



## **Chico Unified School District**

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## **STUDENT RECORDS**

### **Definitions**

*Access* means a personal inspection and review of a record or an accurate copy of a record, or receipt of an accurate copy of a record or an oral description or communication of a record, and a request to release a copy of any record. (Education Code 49061)

*An adult student* is a person who is or was enrolled in school and who is at least 18 years of age. (5 CCR 430)

*Attendance* includes, but is not limited to, attendance in person or by paper correspondence, videoconference, satellite, Internet, or other electronic information and telecommunication technologies for students who are not physically present in the classroom, and the period during which a person is working under a work-study program. (34 CFR 99.3)

*Contractor or consultant* is anyone with a formal written agreement or contract with the district regarding the provision of services or functions outsourced by the district. Contractor or consultant shall not include a volunteer or other party. (Education Code 49076)

*County placing agency* means the county social service department or county probation department. (Education Code 49061)

*Custodian of records* is the employee responsible for the security of student records maintained by the district and for devising procedures for assuring that access to such records is limited to authorized persons. (5 CCR 433)

*Disclosure* means to permit access to, or the release, transfer, or other communication of, personally identifiable information contained in student records to any party, except the party that provided or created the record, by any means including oral, written, or electronic. (34 CFR 99.3)

*District officials* and employees are officials or employees, including teachers, whose duties and responsibilities to the district, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require access to student records. (34 CFR 99.31)

*Legitimate educational interest* is an interest held by any school official, employee, contractor, or consultant whose official duties, responsibilities, or contractual obligations to the district, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require access to information contained in student records.

*Mandatory interim student records* are those records which the district is directed to compile and maintain for specified periods of time and are then destroyed in accordance with state law, regulation, or administrative directive. (5 CCR 430)

*Mandatory permanent student records* are those records which are maintained in perpetuity and which the district has been directed to compile by state law, regulation, or administrative directive. (5 CCR 430)

*Parent/guardian* means a natural parent, an adopted parent, legal guardian, surrogate parent, or foster parent. (Education Code 49061, 56050, 56055)

*Permitted student records* are those records having clear importance only to the current educational process of the student. (5 CCR 430)



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*Personally identifiable information* includes, but is not limited to: (34 CFR 99.3)

1. The student's name.
2. The name of the student's parent/guardian or other family members.
3. The address of the student or student's family.
4. A personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record (e.g., fingerprints, retina and iris patterns, voiceprints, DNA sequence, facial characteristics, and handwriting).
5. Other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name.
6. Other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty.
7. Information requested by a person who the district reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the student record relates.

*Student* means any individual who is or has been in attendance at the district and regarding whom the district maintains student records. (34 CFR 99.3)

*Student records* are any items of information (in handwriting, print, tape, film, computer, or other medium) gathered within or outside the district that are directly related to an identifiable student and maintained by the district, required to be maintained by an employee in the performance of the employee's duties, or maintained by a party acting for the district. Any information maintained for the purpose of second-party review is considered a student record. Student records include the student's health record. (Education Code 49061, 49062; 5 CCR 430; 34 CFR 99.3)

Student records do not include: (Education Code 49061, 49062; 34 CFR 99.3)

1. Directory information.
2. Informal notes compiled by a district official or employee which remain in the sole possession of the maker, are used only as a personal memory aid, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute employee.
3. Records created or received by the district after an individual is no longer a student and that are not directly related to the individual's attendance as a student.
4. Grades on peer-graded papers before they are collected and recorded by a teacher.

### **For All Persons Requesting Access**

1. Government-issued identification shall be provided to district staff to confirm the identity of the requestor.
2. Issuing staff will check the Chico Unified Student Information system to check for any legal documentation that would prevent the release of records to the requestor.



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3. All requests made by individual persons, including public agency representatives, received and processed by the District Office shall be made utilizing the appropriate attached form, or a digital version of the form collecting the same information as the attached forms unless otherwise noted.

### **Persons Granted Absolute Access**

In accordance with law, absolute access to any student records shall be granted to:

1. Parents/guardians of students younger than age 18 years, including the parent who is not the student's custodial parent. (Education Code 49069.7; Family Code 3025)  
  
However, the district shall not disclose student records to a party, including a parent/guardian, who is legally prohibited from accessing records and information of a student pursuant to a restraining order. (Family Code 6323.5). All requests shall be processed by school site or District Office Staff.
2. An adult student, or a student under 18 years of age, who attends a postsecondary institution, in which case the student alone shall exercise rights related to the student's records and grant consent for the release of records (34 CFR 99.3, 99.5). All requests shall be processed by school site or District Office Staff.
3. Parent/guardians of an adult student with exceptional needs who is 18 years of age or older and has been declared incompetent under state law (Education Code 56041.5). All requests shall be processed by District Office Staff.

### **Access for Limited Purpose/Legitimate Educational Interest**

The following persons or agencies shall have access to those particular records that are relevant to their legitimate educational interest or other legally authorized purpose:

1. Parents/guardians of a student 18 years of age or older who is a dependent child as defined under 26 USC 152 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.
2. Students who are age 16 years of age or older or who have completed the 10th grade (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by School Site or District Office Staff.
3. District officials and employees, consistent with the definition provided in "Definitions" above (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31). These requests shall be fulfilled by School Site or District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
4. Members of a school attendance review board (SARB) appointed pursuant to Education Code 48321 who are authorized representatives of the district and any volunteer aide age 18 or older who has been investigated, selected, and trained by the SARB to provide follow-up services to a referred student (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
5. Officials and employees of other public schools, school systems, or postsecondary institutions where the student intends or is directed to enroll, including local, county, or state correctional facilities where educational programs leading to high school graduation are provided, or where the student is already enrolled, as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.



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Unless the annual parent/guardian notification issued pursuant to Education Code 48980 includes a statement that the district may disclose students' personally identifiable information to officials of another district, school system, or postsecondary institution where the student seeks or intends to enroll, the Superintendent or designee shall, when such a disclosure is made, make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent/guardian or adult student at the last known address, provide a copy of the record that is disclosed, and give the parent/guardian or adult student an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the record. (34 CFR 99.34)

6. The Student Aid Commission, to provide the grade point average (GPA) of all district students in grade 12 and, when required, verification of high school graduation or its equivalent of all students who graduated in the prior academic year, for use in the Cal Grant postsecondary financial aid program.

However, such information shall not be submitted when students opt out or are permitted by the rules of the Student Aid Commission to provide test scores in lieu of the GPA. (Education Code 69432.9, 69432.92)

No later than January 1 each year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify each student in grade 11, and the student's parents/guardians if the student is under age 18 years of age, that the student's GPA will be forwarded to the Student Aid Commission by October 1 unless the student opts out within a period of time specified in the notice, which shall not be less than 30 days. (Education Code 69432.9)

Students' social security numbers shall not be included in the submitted information unless the Student Aid Commission deems it necessary to complete the financial aid application and the Superintendent or designee obtains permission from the student's parent/guardian, or from the adult student, to submit the social security number (Education Code 69432.9). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.

7. The California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) in accordance with a data sharing agreement pursuant to Education Code 60900, to provide data for use when planning for and applying to California public colleges and universities (Education Code 60900, 60900.5). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
8. Federal, state, and local officials, as needed for an audit or evaluation of, or compliance with, a state or federally funded education program and in accordance with a written agreement developed pursuant to 34 CFR 99.35 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.3, 99.31, 99.35). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
9. Any county placing agency acting as an authorized representative of a state or local educational agency which is required to audit or evaluate a state or federally supported education program pursuant to item 8 above (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
10. Any person, agency, or organization authorized in compliance with a court order or lawfully issued subpoena (Education Code 49077; 5 CCR 435; 34 CFR 99.31). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.

Unless otherwise instructed by the court, the Superintendent or designee shall, prior to disclosing a record pursuant to a court order or subpoena, give the parent/guardian or adult student at least three days' notice



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of the name of the requesting agency and the specific record requested, if lawfully possible within the requirements of the judicial order. (Education Code 49077; 5 CCR 435; 34 CFR 99.31)

11. Any district attorney who is participating in or conducting a truancy mediation program or participating in the presentation of evidence in a truancy petition (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.
12. A district attorney's office for consideration against a parent/guardian for failure to comply with compulsory education laws (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.
13. Any probation officer, district attorney, or counsel of record for a student who is a minor for the purposes of conducting a criminal investigation or an investigation in regards to declaring the minor a ward of the court or involving a violation of a condition of probation, subject to evidentiary rules specified in Welfare and Institutions Code 701 (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.

When disclosing records for these purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain written certification from the recipient of the records that the information will not be disclosed to another party without prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian or the holder of the student's educational rights, unless specifically authorized by state or federal law. (Education Code 49076)

14. Any judge or probation officer for the purpose of conducting a truancy mediation program for a student or for the purpose of presenting evidence in a truancy petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 681 (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.

In such cases, the judge or probation officer shall certify in writing to the Superintendent or designee that the information will be used only for truancy purposes. Upon releasing student information to a judge or probation officer, the Superintendent or designee shall inform, or provide written notification to, the student's parent/guardian within 24 hours. (Education Code 49076)

15. A foster family agency with jurisdiction over a currently enrolled or former student; short-term residential treatment program staff responsible for the education or case management of a student; or a caregiver who has direct responsibility for the care of a student, including a certified or licensed foster parent, an approved relative or nonrelated extended family member, or a resource family, as defined (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.

Such individuals shall have access to the student's current or most recent records of grades, transcripts, attendance, discipline, online communication on platforms established by schools for students and parents/guardians, and any individualized education program or Section 504 plan developed and maintained by the district. (Education Code 49069.3)

16. A student age 14 years or older who is an unaccompanied minor experiencing homelessness as defined in 42 USC 11434a (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by School Site or District Office Staff.
17. An individual who completes items #1-4 of the Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit pursuant to Family Code 6552 and signs the affidavit for the purpose of enrolling a minor in school (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by School Site or District Office Staff.



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18. A caseworker or other representative of a state or local child welfare agency or tribal organization that has legal responsibility in accordance with state or tribal law for the care and protection of a student, provided that the individual is authorized by the agency or organization to receive the records and the information requested is directly related to providing assistance to address the student's educational needs (Education Code 49076; 20 USC 1232(g)). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.
19. Appropriate law enforcement authorities, in circumstances where Education Code 48902 requires that the district provide special education and disciplinary records of a student with exceptional needs who is suspended or expelled for committing an act violating Penal Code 245 (Education Code 48902, 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.

When disclosing such records, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain written certification by the recipient of the records as described in item #13 above. (Education Code 49076)

20. Designated peace officers or law enforcement agencies in cases where the district is authorized by law to assist law enforcement in investigations of suspected criminal conduct or kidnapping and a written consent by a parent/guardian, lawfully issued subpoena, or court order is submitted to the district, or information is provided to it indicating that an emergency exists in which the student's information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals (Education Code 49076.5). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff.

In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall provide information about the identity and location of the student as it relates to the transfer of that student's records to another public school district in California or any other state or to a California private school. (Education Code 49076.5)

When disclosing records for the above purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain the necessary documentation to verify that the person, agency, or organization is a person, agency, or organization that is permitted to receive such records.

Any person, agency, or organization granted access is prohibited from releasing information to another person, agency, or organization without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student unless specifically allowed by state law or the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). (Education Code 49076; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.8)

Additionally, the parent/guardian or adult student may provide written consent for access to be granted to persons, agencies, or organizations not afforded access rights by law. The written consent shall specify the records to be released and the party or parties to whom they may be released. (Education Code 49061, 49075)

Only a parent/guardian having legal custody of the student may consent to the release of records to others. Either parent/guardian may grant consent if both parents/guardians notify the district, in writing, that such an agreement has been made. (Education Code 49061)

### **Discretionary Access**

At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, information may be released from a student's records to the following:

1. Appropriate persons, including parents/guardians of a student, in connection with an emergency if the knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other persons



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(Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31, 99.32, 99.36). These requests shall be fulfilled by School Site or District Office Staff.

When releasing information to any such appropriate person, the Superintendent or designee shall record information about the threat to the health or safety of the student or any other person that formed the basis for the disclosure and the person(s) to whom the disclosure was made. (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.32)

Unless it would further endanger the health or safety of the student or other persons, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian or adult student within one week of the disclosure that the disclosure was made, of the articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of the student or other individuals that formed the basis for the disclosure, and of the parties to whom the disclosure was made.

2. Accrediting associations in order to carry out their accrediting functions (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
3. Organizations conducting studies on behalf of educational institutions or agencies for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, or improving instruction, provided that: (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31) These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
  - a. The study is conducted in a manner that does not permit personal identification of students or parents/guardians by individuals other than representatives of the organization who have legitimate interests in the information.
  - b. The information is destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study is conducted.
  - c. The district enters into a written agreement with the organization that complies with 34 CFR 99.31.
4. Officials and employees of other districts, private schools or school systems where the student is enrolled or intends to enroll, subject to the rights of parents/guardians as provided in Education Code 49068 and in compliance with 34 CFR 99.34 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31, 99.34). These requests shall be fulfilled by School Site or District Office Staff.
5. Local health departments operating countywide or regional immunization information and reminder systems and the California Department of Public Health, unless the parent/guardian has requested that no disclosures of this type be made (Health and Safety Code 120440). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
6. Contractors and consultants having a legitimate educational interest based on services or functions which have been outsourced to them through a formal written agreement or contract by the district, excluding volunteers or other parties (Education Code 49076). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.
7. Agencies or organizations in connection with the student's application for or receipt of financial aid, provided that information permitting the personal identification of a student or the student's parents/guardians for these purposes is disclosed only as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of the student for financial aid, determine the amount of financial aid, determine the conditions which will be imposed regarding the financial aid, or enforce the terms or conditions of the financial aid (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31). These requests shall be fulfilled by School Site or District Office Staff. A



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request form is not necessary for this purpose.

8. County elections officials for the purpose of identifying students eligible to register to vote or offering such students an opportunity to register, subject to the limits set by 34 CFR 99.37 and under the condition that any information provided on this basis shall not be used for any other purpose or transferred to any other person or agency (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.37). These requests shall be fulfilled by District Office Staff. A request form is not necessary for this purpose.

When disclosing records for the above purposes, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain the necessary documentation to verify that the person, agency, or organization is a person, agency, or organization that is permitted to receive such records.

Any person, agency, or organization granted access is prohibited from releasing information to another person, agency, or organization without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student unless specifically allowed by state law or the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). (Education Code 49076; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.8)

### **Persons Generally Denied Access**

A request for student records by an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement shall be denied except in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement.

### **De-identification of Records**

When authorized by law for any program audit, educational research, or other purpose, the Superintendent or designee may release information from a student record without prior consent of the parent/guardian or adult student after the removal of all personally identifiable information. Prior to releasing such information, the Superintendent or designee shall make a reasonable determination that the student's identity is not personally identifiable, whether through single or multiple releases and taking into account other reasonably available information. (Education Code 49074, 49076; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.31)

### **Process for Providing Access to Records**

Student records shall be maintained in a central file at the school attended by the student or, when records are maintained in different locations, a notation shall be placed in the central file indicating where other records may be found. Parents/guardians and adult students shall be notified of the location of student records if not centrally located. (Education Code 49069.7; 5 CCR 433)

The custodian of records shall be responsible for the security of student records and shall ensure that access is limited to authorized persons. (5 CCR 433)

The custodian of records shall develop reasonable methods, including physical, technological, and administrative policy controls, to ensure that school officials and employees obtain access to only those student records in which they have legitimate educational interests. (Education Code 49076; 5 CCR 431; 34 CFR 99.31)

To inspect, review, or obtain copies of student records, authorized persons shall submit a request to the custodian of records or designee. Prior to granting the request, the custodian of records or designee shall authenticate the individual's identity. For any individual granted access based on a legitimate educational interest, the request shall specify the interest involved.



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Within five business days following the date of request, the authorized person shall be granted access to inspect, review, and obtain copies of student records during regular school hours. (Education Code 49069.7; 5 CCR 431)

When required by law, the student's parent/guardian or an adult student shall provide written, signed, and dated consent before the district discloses the student record. Such consent may be given through electronic means in those cases where it can be authenticated. The district's consent shall specify the records that may be disclosed, state the purpose of the disclosure, and identify the party or class of parties to whom the disclosure may be made. Upon request by the parent/guardian or adult student, the district shall provide a copy of the records disclosed. (34 CFR 99.30)

If the parent/guardian or adult student refuses to provide written consent for the release of student information, the Superintendent or designee shall not release the information, unless it is otherwise subject to release based on a court order or a lawful subpoena.

Qualified certificated personnel shall be available to interpret records when requested. (Education Code 49069.7)

The custodian of records or the Superintendent or designee shall prevent the alteration, damage, or loss of records during inspection. (5 CCR 435)

### **Access Log**

A log shall be maintained for each student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the records and the legitimate educational interest of the requester. (Education Code 49064)

In every instance of inspection by persons who do not have assigned educational responsibility, the custodian of records or designee shall make an entry in the log indicating the record inspected, the name of the person granted access, the reason access was granted, and the time and circumstances of inspection. (5 CCR 435)

Additionally, the custodian of records or designee shall make an entry in the log regarding any request for record(s) that was denied and the reason for the denial.

The log shall need not include requests for access to records by:

1. Parents/guardians or adult students.
2. Students who are 16 years of age or older or who have completed the 10th grade.
3. Parties obtaining district-approved directory information.
4. Parties who have received written consent by a parent/guardian and have provided it to the district, in which case the consent notice shall be filed with the record pursuant to Education Code 49075.
5. District officials or employees who have a legitimate educational interest.

The log shall be open to inspection only by the parent/guardian, adult student, dependent adult student, custodian of records or designee, and certain state or federal officials specified in Education Code 49064. (Education Code 49064; 5 CCR 432)



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### **Duplication of Student Records**

To provide copies of any student record, the district may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual cost of providing the copies. No charge shall be made for providing up to two transcripts or up to two verifications of various records for any former student. No charge shall be made to locate or retrieve any student record. (Education Code 49065)

### **Changes to Student Records**

Only a parent/guardian having legal custody of the student or an adult student who is 18 years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education may challenge the content of a record or offer a written response to a record. (Education Code 49061)

No addition or change shall be made to a student's record after high school graduation or permanent departure, other than routine updating, unless required by law or with prior consent of the parent/guardian or adult student. (Education Code 49070; 5 CCR 437)

Any request to change a student's legal name in the student's mandatory permanent student record shall be accompanied with appropriate documentation.

Any challenge to the content of a student's record shall be filed in accordance with Education Code 49070 and the process specified in Administrative Regulation 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records.

### **Retention and Destruction of Student Records**

All anecdotal information and assessment reports maintained as student records shall be dated and signed by the individual who originated the data. (5 CCR 431)

The following mandatory permanent student records shall be kept indefinitely: (5 CCR 432, 437)

1. Legal name of student.
2. Date and place of birth and method of verifying birth date.
3. Sex of student.
4. Name and address of parent/guardian of minor student.
  - a. Address of minor student if different from the above.
  - b. Annual verification of parent/guardian's name and address and student's residence.
5. Entrance and departure dates of each school year and for any summer session or other extra session.
6. Subjects taken during each year, half-year, summer session, or quarter, and marks or credits given towards graduation.
7. Verification of or exemption from required immunizations.
8. Date of high school graduation or equivalent.

Mandatory interim student records, unless forwarded to another district, shall be maintained subject to destruction during the third school year in which they originated, following a determination that their usefulness has ceased or the student has left the district. These records include: (Education Code 48918, 51747; 5 CCR 432, 437, 16027)



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1. Expulsion orders and the causes thereof.
  2. A log identifying persons or organizations who request or receive information from the student record.
  3. Health information, including verification or waiver of the health screening for school entry.
  4. Information on participation in special education programs, including required tests, case studies, authorizations, and actions necessary to establish eligibility for admission or discharge.
  5. Language training records.
  6. Progress slips/notices required by Education Code 49066 and 49067.
  7. Parent/guardian restrictions/stipulations regarding access to directory information.
  8. Parent/guardian or adult student rejoinders to challenged records and to disciplinary action.
  9. Parent/guardian authorization or prohibition of student participation in specific programs.
  10. Results of standardized tests administered within the past three years.
  11. Written findings resulting from an evaluation conducted after a specified number of missed assignments to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study.

Permitted student records may be destroyed six months after the student completes or withdraws from the educational program and their usefulness ceases, including: (5 CCR 432, 437)

1. Objective counselor and/or teacher ratings.
2. Standardized test results older than three years.
3. Routine disciplinary data.
4. Verified reports of relevant behavioral patterns.
5. All disciplinary notices.
6. Supplementary attendance records.

Records shall be destroyed in a way that assures they will not be available to possible public inspection in the process of destruction. (5 CCR 437)

### **Transfer of Student Records**

When a student transfers into this district from any other district, a private school, or school system, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the student's parent/guardian of rights regarding student records, including a parent/guardian's right to review, challenge, and receive a copy of student records. (Education Code 49068; 5 CCR 438)

When a student transfers into this district from another district, the Superintendent or designee shall request that the student's previous district provide any records, either maintained by that district in the ordinary course of



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business or received from a law enforcement agency, regarding acts committed by the transferring student that resulted in the student's suspension or expulsion. (Education Code 48201)

When a student transfers from this district to another school district or to a private school, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the student's mandatory permanent record within 10 school days of the district's receipt of the request for the student's records. The original record or a copy shall be retained permanently by this district. If the transfer is to another California public school, the student's entire mandatory interim record shall also be forwarded. If the transfer is out of state or to a private school, the mandatory interim record may be forwarded. Permitted student records may be forwarded to any other district or private school. (Education Code 48918, 49068; 5 CCR 438)

Upon receiving a request from a county placing agency to transfer a student in foster care out of a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall transfer the student's records to the next educational placement within two business days. (Education Code 49069.5)

Additionally, when a student in foster care is enrolling in a district school, the district's liaison or designee for foster youth shall contact, within two business days of the student's request for enrollment, the school last attended by the student to obtain all academic and other records. Designees may include, but are not limited to, Targeted Case Managers, Site Administration, School Social Workers, Registrars, or Office Managers. (Education Code 48853.5)

All student records shall be updated before they are transferred. (5 CCR 438)

Student records shall not be withheld from the requesting district because of any charges or fees owed by the student or parent/guardian. (5 CCR 438)

If the district is withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts from the student because of damage or loss of district property, this information shall be sent to the requesting district along with the student's records.

### **Notification of Parents/Guardians**

Upon any student's initial enrollment, and at the beginning of each school year thereafter, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians and eligible students, in writing, of their rights related to student records. If 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in the district speak a single primary language other than English, then the district shall provide these notices in that language. Otherwise, the district shall provide these notices in the student's home language insofar as practicable. The district shall effectively notify parents/guardians or eligible students with exceptional needs. (Education Code 48985; 49063; 5 CCR 431; 34 CFR 99.7)

The notice shall include: (Education Code 49063; 60900.5; 34 CFR 99.7, 99.34)

1. The types of student records kept by the district and the information contained therein.
2. The title(s) of the official(s) responsible for maintaining each type of record.
3. The location of the log identifying those who request information from the records.
4. District criteria for defining district officials and employees and for determining legitimate educational interest.
5. District policies for reviewing and expunging student records.



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6. The right to inspect and review student records and the procedures for doing so.
  7. The right to challenge and the procedures for challenging the content of a student record that the parent/guardian or student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights.
  8. The cost, if any, charged for duplicating copies of records.
  9. The categories of information defined as directory information pursuant to Education Code 49073.
  10. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's records except when disclosure without consent is authorized by law.
  11. Availability of the curriculum prospectus developed pursuant to Education Code 49091.14 containing the titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by the school.
  12. The sharing with CCGI of specified district data and data collected by the California Department of Education for the purposes of college admissions, academic placement, and eligibility for student financial aid. (Education Code 60900)
  13. Any other rights and requirements set forth in Education Code 49060-49085, and the right of parents/guardians to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the district to comply with 20 USC 1232g.
  14. A statement that the district forwards education records to other agencies or institutions that request the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment.

Additionally, the annual parent/guardian notification shall include a statement that a student's citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin will not be released in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement.

### **Student Records from Social Media**

For the purpose of gathering and maintaining records of students' social media activity, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 49073.6)

1. Gather or maintain only information that pertains directly to school safety or student safety.
2. Provide a student with access to any information that the district obtained from the student's social media activity and an opportunity to correct or delete such information.
3. Destroy information gathered from social media and maintained in student records within one year after a student turns 18 years of age or within one year after the student is no longer enrolled in the district, whichever occurs first. The District's Assessment and Accountability Office will address this annually.
4. Notify each parent/guardian that the student's information is being gathered from social media and that any information maintained in the student's records shall be destroyed as provided in item #3 above.

Additionally, the notification shall include, but is not limited to, an explanation of the process by which a



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student or the student's parent/guardian may access the student's records for examination of the information gathered or maintained and the process by which removal of the information may be requested or corrections to the information may be made. The notification may be provided as part of the annual parent/guardian notification required pursuant to Education Code 48980.

5. If the district contracts with a third party to gather information on a student from social media, ensure that the contract:
  - a. Prohibits the third party from using the information for purposes other than those specified in the contract or from selling or sharing the information with any person or entity other than the district, the student, or the student's parent/guardian.
  - b. Requires the third party to destroy the information immediately upon satisfying the terms of the contract, or when the district notifies the third party that the student has turned 18 years of age or is no longer enrolled in the district, whichever occurs first.

### **Updating Name and/or Gender of Former Students**

When a former student submits a state-issued driver's license, birth certificate, passport, social security card, court order, or other government-issued documentation demonstrating that the former student's legal name and/or gender has changed, the district shall update the former student's records to reflect the updated legal name and/or gender. Upon request by the former student, the district shall reissue any documents conferred upon the former student, including, but not limited to, a transcript, a high school diploma, a high school equivalency certificate, or other similar documents. (Education Code 49062.5)

If the former student's name or gender is changed and the requested records are reissued, a new document shall be added to the former student's file that includes all of the following information: (Education Code 49062.5)

1. The date of the request.
2. The date the requested records were reissued to the former student.
3. A list of the records that were requested by and reissued to the former student.
4. The type of documentation, if any, provided by the former student to demonstrate a legal change to the student's name and/or gender.
5. The name of the employee who completed the request.
6. The current and former names and/or genders of the student.

Any former student who submits a request to change the legal name and/or gender on the student's records but is unable to provide any government-issued documentation demonstrating the legal name or gender change, may request a name or gender change through the process described in Education Code 49070 and AR 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records. (Education Code 49062.5)



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| 5 CCR 16020-16027               | <u>Destruction of records of school districts</u>                                                                                                    |
| 5 CCR 430-438                   | <u>Individual student records</u>                                                                                                                    |
| Bus. and Prof. Code 22580-22582 | <u>Privacy rights for California minors in the digital world</u>                                                                                     |
| Bus. and Prof. Code 22584-22585 | <u>K-12 Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act</u>                                                                                         |
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| Code of Civil Procedure 1985.3  | <u>Subpoena duces tecum</u>                                                                                                                          |
| Ed. Code 17604                  | <u>Delegation of powers to agents</u>                                                                                                                |
| Ed. Code 220.3                  | <u>Prohibition for employee or contractor to disclose information related to student's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression</u> |
| Ed. Code 234.7                  | <u>Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status</u>                                                                            |
| Ed. Code 35266                  | <u>Reporting of cyberattacks</u>                                                                                                                     |
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| Ed. Code 56041.5                | <u>Rights of students with disabilities</u>                                                                                                          |
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| Ed. Code 56055                  | <u>Foster parents</u>                                                                                                                                |
| Ed. Code 60900-60901            | <u>California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System</u>                                                                                         |
| Ed. Code 69432.9                | <u>Cal Grant program; notification of grade point average</u>                                                                                        |
| Ed. Code 69475                  | <u>Conditional repeal of Cal Grant program</u>                                                                                                       |
| Fam. Code 3025                  | <u>Access to records by noncustodial parents</u>                                                                                                     |
| Fam. Code 6323.5                | <u>Ex parte orders</u>                                                                                                                               |



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Pen. Code 245

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W&I Code 16010

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W&I Code 681

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Opportunity to examine records for parents of student with disability

34 CFR 99.1-99.8

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