to 34 CFR 99.30	34 CFR 99.34	AR 5125	Right to review records
IV. Special Education Notices			
Before functional behavioral assessment begins	56321	AR 6159.4	Notification and consent

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
IV. Special Education Notices (continued)			
Prior to conducting initial evaluation	56301, 56321, 56321.5, 56321.6, 56329; 34 CFR 300.502	AR 6164.4	Proposed evaluation plan, related parental rights, prior written notice
24 hours before IEP when district intending to record	56341.1	AR 6159	Intention to audio-record IEP meeting
Early enough to ensure opportunity for parent to attend IEP meeting	56341.5; 34 CFR 300.322	AR 6159	Time, purpose, location, who in attendance, participation of others with special knowledge, transition statements if appropriate
When parent orally requests review of IEP	56343.5	AR 6159	Need for written request
Within one school day of emergency intervention or serious property damage	56521.1	AR 6159.4	Emergency intervention
Whenever there is a proposal or refusal to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, placement, or FAPE, including when parent/guardian revokes consent for services	20 USC 1415(c); 34 CFR 300.300, 300.503	AR 6159 AR 6159.1	Prior written notice
Initial referral for evaluation	20 USC 1415(d); 34 CFR 300.503	AR 6159.1	Prior written notice and procedural safeguards notice
Registration of complaint	20 USC 1415(d); 34 CFR 300.504	AR 6159.1	Procedural safeguards notice
Disciplinary action taken for dangerous behavior	20 USC 1415(k); 34 CFR 300.530	AR 5144.2	Decision and procedural safeguards notice
Suspension or change of placement for more than 10 days	20 USC 1415(k); 34 CFR 300.530	AR 5144.2	Decision and procedural safeguards notice
Upon requesting a due process hearing	20 USC 1415(k); 34 CFR 300.508	AR 6159.1	Student's name, address, school, description of problem, proposed resolution

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When to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
IV. Special Education Notices (continued)			
Eligibility for services under Section 504	34 CFR 104.32, 104.36	AR 6164.6	District responsibilities, district actions, procedural safeguards
V. Classroom Notices			
In each classroom in each school	35186	AR 1312.4 E 1312.4	Complaints re: sufficiency of instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, maintenance of facilities

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Note: The following **optional** policy is for use by districts that maintain high schools and may be revised to reflect district practice. Students who participate in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and pass AP examinations conducted by the College Board may receive college credit for those courses when allowed by the postsecondary institution.

To encourage district students to challenge themselves academically, develop college-level skills, and be more competitive when applying for admission to postsecondary institutions, the Governing Board shall offer opportunities to high school students to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses and pass AP examinations.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)

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

The Board desires to provide at least four AP courses at each high school. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend subject areas for AP courses at each school based on student interest and the availability of qualified certificated staff, instructional materials, and other resources. The Superintendent or designee shall also explore alternative methods of delivering AP courses, such as online courses or distance learning.

The Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with feeder schools to ensure that students are offered the opportunity to take coursework that will prepare them for AP courses.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

All students who meet course prerequisites shall have equal access to AP courses.

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

Grades for AP courses shall be assigned in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall make efforts to encourage students to participate in AP courses and to take end-of-course AP exams by creating support systems for AP students, such as resource centers and programs to recognize student accomplishments. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may explore partnerships with colleges and universities to help encourage students to pursue postsecondary education.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (continued)

To increase the capacity of district schools to offer AP courses, the Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development and support to teachers of such courses. This professional development may include, but is not limited to, opportunities for teachers to obtain information on the curriculum of specific courses, instructional methods, and data-driven decision making; mentoring for prospective teachers of AP courses; and opportunities for staff within the district to share course syllabi and practices.

(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Note: The College Board has created a voluntary audit process to provide guidelines for administrators and AP teachers regarding the curricular and resource requirements of AP courses. The AP audit specifies a set of expectations established by college and university faculty for college-level courses. Courses that meet or exceed these expectations will be authorized to use the "AP" designation on students' transcripts. In addition, approved courses are listed in the AP Course Ledger, which is used by colleges to confirm high school course content. Schools that offer the AP exam without labeling the school's courses as AP on students' transcripts do not need to participate in the audit.

The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that wish to participate in the AP audit.

The Board desires that every district AP course receive authorization to use the AP designation by the College Board. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the process for submitting courses for approval as part of the College Board AP course audit.

Examination Fee

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that receive federal funding distributed by the California Department of Education pursuant to 20 USC 6534, or choose to use district funds, to assist economically disadvantaged students in paying the cost of AP examination fees. Education Code 52244, which awarded state grants for this purpose, self-repealed on January 1, 2013, and the funding was redirected into the local control funding formula pursuant to AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013).

To the extent feasible, the district shall reduce the cost of AP examination fees for eligible low-income students. At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the availability of funds for this purpose and shall provide information on how income-eligible students may apply for funding.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

52240-52243 *Advanced Placement program*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3840 *Advanced Placement as program option for gifted and talented students*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6534 *Advanced Placement exam fee program*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

Advancement Via Individual Determination: <http://www.avid.org>

California Colleges.edu: <http://californiacolleges.edu>

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

College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.org/ap>

International Baccalaureate: <http://www.ibo.org>

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

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

Note: The following **optional** policy may be revised to reflect district practice and the grade levels offered by the district. Education Code 51210 and 51220 require that mathematics, including mathematical concepts and understandings, operational skills, and problem solving, be included in the course of study offered in grades 1-12; see BP 6143 - Courses of Study. In addition, Education Code 51224.5 specifies that the adopted course of study for grades 7-12 must include algebra and that, as part of the two courses in mathematics required for high school graduation pursuant to Education Code 51225.3, students must complete coursework that meets or exceeds the rigor of the content standards for Algebra I adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE); see BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements.

The Governing Board desires to offer a rigorous mathematics program that progressively develops the knowledge and skills students will need to succeed in college and career. The district's mathematics program shall be designed to teach mathematical concepts in the context of real-world situations and to help students gain a strong conceptual understanding, a high degree of procedural skill and fluency, and ability to apply mathematics to solve problems.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

Note: The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for mathematics, modified in January 2013, are based on the three principles of (1) focus, placing strong emphasis on the concepts in the standards so that students have sufficient time to think about, practice, and integrate new ideas; (2) coherence, linking topics across grade levels and establishing connections with other topics; and (3) rigor, requiring that conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and applications be pursued with equal intensity.

All California schools are expected to implement the CCSS in the 2014-15 school year. In November 2013, the SBE adopted the Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve which was updated to reflect these standards. In addition, the state assessment system is transitioning to the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress which is aligned with the CCSS; see BP/AR 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests. The CCSS and state curriculum framework are available on the California Department of Education's web site. For further information about the CCSS and recommendations for implementation, see CSBA's Governing to the Core series of governance briefs.

Education Code 51284, as amended by AB 166 (Ch. 135, Statutes of 2013), requires that, concurrent with the next revision of textbooks or the curriculum framework in mathematics, the SBE ensure the integration of financial literacy, including, but not limited to, budgeting and managing credit, student loans, consumer debt, and identity theft security. An appendix to the 2013 curriculum framework provides examples and resources to assist in incorporating problems or exercises that teach financial literacy concepts and skills.

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt academic standards for mathematics that meet or exceed the Common Core State Standards. The Superintendent or designee shall develop or select curricula that are aligned with these standards and the state curriculum framework.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Note: The CCSS for mathematics include two types of standards: mathematical practice standards (identical for each grade level) and mathematical content standards (different at each grade level). The eight practice standards are grouped into four categories as reflected in items #1-4 below.

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION (continued)

The district's mathematics program shall address the following standards for mathematical practices which are the basis for mathematics instruction and learning:

1. Overarching habits of mind of a productive mathematical thinker: Making sense of problems and persevering in solving them; attending to precision
2. Reasoning and explaining: Reasoning abstractly and quantitatively; constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others
3. Modeling and using tools: Modeling with mathematics; using appropriate tools strategically
4. Seeing structure and generalizing: Looking for and making use of structure; looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning

Note: The following three paragraphs reflect the mathematic content standards of the CCSS and may be revised to reflect district practice. The district should select the paragraph(s) applicable to the grade levels offered by the district.

In addition, the program shall be aligned with grade-level standards for mathematics content.

For grades K-8, content shall address, at appropriate grade levels, counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, number and operations in base ten, fractions, measurement and data, geometry, ratios and proportional relationships, functions, expression and equations, the number system, and statistics and probability. Students shall learn the concepts and skills that prepare them for the rigor of higher mathematics.

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that maintain secondary grades. As revised in January 2013, the CCSS for higher mathematics replace the unique Grade 8 Algebra course with an Algebra I course that covers the same content regardless of the grade level of the student taking the course. Thus, students who are not ready to take algebra in grade 8 may take an alternate path. As revised, the higher mathematics standards are organized into both conceptual categories and model courses, which may be delivered using a traditional pathway (i.e., Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) or an integrated pathway (i.e., Mathematics I, II, and III) in which each course contains standards from all six conceptual categories. The CCSS also provide for two advanced courses: (1) Advanced Placement Statistics and Probability and (2) Calculus. For further information, see the state curriculum framework or the Common Core State Standards Initiative's guidance, [Appendix A: Designing High School Mathematics Courses Based on the Common Core State Standards](#), available on its web site.

The district may revise the following paragraph to reflect the pathway(s) used in the district and/or the grade levels at which higher mathematics shall be offered.

For higher mathematics, the district shall offer a pathway of courses through which students shall be taught concepts that address number and quantity, algebra, functions, modeling, geometry, and statistics and probability.

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION (continued)

Note: AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) eliminated the Professional Development Block Grant (Education Code 41530-41532) and the Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program (Education Code 99230-99242) and redirected that funding into the local control funding formula. At their discretion, districts may provide professional development opportunities to meet the purposes of those programs or other local needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that certificated staff have opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to increase their knowledge and skills in effective mathematics teaching practices.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Note: As a condition of receiving funds for instructional materials from any state source, Education Code 60119 requires the Governing Board to annually hold a public hearing to determine whether each student in the district has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials in mathematics and other specified subjects to use in class and to take home. For a definition of "sufficiency" for this purpose and a sample Board resolution, see BP/E 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to sufficient instructional materials, including manipulatives and technology, to support a balanced, standards-aligned mathematics program.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with data from state and district mathematics assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

51224.5 Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas

60605.8 Common Core standards

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Governing to the Core, Governance Briefs

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2013

California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, rev. January 2013

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

Appendix A: Designing High School Mathematics Courses Based on the Common Core State Standards

WEB SITES

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

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

Common Core State Standards Initiative: <http://www.corestandards.org/math>

CLASS SIZE

Note: The following **optional** policy should be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district and any related provisions found in collective bargaining agreements.

AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) eliminated the Class Size Reduction program for grades K-3 (Education Code 52120-52128) and the Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction program for grades 9-12 (Education Code 52080-52090) and redirected the funding for both programs into the local control funding formula (LCFF).

In place of the K-3 Class Size Reduction program, AB 97 added Education Code 42238.02 which creates what is now referred to as the K-3 Grade Span Adjustment (GSA) program. The GSA program requires districts, as a condition of receiving an additional adjustment to the K-3 base grant under the LCFF, to make progress toward maintaining an average class size of 24 students in those grades and achieve that level by the time the LCFF is fully implemented (estimated by the Department of Finance to be the 2020-21 fiscal year). An exception exists for districts that have negotiated a different ratio for each school site. Pursuant to Education Code 42238.02, the average class enrollment requirement cannot be waived by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Districts that choose to reduce class size in any of grades 4-12 may do so at their discretion and may establish priorities for smaller class size aligned with the goals in their local control and accountability plan developed pursuant to Education Code 52060-52077, as added by AB 97.

The Governing Board recognizes that smaller classes may contribute to student learning by allowing teachers to better identify and respond to individual student needs. In accordance with negotiated employee agreements and state law, the Board shall establish class size limits appropriate for each grade level or subject taught and conducive to the effective use of teaching staff.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

The highest priority for maintaining small class sizes shall be in the primary grades in order to support young students as they acquire the basic skills that serve as the foundation for subsequent learning. Other priorities shall be established in accordance with the goals and strategies identified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Note: As noted above, Education Code 42238.02, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), requires districts to make progress each year toward maintaining an average class enrollment of not more than 24 students by the time the LCFF is fully implemented. Average class enrollment must be determined and annual progress must be made pursuant to 5 CCR 15498-15498.3, as added by Register 2014, No. 14. Failure to make annual progress at every school site will result in the loss of the adjustment for the entire district, unless the district has negotiated an alternative average class size enrollment. If the district has negotiated an alternative average class enrollment, it may revise the following paragraph accordingly.

For grades K-3, the district shall annually make progress toward maintaining an average class of not more than 24 students. ***Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, the target class size for grades kindergarten through three shall be a district average of 27.*** (Education Code 42238.02; 5 CCR 15498-15498.3)

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Note: According to the California Department of Education, transitional kindergarten classes are also subject to class size requirements under the LCFF and will be included in kindergarten class size calculations.

Transitional kindergarten classes established pursuant to Education Code 48000 shall be included in the calculation of average class enrollment for kindergarten.

(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that maintain secondary grades and should be revised to reflect district priorities for class size reduction.

At the secondary level, district priorities for class size reduction shall focus on English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and other courses that are necessary for completion of graduation requirements and shall be aligned with student needs as identified in the district's LCAP. ***In grades 7 through 12, the target for class size will be a district average of thirty-two (32) in core curricular areas, including language arts, mathematics, social science, and science, and excluding physical education and other electives.***

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - Graduation Requirements)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with an analysis of staffing and school facilities needs and other costs related to class size reduction proposals.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board regarding the impact of the class size reduction program on student achievement and other outcomes such as changes in school climate and student engagement.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CLASS SIZE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17042 Rules for determining area of adequate school construction; exceptions

17042.7 Formula for calculation

33050 Nonwaivable provisions

35160 Authority of the board

42238.02 Local control funding formula, including adjustment for class size reduction

42280 Necessary small schools

46205 Computation for early-late programs

51225.3 Graduation requirements

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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

The following paragraph addresses potential uses of student assessment data. Pursuant to Education Code 52060, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), applicable statewide student assessments must be used as one of the measures of the district's annual goals for student achievement included in its local control accountability plan; see AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 44662, evaluations of certificated staff must include an assessment of students' progress toward meeting district standards of expected student achievement at each grade level in each area of study and, if applicable, toward state standards as measured by state criterion-referenced assessments (i.e., assessments that test students' mastery of the content). However, Education Code 44662 prohibits the use of publishers' norms established by standardized tests (i.e., assessments that compare students' performance to a representative sample of students) for the purpose of evaluating and assessing certificated staff performance. The use of student assessment results in staff evaluations may also be addressed in collective bargaining agreements or employment contracts. See BP/AR 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision and BP 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision.

The Governing Board recognizes that student assessments are an important instructional and accountability tool. Assessment data shall be used to help determine individual students' progress, mastery of academic standards, appropriate placement in district programs, and/or eligibility for graduation. In addition, summary data on student assessment results shall be used by the district to identify and review student achievement goals in the district's local control and accountability plan, evaluate district educational programs in order to identify needed improvements, and, as appropriate, evaluate staff performance.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

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

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Note: Education Code 52052, as amended by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), requires that schools and districts demonstrate comparable improvement in academic achievement by all "numerically significant" student subgroups, including ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, and foster youth. A "numerically significant" subgroup is one that consists of at least 30 students, or 15 foster youth, with a valid test score. To evaluate the extent to which the district fulfills this responsibility, it will be important to examine disaggregated student assessment results as provided below.

As a condition of using individual applications or records from the free and reduced-price meal program to identify students for the purpose of disaggregating student achievement data, Education Code 49558 requires the Governing Board to adopt policy allowing such use of individual records and requires that confidentiality be ensured to the extent possible; see AR 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals.

To obtain the most accurate evaluation of student performance, the district shall use a variety of measures, including district, state, and/or national assessments. As appropriate, assessment

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results shall be disaggregated by student subgroup, classroom, grade level, and/or school site to allow for critical analysis of student needs.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

In selecting or developing any district assessment, the Superintendent or designee shall examine evidence of its reliability, its validity for the intended purpose and for various student populations, and the extent to which it aligns with the material that is being taught.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that assessments are administered in accordance with law and the test publisher's directions and that test administration procedures are fair and equitable for all students.

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

(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as needed to assist administrators and teachers in interpreting and using assessment data to improve student performance and the instructional program.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

When districtwide and school-level results of student assessments are published by the state, the Superintendent or designee may provide supplementary information to assist parents/guardians and the community in understanding test results.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

Individual Record of Accomplishment

Note: The following **optional** section is for use by districts that maintain high schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student, by the end of grade 12, has an individual record of accomplishment that includes the following: (Education Code 60607)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60607, as amended by AB 484 (Ch. 489, Statutes of 2013), the individual record of accomplishment must include results of the state assessments established pursuant to Education Code 60640-60649 (the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) or any predecessor assessments (i.e., the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program).

1. The results of the state achievement tests administered pursuant to Education Code 60640-60649 or any predecessor assessments

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2. The results of any end-of-course examinations taken
3. The results of any vocational education certification examinations taken

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

No individual record of accomplishment shall be released to any person, other than the student's parent/guardian or a teacher, counselor, or administrator directly involved with the student, without the written consent of the student's parent/guardian, or the student if he/she is an adult or emancipated minor. The student or his/her parent/guardian may authorize the release of the record of accomplishment to a postsecondary educational institution for the purposes of credit, placement, or admission. (Education Code 60607)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

STUDENT ASSESSMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

313 *Assessment of English language development*
10600-10610 *California Education Information System*
44660-44665 *Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees (Stull Act)*
49558 *Free and reduced-price meals; use of individual applications and records*
51041 *Evaluation of educational program*
51450-51455 *Golden State Seal Merit Diploma*
52052 *Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups*
52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*
60600-60649 *Assessment of academic achievement, especially:*
60640-60649 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*
60800 *Physical fitness testing*
60810-60812 *Assessment of English language development*
60850-60859 *High school exit examination*
60900 *California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-864 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*
1200-1225 *High School Exit Examination*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

9622 *National Assessment of Educational Progress*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Key Elements of Testing, May 2004

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Teachers' Use of Student Data Systems to Improve Instruction, 2007

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Testing and Accountability: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>

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

TEST INTEGRITY/TEST PREPARATION

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

The Governing Board desires to protect the integrity of student assessments in order to obtain accurate and reliable student achievement data and to ensure accountability to the community and state. Staff and students shall maintain a high level of integrity in the completion and handling of student assessments.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

In administering standardized tests, staff shall not engage in any acts that could result in the invalidation of test results, such as:

1. Providing inappropriate test preparation
2. Modifying test administration procedures, except as allowed by law
3. Providing inappropriate assistance to students during test administration
4. Changing or filling in answers on student answer sheets
5. Providing inaccurate data on student header sheets
6. Discouraging or excluding certain students from taking the test
7. Engaging in any other practice to artificially raise student scores without actually improving underlying student achievement

Appropriate Test Preparation

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60640-60649, as amended by AB 484 (Ch. 489, Statutes of 2013), beginning in the 2013-14 school year, the state assessment system is transitioning from the Standardized Testing and Reporting program to the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP); see BP/AR 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests. AB 484 also amended Education Code 60611 to prohibit districts from implementing any program for the sole purpose of test preparation for state assessments, as provided below. The district may revise the following paragraph to be applicable to other assessments, such as district or national tests.

The Superintendent or designee, principals, and teachers shall not implement any program for the sole purpose of test preparation of students for the statewide assessment system or a particular test used in the statewide assessment system. (Education Code 60611)

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Note: AB 484 (Ch. 489, Statutes of 2013) amended Education Code 60611 to clarify that districts are not prohibited from using materials to familiarize students with item types or the computer-based testing environment used in the CAASPP. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium provides a practice and training test site which offers opportunities for administrators, students, and others to become familiar with the online testing environment before taking an actual online assessment. Additional guidance on appropriate test preparation is available in the California Department of Education's (CDE) Guidelines on Academic Preparation for State Assessments, 5 CCR 854, which addressed the limited use of practice tests provided by the publisher of the state assessments, was repealed by Register 2014, No. 6.

The primary preparation for assessments shall be high-quality instruction in the content specified in state and district academic standards. In addition, staff may prepare students for assessments by teaching general test-taking strategies and familiarizing them with item types or the computer-based testing environment used in state assessments.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Investigation and Consequences of Testing Irregularities

Note: The following **optional** section establishes a process for investigating reports of testing irregularities and may be revised to reflect district practice. If the CDE concludes that, due to testing irregularities, the integrity of the Academic Performance Index (API) has been jeopardized, a school's or district's API may be invalidated.

Reports of cheating on assessments shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately investigate with due diligence any reports of inappropriate test preparation or other testing irregularities.

Students found to have cheated on assessments shall be subject to disciplinary procedures in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

A staff member found to have committed testing irregularities shall be subject to discipline in accordance with law, applicable collective bargaining agreements, Board policy, and administrative regulations.

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

If the Superintendent or designee is made aware of a testing irregularity on state assessments, he/she shall report the irregularity to the California Department of Education.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

TEST INTEGRITY/TEST PREPARATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

60611 *Inappropriate test preparation*

60640-60649 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*

60850-60859 *California High School Exit Examination*

GOVERNMENT CODE

54957 *Complaints against employees, closed session*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-864 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*

1200-1225 *California High School Exit Examination, especially:*

1220 *Cheating on the high school exit examination*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines on Academic Preparation for State Assessments, December 2009

WEB SITES:

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

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

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS

Note: Education Code 18100 requires the Governing Board to provide library services for students and teachers by maintaining school libraries or contracting with another public agency. The following **optional** policy is intended for use by districts that maintain their own school libraries, but may be modified to meet the needs of districts that enter into an arrangement to receive services from either a county or city library pursuant to Education Code 18130 or 18134; also see BP 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements.

The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted model program standards for school libraries which describe staffing, resources, and infrastructure recommended for effective school library programs. The following policy may be modified to reflect state program standards that the district chooses to implement.

The Governing Board recognizes that school libraries support the educational program by providing access to a variety of informational and supplemental resources that can help raise the academic achievement of all students. The Board desires that school libraries be stocked with up-to-date books, reference materials, and electronic resources that promote literacy, support academic standards, and prepare students to become lifelong learners.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) eliminated the School and Library Improvement Block Grant (Education Code 41570-41573), which could be used to purchase school library resources and equipment conditional upon the adoption of a single plan for student achievement that incorporated a districtwide library plan. AB 97 also eliminated separate categorical funding for the State Instructional Materials Fund (Education Code 60240-60251.5), which could be used for the purchase of classroom library materials for grades K-4 provided that the district developed a districtwide plan for classroom libraries. Thus, districts may determine whether or not to develop a districtwide library plan and the process for developing such a plan.

The Superintendent or designee may, in consultation with teacher librarians, classroom teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate, develop and regularly update a plan for school libraries that describes the district's goals for school libraries and how funds will be distributed to school sites to support libraries. As appropriate, the plan may also address staffing, facilities, selection and evaluation of materials, the development and maintenance of classroom libraries, prevention of loss or damage of library materials, prioritization of needs, and other related matters. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the library plan is aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan and other district and school plans.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)

(cf. 6161.2 - Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials)

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS (continued)

Staffing

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 18120, the Board may appoint one or more librarians to staff school libraries, provided they possess an appropriate credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) as required by Education Code 44868 and 5 CCR 80053. This may include a teacher librarian services credential issued since January 1, 2008 or a library media teacher services credential issued prior to that date. In addition, 5 CCR 80024.6 establishes requirements for an emergency teacher librarian services permit that may be issued when there is an insufficient number of qualified certificated persons to fill available positions.

SBE model program standards recommend a ratio of one full-time teacher librarian per 785 students, plus assignment of a classified paraprofessional (e.g., library technician, library aide) at least 34 hours per week.

If the district does not employ any teacher librarians, it should modify this policy to reflect the position(s) that are assigned to fulfill the related duties.

To staff school libraries, the district may employ one or more teacher librarians who possess appropriate credentials issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. (Education Code 18120, 44868; 5 CCR 80024.6, 80053)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

Note: 5 CCR 80053 specifies the duties that any teacher librarian who possesses an appropriate credential or emergency permit from the CTC is authorized to perform. 5 CCR 80053.1 establishes a special class authorization which authorizes the holder to provide departmentalized instruction in information literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship. The district may revise items #1-8 below to reflect the duties of teacher librarians included in district job descriptions.

The Superintendent or designee may assign teacher librarians to perform the following duties in accordance with the authorizations of their credential: (5 CCR 80053, 80053.1)

1. Instruct students in accessing, evaluating, using, and integrating information and resources in the library program and/or provide departmentalized instruction in information literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship
2. Plan and coordinate school library programs with the district's instructional programs through collaboration with teachers
3. Select materials for school and district libraries
4. Develop and deliver staff development programs for school library services
5. Coordinate or supervise library programs at the school or district level

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6. Plan and conduct a course of instruction for students who assist in the operation of school libraries
7. Supervise classified personnel assigned school library duties
8. Develop procedures for and management of the school and district libraries

Note: The following **optional** paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 35021, the district may not use volunteer aides in lieu of classified employees whose positions were abolished.

The Board also may appoint classified paraprofessionals to serve as library aides or library technicians. Volunteers may assist with school library services in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4222 - Teachers Aides/Paraprofessionals)

Hours of Operation

School libraries shall be open for use by students and teachers during the school day. (Education Code 18103)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**.

With the approval of the Board, a school library may be open at other hours outside the school day, including evenings and Saturdays. Any library open to serve students during evening and Saturday hours shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee who consents to the assignment. (Education Code 18103)

Selection and Evaluation of School Library Materials

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice. At its discretion, the Board may establish selection criteria that exclude all materials of a sectarian, partisan, or denominational character as authorized by Education Code 18111.

Library materials shall include print and electronic resources that align with the curriculum and are accessible to students with varying cognitive or language needs.

Library materials shall be evaluated and selected through a process that invites recommendations from administrators, teachers, other staff, parents/guardians, and students as appropriate.

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(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

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

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

Library materials shall be continually evaluated in relation to evolving curricula, new formats of materials, new instructional methods, and the needs of students and teachers. Materials that contain outdated subject matter or are no longer appropriate shall be removed.

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

All gifts and donations of school library materials shall be subject to the same criteria as materials selected for purchase by the district.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

Complaints regarding the appropriateness of library materials shall be addressed using the district's procedures for complaints regarding instructional materials.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

Fees

Students shall be allowed to borrow school library materials at no charge for use in the library and classrooms as well as out of school. (5 CCR 16042)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 16042, the district shall not charge students for the late return of library materials unless authorized to do so by the Board. The district should select the option below that reflects district practice. Option 2 may be modified to include the amount that will be charged.

~~**OPTION 1:** Students shall be encouraged to return library materials in a timely manner, but no charge shall be assessed for the late return of materials.~~

OPTION 2: To encourage students to return materials in a timely manner, a nominal fee shall be charged for the late return of materials.

Library Instruction

Note: In September 2010, the SBE adopted model academic standards for library instruction which address what students should know and be able to do at each grade level or grade span in terms of information literacy skills. The introduction to the standards expresses the intent that the standards be taught collaboratively by the classroom teacher and the teacher librarian within the context of the curriculum. The

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following **optional** section reflects the four major categories addressed in the state standards and may be revised to reflect district practice.

The SBE has also developed a document identifying examples of where the library instruction standards are aligned with Common Core State Standards. See the California Department of Education's (CDE) web site.

Teacher librarians and/or classroom teachers shall provide library instruction to develop students' information literacy skills. Such instruction shall be aligned with state academic standards for library instruction and shall prepare students to:

1. Access information by applying knowledge of the organization of libraries, print materials, digital media, and other sources
2. Evaluate and analyze information to determine appropriateness in addressing the scope of inquiry
3. Organize, synthesize, create, and communicate information
4. Integrate information literacy skills into all areas of learning and pursue information independently to become life-long learners

Teacher librarians also may provide support to teachers, administrators, and other staff by identifying instructional materials that will aid in the development of curriculum and instructional activities and by providing information about effective and ethical uses of school library services and equipment.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Program Evaluation

Note: The following **optional** section may be revised to reflect district practice. The district may use an assessment tool such as the CDE's Looking at the School Library: An Evaluation Tool or may develop its own program evaluation indicators or checklist.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually assess and report to the Board regarding the condition and use of school libraries. The assessment shall evaluate, at a minimum:

1. Access of students and staff to school libraries during school hours and, as appropriate, access outside the school day
2. The process and frequency by which students are allowed to check out library materials

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS (continued)

3. Staffing levels, qualifications, and number of hours worked
4. The quality of the collection at each library, including, but not limited to, the total number of books in the collection, number of books per student, amount expended during the year for the purchase of new resources, and the number of resources discarded and added during the year
5. Any special programs offered at the school to encourage reading and/or library use
6. The adequacy of the facility space and equipment designated for the school library
7. The source(s) and adequacy of funding for school libraries

Note: Education Code 18122 requires districts to annually report to the CDE on the condition of their school libraries. This survey is conducted online via the CDE's web site.

The district shall, on or before August 31 each year, report to the CDE on the condition of its school libraries for the preceding year ending June 30. (Education Code 18122)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1703 *Coordination of district library services by county superintendent*

1770-1775 *Provision of library services by county superintendent*

18100-18203 *School libraries*

18300-18571 *Union high school district/unified school district library district*

19335-19336 *Reading Initiative Program; recommended books*

35021 *Volunteer aides*

44868-44869 *Qualifications and employment of library media teachers*

45340-45349 *Instructional aides*

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16040-16043 *School libraries*

80023-80023.2 *Emergency permits, general requirements*

80024.6 *Emergency teacher librarian services permit*

80026-80026.6 *Emergency permits*

80053-80053.1 *Teacher librarian services credential*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2010 (includes standards for student instruction as well as program standards)

Looking at the School Library: An Evaluation Tool, 2003

Recommended Literature: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Standards and Guidelines for Strong School Libraries, 2004

WEB SITES

American Association of School Libraries: <http://www.ala.org/aasl>

California Department of Education, School Libraries: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb>

California School Library Association: <http://www.csla.net>

CONTINUATION EDUCATION

Note: The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation are for use by districts that maintain high schools. High school and unified districts are required by Education Code 48432 to establish and maintain continuation education schools or classes whenever there are any students residing in the district who are subject to compulsory continuation education; see the accompanying administrative regulation for conditions of compulsory continuation education.

Pursuant to Education Code 48432 and 5 CCR 11010, a district may apply to the California Department of Education (CDE) for an annual exemption from the requirement to provide continuation education for a district school under either of the following circumstances: (1) there are fewer than 100 students enrolled in grade 12 in any high school in the district, or (2) the school has more than 100 students in grade 12 and the district has entered into an agreement with another high school district or unified district to maintain continuation education classes for minors residing in either district and such minors do not have to travel an excessive distance from their homes to the continuation education classes.

AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) eliminated the Pupil Retention Block Grant (Education Code 41505-41508), which included funding for the continuation high school foundation program, and redirected that funding into the local control funding formula.

The following paragraph reflects the intended purposes of continuation schools and classes as expressed in Education Code 48430 and may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board shall provide a continuation education program as an option for at-risk students who may need a flexible educational environment. The continuation education program shall be designed to meet the educational needs of each student, provide an opportunity for participating students to complete the required course of instruction necessary to graduate from high school, emphasize occupational orientation or a work study schedule, and offer intensive guidance services.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

The continuation education program shall be aligned with the goals identified in the district's local control and accountability plan, designed and implemented in collaboration with other high schools within the district, and coordinated with other educational options available to district students.

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)
(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a director of continuation education who shall be responsible for the organization and administration of the district's continuation education program and guidance, placement, and follow-up services for participating students. (5 CCR 11000, 11003)

Note: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the school calendar adopted by the Governing Board for continuation high schools.

The continuation high school shall be conducted for not less than 175 days during a school year. The Board may maintain continuation classes during the district's regular school hours, during special school hours for these classes established by the Board, or during such hours and for such length of time during the day or evening that adult education classes are maintained. (Education Code 48434; 5 CCR 11004)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

Students eligible for continuation education classes shall be age 16 or 17 years at the time of their enrollment and shall not have graduated from high school. (Education Code 48400, 48413)

Note: Districts that assign students to continuation schools are **mandated** by Education Code 48432.5 to adopt rules and regulations governing procedures for involuntary transfer of students to continuation schools; also see the accompanying administrative regulation.

A student may be involuntarily transferred into a continuation education program in accordance with law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48432.5)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that choose to allow students to voluntarily enroll in a continuation school, with the approval of the Superintendent or designee, as authorized by Education Code 48432 and 48432.5. Such districts are **mandated** pursuant to Education Code 48432.3, as added by AB 570 (Ch. 365, Statutes of 2013), to adopt policy and procedures containing specified provisions and governing the identification, placement, and intake procedures for these students; also see the accompanying administrative regulation.

With the consent of the Superintendent or designee, a student may voluntarily enroll in continuation classes in order to receive special attention such as individualized instruction. (Education Code 48432, 48432.3, 48432.5)

Note: Education Code 48432.3, as added by AB 570 (Ch. 365, Statutes of 2013), **mandates** that the district's policy and procedures ensure there is a clear criterion for determining which students may voluntarily transfer or be recommended for transfer to a continuation school and that this criterion is nonarbitrarily and consistently applied districtwide.

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

The John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities, in its publication Intake Processes at Continuation High Schools: Shaping School Climate Through Selection and Enrollment Strategies, notes that selection policies may range from providing open access to all interested students to establishing criteria that restrict enrollment to a subgroup of students based on academic and/or behavioral criteria. In determining student eligibility criteria, the district might consider (1) the goals and focus of each continuation high school in the district and (2) the availability of other educational options within the district or county and the student populations they are intended to serve.

The following paragraph reflects types of students who frequently benefit from enrollment in continuation education, according to the CDE web site, and should be revised to reflect specific criteria established by the district.

Priority for voluntary enrollment in continuation classes shall be given to students who need credit recovery in order to graduate with their peers and to students who, due to employment, pregnancy, parenting responsibilities, or other circumstances, are unable to attend a comprehensive high school. A student with a disability shall be admitted only if his/her individualized education program specifically states that a continuation high school setting meets his/her needs.

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

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Enrollment criteria shall be applied consistently throughout the district. (Education Code 48432.3)

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

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. If there is a regional occupational center or program (ROC/P) within the county, Education Code 48432 authorizes the district to enroll students in the ROC/P who would otherwise be subject to compulsory continuation education.

Students may be enrolled in a regional occupational center or program within the county in lieu of, or in combination with, continuation education. (Education Code 48432)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

Note: Education Code 48410 specifies conditions under which students may be exempted from attendance in continuation education. These conditions are delineated in AR 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance.

Students otherwise subject to compulsory attendance in continuation education classes may be exempted if they meet any of the conditions specified in Education Code 48410 and AR 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of district continuation education programs and report these evaluation results to the Board. Indicators may include, but not be limited to, disaggregated data on student enrollment, student assessment results, and graduation rates.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46170 *Minimum school day for continuation schools and classes*

48400-48454 *Compulsory continuation education, especially:*

48400 *Weekly minimum attendance requirement*

48402 *Minors not regularly employed*

48410-48416 *Compulsory continuation education*

48430-48438 *Continuation classes*

48450-48454 *Violation*

48900 *Grounds for suspension and expulsion*

48900.5 *Student discipline*

48903 *Limitations on days of suspension*

51224-51225.3 *Courses of study*

60850-60856 *High school exit examination*

FAMILY CODE

7000-7002 *Emancipation of minors law*

7050 *Purposes for which emancipated minor considered an adult*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11000-11010 *Continuation education*

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May 2012

Intake Processes at Continuation High Schools: Shaping School Climate Through Selection and
Enrollment Strategies, February 2011

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California Continuation Education Association: <http://www.cceanet.org>

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

John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities, Stanford School of Education:

<http://jgc.stanford.edu>

CONTINUATION EDUCATION

Program Components

The district's continuation education program shall include the following components:

Note: 5 CCR 11004 requires students enrolled in a continuation education program to meet the course requirements for high school graduation pursuant to Education Code 51224-51225.3. In addition, continuation education students must pass the high school exit examination required of all high school students pursuant to Education Code 60850-60856; see BP/AR 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination.

1. Curriculum that prepares students to meet the course requirements for graduation prescribed in Education Code 51224-51225.3 (5 CCR 11004)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

2. A plan to coordinate instruction and training in the continuation education program with students' parents/guardians, employment, and other agencies (5 CCR 11003)
3. Instruction based on individual student needs as determined by counseling and coordination services (5 CCR 11002)
4. Personal guidance in matters affecting students' personal, social, and educational adjustment (5 CCR 11001)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

5. Occupational guidance to prepare students for future employment opportunities (5 CCR 11001)
6. Placement in suitable employment whenever students can benefit from such employment, and follow-up visitations at places of employment to determine the effectiveness of the guidance and placement services (5 CCR 11001)

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

7. Regular home contacts and parent conferences when students are not succeeding in the continuation program (5 CCR 11001)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

8. Regular contacts with students enrolled for only four hours per week and all students suspended from continuation education, with the intent of eventually returning them to the full-time continuation education program (5 CCR 11001)

Note: Items #9-13 are optional and may be revised to reflect district practice

9. Regular communication with all parents/guardians regarding their child's progress in the educational program

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

10. Opportunities for parent/guardian and community involvement in school activities and program planning

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

11. Student support services that may include, but are not limited to, academic support services, health services or referrals, child care and development services for the children of enrolled students, and/or prevention and intervention services for alcohol or substance abuse

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

12. Professional development that includes opportunities for teachers to continually improve their instructional and classroom management skills

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

13. Efforts to ensure school safety and promote a positive school climate

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Involuntary Transfer

Note: Districts that assign students to continuation schools are **mandated** by Education Code 48432.5 to adopt rules and regulations governing procedures for involuntary transfer. Pursuant to Education Code 48432.5, districts may only involuntarily transfer students who meet one of the conditions specified in items #1-2 below and may not establish additional criteria for involuntary transfers. However, districts are not required to involuntarily transfer such students, and may delete item #1 or 2 below to reflect district practice.

A decision to transfer a student involuntarily into continuation education classes shall be based on a finding that the student meets either of the following conditions: (Education Code 48432.5)

1. The student committed an act enumerated in Education Code 48900.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

2. The student has been habitually truant or irregular in attendance from instruction he/she is lawfully required to attend.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Note: Education Code 48432.5 requires that involuntary transfer to a continuation school be made only when other means fail to bring about student improvement, as provided below. In Nathan G. v. Clovis Unified School District, the appeals court upheld the district's decision to transfer a high school student to continuation school for an act enumerated in Education Code 48900, rejecting the student's argument that the district was first required to exhaust all other means of correction to bring about student improvement and concluding that an involuntary transfer to continuation school does not substantially affect a student's fundamental right to an education.

Involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall be made only when other means fail to bring about student improvement. However, a student may be involuntarily transferred the first time he/she commits an act enumerated in Education Code 48900 if the principal determines that the student's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48432.5)

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

Note: Education Code 48432.5 **mandates** that the district's rules and regulations pertaining to involuntary transfer of students to continuation schools contain the following provision regarding notice to the student and parent/guardian.

Prior to an involuntary transfer, the student and parent/guardian shall be given written notice that they may request a meeting with the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48432.5)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

At the meeting, the student or parent/guardian shall be informed of the specific facts and reasons for the proposed transfer. The student or parent/guardian shall have the opportunity to inspect all documents relied upon, question any evidence and witnesses presented, and present evidence on the student's behalf. The student may designate one or more representatives and witnesses to be present with him/her at the meeting. (Education Code 48432.5)

A written decision to transfer, stating the facts and reasons for the decision, shall be sent to the student and parent/guardian. It shall indicate whether the decision is subject to periodic review and the procedure for such review. (Education Code 48432.5)

The persons making the final decision for involuntary transfer shall not be members of the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled at the time. (Education Code 48432.5)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48432.5, involuntary transfers cannot extend beyond the end of the semester following the semester in which the acts leading to the transfer occurred, unless the district adopts a procedure for conducting yearly review at the student's or parent/guardian's request. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

No involuntary transfer to a continuation school shall extend beyond the end of the semester following the semester when the acts leading to the involuntary transfer occurred. (Education Code 48432.5)

Voluntary Enrollment

Note: The following section is for use by districts that allow students to voluntarily enroll in continuation education classes; see the accompanying Board policy. Pursuant to Education Code 48432.3, as added by AB 570 (Ch. 365, Statutes of 2013), such districts are **mandated** to adopt policy and procedures governing the identification, placement, and intake procedures for students who voluntarily enroll. The district should revise the following section to reflect district practice.

As space permits, students who meet the eligibility criteria specified in Board policy may voluntarily enroll in a continuation school. A student may be considered for placement in the continuation school whenever his/her parent/guardian submits a written request to the Superintendent or designee or the student is referred by a counselor or school administrator.

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

Approval of a student's voluntary transfer shall be based on a finding that the placement will promote the educational interests of the student. (Education Code 48432.3)

Note: Education Code 48432.3, as added by AB 570 (Ch. 365, Statutes of 2013), **mandates** that the district's procedures ensure all of the conditions specified in items #1-6 below.

Voluntary enrollment shall be subject to the following conditions: (Education Code 48432.3, 48432.5)

1. A student's voluntary placement in continuation education shall not be used as an alternative to expulsion unless alternative means of correction have been attempted pursuant to Education Code 48900.5.
2. The district shall strive to ensure that no specific group of students, including a group based on race, ethnicity, language status, or special needs, is disproportionately enrolled in continuation education within the district.

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

Note: The following **optional** paragraph implements the above requirement and may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review disaggregated student enrollment data and report such data to the Governing Board. If it is determined that one or more student groups are enrolled in continuation education at a significantly higher level than their proportional enrollment in the district, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a review of enrollment criteria and procedures to determine the reason for the disproportionate enrollment.

3. A copy of this administrative regulation and accompanying Board policy shall be provided to a student whose voluntary transfer to a continuation school is under consideration and to his/her parent/guardian.
4. Before a student is transferred and upon request by his/her parent/guardian, the parent/guardian may meet with a counselor, principal, or administrator from both the school that the student is currently attending and the continuation school to determine if transferring is the best option for the student.
5. To the extent possible, voluntary transfer to a continuation school shall occur within the first four weeks of each semester.

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

6. A student who is voluntarily enrolled in continuation education may return to the regular high school at the beginning of the following school year, or at any other time with the consent of the Superintendent or designee.

Intake and Orientation

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48432.3, as added by AB 570 (Ch. 365, Statutes of 2013), districts that allow students to voluntarily enroll in continuation education are **mandated** to adopt intake procedures for such students. The following section addresses intake and orientation for all students enrolled in continuation education and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Upon voluntary or involuntary transfer to a continuation education program, an intake meeting shall be conducted with each student and his/her parent/guardian. At this meeting, the principal or counselor shall provide information about each course and number of credits that the student needs to complete in order to graduate and shall develop an individualized academic plan for the student. The student, and his/her parent/guardian as appropriate, shall sign a contract indicating their commitment to these objectives.

In addition, at the beginning of each school year, the district coordinator for continuation education, school counselor(s), or other designee(s) shall provide an orientation session for all incoming students and their parents/guardians in order to help them understand the credit recovery process and establish expectations for student conduct and participation. As appropriate, extended orientation sessions may be provided to assist students in developing academic, social, communication, anger management, or other skills necessary to success in school.

Minimum Attendance Requirement

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 46170, the minimum school day for continuation high schools and classes is 180 minutes and no student will be credited with more than 15 hours of attendance per school week for apportionment purposes. However, the California Department of Education's web site reports that many continuation high schools provide full-day programs that exceed the minimum daily requirement. The following section may be revised to reflect district practice.

In continuation high schools and classes, a day of attendance shall be at least 180 minutes. (Education Code 46170)

Each student shall attend classes for not less than 15 hours per week. However, if a student gives satisfactory proof of regular employment, he/she may attend classes for not less than four hours per week for the regular school term. These requirements may be met by any combination of attendance in a continuation education class and/or regional occupational center or program. (Education Code 46170, 48402, 48400)

CONTINUATION EDUCATION (continued)

Leaves of Absence

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48416, students age 16-18 years may take leaves of absence in accordance with law provided that the Board has adopted policy allowing such leaves of absence; see BP/AR 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence. The following **optional** section is for use by districts that allow such leaves of absence for students in compulsory continuation education classes.

A student enrolled in compulsory continuation education classes may take a leave of absence for up to two semesters for the purpose of supervised travel, study, training, or work in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48416)

(cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence)

Reenrollment

Any person age 16 or 17 years who terminated his/her enrollment in continuation school after obtaining a certificate of proficiency may reenroll in the district once without prejudice. If the student leaves a second time, the Superintendent or designee may deny reenrollment until the beginning of the next semester. (Education Code 48414)

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

MINUTES AND RECORDINGS

Note: The following **optional** bylaw should be modified to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board recognizes that maintaining accurate minutes of Board meetings provides a record of Board actions for use by district staff and the public and helps foster public trust in Board governance.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

The secretary of the Board shall keep minutes and record all official Board actions. The Board's minutes shall be public records and shall be made available to the public upon request. (Education Code 35145, 35163)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 9122 - Secretary)
(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 54952.2, a majority of the Governing Board must be present at a meeting in order to hear, discuss, or deliberate on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Thus, the minutes should reflect any occasion on which a member is not present for the entire meeting in order to document that a majority of the Board remained in attendance throughout the meeting.

The minutes shall reflect which members are present and whether a member is not present for part of the meeting due to late arrival and/or early departure.

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

In order to ensure that the minutes are focused on Board action, the minutes shall include only a brief summary of the Board's discussion, but shall not include a verbatim record of the Board's discussion on each agenda topic or the names of Board members who made specific points during the discussion.

The minutes shall include the specific language of each motion and the names of the Board members who made and seconded the motion.

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 54953, as amended by SB 751 (Ch. 257, Statutes of 2013), in addition to publicly reporting any action taken, the minutes must note the vote or abstention of each member present for the action.

The minutes shall also report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present. (Government Code 54953)

The minutes shall reflect the names of those individuals who comment during the meeting's public comment period as well as the topics they address.

MINUTES AND RECORDINGS (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute a copy of the "unapproved" minutes of the previous meeting(s) with the agenda for the next regular meeting. The Board shall approve the minutes as circulated or with necessary amendments.

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts which have their approved minutes signed by a Board officer or designee and should be modified to reflect the appropriate position.

Upon approval by the Board, the minutes shall be signed by *the Secretary of the Board*.

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 16023, minutes and official actions of the Board must be classified and retained in accordance with 5 CCR 16022. See BP/AR 3580 - District Records.

CSBA's Agenda Online, an electronic board meeting agenda service, allows for the development, storage, and access to Board meeting agendas, supporting documents, and minutes from any computer with Internet access. Further information can be found on CSBA's web site.

Official Board minutes and recordings shall be stored in a secure location and shall be retained in accordance with law.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Note: Although Government Code 54957.2 permits keeping of minutes for closed sessions, districts should consult with legal counsel before making it a practice to do so. Should a court determine that a district has violated the Brown Act, Government Code 54960 allows the court to compel the Board to record its closed sessions. See BB 9323.2 - Actions by the Board.

Any minutes or recordings kept for Board meetings held in closed session shall be kept separately from the minutes or recordings of regular and special meetings. Minutes or recordings of closed sessions are not public records. (Government Code 54957.2)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

Recording or Broadcasting of Meetings

Note: The following **optional** section addresses the recording or broadcasting of meetings made by or directed by the district.

Pursuant to Government Code 54953.5 and 54953.6, any person attending an open meeting may record or broadcast the meeting, unless the Board makes a reasonable finding that the recording or broadcast cannot continue without noise, illumination, or obstruction of view which would persistently disrupt the meeting. See BB 9323 - Meeting Conduct for language regarding recording by the public.

The district may tape, film, or broadcast any open Board meeting. The Board president shall announce that a recording or broadcasting is being made at the direction of the Board at the beginning of the meeting and, as practicable, the recorder or camera shall be placed in plain view of meeting participants.

MINUTES AND RECORDINGS (continued)

Any district recording may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the meeting. Recordings made at the direction of the Board during a meeting are public records and, upon request, shall be made available for inspection by members of the public on district equipment without charge. (Government Code 54953.5)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35145 *Public meetings*

35163 *Official actions, minutes and journals*

35164 *Vote requirements*

GOVERNMENT CODE

54952.2 *Meeting defined*

54953 *Meetings*

54953.5 *Audio or video recording of proceedings*

54953.6 *Broadcasting of proceedings*

54957.2 *Closed sessions; clerk; minute book*

54960 *Violations and remedies*

PENAL CODE

632 *Unlawful to intentionally record a confidential communication without consent*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

16020-16027 *Classification and retention of records*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2009

Guide to Effective Meetings, rev. 2007

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