

ANNUAL PARENT NOTICE 2025-2026

Dear Parent/Guardian:

State law requires school districts and the county office of education ("county office") to provide annual notice to parents/guardians of certain rights and responsibilities. Parents/guardians are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice as part of the District Agreements section of the Annual Student Information Update online form.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Instructional Materials:

All primary and supplemental instructional materials and assessments, including textbooks, teacher manuals, films, audio and video recordings, and software, will be compiled and stored by the classroom instructor and made available promptly for inspection by a parent/guardian in a reasonable time frame or in accordance with school district or county office policies or procedures. Education Code §§ 49091.10(a); 51101(a)(8).

Observation:

Upon written request, a parent/guardian has the right to observe instruction and other school activities that involve their child or for the purpose of selecting a school in accordance with board policies on interdistrict and intradistrict transfers. Any observation will be done in accordance with policies established to ensure the safety of pupils and school personnel and to prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school personnel. Education Code §§ 49091.10(b); 51101(a)(1).

Beliefs:

A pupil may not be compelled to affirm or disavow any particular personally or privately held world view, religious doctrine, or political opinion. This does not relieve pupils of any obligation to complete regular classroom assignments. Education Code § 49091.12(a).

Curriculum:

The curriculum, including titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by a public school, shall be compiled at least once annually in a prospectus. The prospectus is available for review upon request and for copying at a reasonable charge. Education Code §§ 49091.14; 49063(k).

Animal Dissection:

A pupil, who has a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying animals as part of an instructional program, has a right to request an alternative educational project. Education Code §§ 32255-32255.6, 48980(a).

Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Education:

The Healthy Youth Act ("Act") authorizes a school district or county office to provide comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education to all pupils in grades 7 to 12. Education Code §§ 51933 et seq., 48980(a).

- Written and audio-visual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education will be made available for your inspection. Education Code § 51938.
- You will be notified whether the comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education will be taught by school district/county office personnel or by outside consultants. Education Code § 51938.
- You may request a copy of the Act from the school district or county office. Education Code § 51938.
- You may request in writing that your child be excused from comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education. (The school will provide a separate form.) Education Code § 51938.

Tests, Questionnaires, Surveys, Examinations on Personal Beliefs or Practices:

No pupil will be given any test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing questions about a pupil's, or their parents'/guardians' beliefs or practices relating to sex, family life, morality, or religion, unless their parent/guardian provides prior written permission. Parents/guardians of all pupils in grades 7 to 12, will be given the opportunity to review any test, questionnaire, or survey about a pupil's attitude concerning or practices relating to sex before it is administered and will be given the opportunity to request in writing that their pupil not participate. Education Code §§ 51513, 51938, 51939.

Minimum Days and Staff Development:

Attached to this notice is the calendar for the school year which includes the current schedule of any minimum days or pupil-free staff development days (see page 14). Parents/guardians will be notified during the school year of any additional minimum days and pupil-free staff development days not later than one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day. Education Code § 48980(c).

PUPIL BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

Sexual Harassment:

The school district and county office prohibit sexual harassment of or by any pupil or by anyone employed by or otherwise working or volunteering for the school district or county office. Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Any person who feels that they are being discriminated against or harassed should immediately contact their principal or designee so that they can address the situation. A written complaint may be filed in accordance with the district or county office's Uniform Complaint Procedures. Written complaint procedures are available at all school sites. A copy of the school district or county office's written policy on sexual harassment, as it pertains to pupils, is attached to this notice (See page 19-23). Education Code §§ 48980(f), 212.5, 231.5; 5 C.C.R. § 4917.

Evaluations:

A pupil may not be tested for behavioral, mental, or emotional evaluation without the informed written consent of their parent/guardian. Education Code § 49091.12(c).

Unexcused Absence:

Parents/guardians will be notified in a timely manner if their child is absent from school without permission. Education Code § 51101(a)(4).

Truancy:

Upon your child's initial classification as a truant, you will be notified of the following: a.

- a. That your child is truant.
- b. That you are obligated to compel the attendance of your child at school.
- c. That you may be guilty of a criminal infraction and subject to prosecution if you fail to meet this obligation.
- d. That alternative educational programs are available in the district.
- e. That you have the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to your child's truancy.
- f. That your child may be subject to arrest or temporary custody under Education Code section 48264.
- g. That it is recommended that you accompany your child to school and attend classes with them for one day.

Education Code § 48260.5.

Chronic Truancy:

The parent/guardian of any pupil in grades 1 through 8 who is found to be a "chronic truant" may be found guilty of a misdemeanor. Education Code § 48263.6; Penal Code § 270.1.

Pupil Discipline Rules:

A copy of the school's pupil discipline rules may be obtained by contacting the principal or designee. The parent/guardian of a pupil who has been suspended by a teacher may be required to attend a portion of a school day in the class of their child or ward. Education Code §§ 35291, 48980(a), 48900.1.

PUPIL HEALTH, SAFETY AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

Fingerprint Policy:

Information concerning the school district or the county office's pupil fingerprint policy, if any, is provided at the time of enrollment. Education Code §§ 32390, 48980(e).

Confidential Medical Services:

School authorities may excuse any pupil enrolled in grades 7 through 12, inclusive, from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian. Education Code § 46010.1.

Pupil Immunization:

No student shall be admitted to school until the student is immunized as required by law. The district may permit a licensed physician and surgeon, or other health care practitioner who is acting under the direction of a supervision physician or surgeon, to administer an immunizing agent to a student whose parent or guardian has consented in writing to the administration of such immunization agent. When there is good cause to believe that a student has been exposed to a communicable disease and their documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against that disease, the student may be temporarily excluded from school until the local health officer is satisfied the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

If a parent or guardian files with the governing authority a written statement by a licensed physician to the effect that the physical condition of the child is such, or medical circumstances relating to the child are such, that immunization is not considered safe, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization, that child shall be exempt from the immunization requirements. Any child with a medical exemption authorized prior to January 1, 2020, shall be allowed continued enrollment until they enroll in the next grade span. "Grade span" means (1) from birth through preschool; (2) transitional kindergarten through 6th grade; and (3) grades 7 through 12. After July 1, 2021, a student may not be unconditionally admitted or readmitted, or admitted/advance to the seventh grade, unless they have been immunized or files a medical exemption that is compliant with a required statewide form.

Effective January 1, 2016, the California Legislature eliminated the exemption from specified immunization requirements based upon personal beliefs. A student who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit on file with their school stating beliefs opposed to immunization shall be allowed enrollment until the student enrolls in the next grade span. "Grade span" means (1) from birth through preschool; (2) transitional kindergarten through 6th grade; and (3) grades 7 through 12. Health and Safety Code §§ 120335, 120370; Education Code §§ 48216, 48980(a), 49403.

To comply with the Cancer Prevention Act, it is required to notify parents of students admitted to or advancing to the 6th grade that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination can prevent over 90 percent of cancers caused by HPV. More information on the recommended ages and scientific rationale of the vaccination can be found at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>.

Physical Examinations:

A child may be excluded from physical examination whenever a parent/guardian files a written statement with the school that they will not consent to a physical examination of their child. Whenever there is good reason to believe the child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child will be excluded from school attendance. (School children are examined for vision, hearing, and curvature of the spine at selected grade levels.) Education Code §§ 48980(a), 49450 – 49455.

Psychological Testing:

A parent/guardian has the right to receive information about psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test. Education Code § 51101(a)(13).

Pupil Medication:

Any pupil who must take prescribed medication at school and who desires assistance of school personnel must submit a written statement of instruction from the physician or surgeon or physician assistant, as specified by law, detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and a written statement from the pupil's parent, foster parent, or guardian indicating their desire to have the school assist in administering the physician and surgeon, or physician assistant's instructions. Any student who wishes to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine and/or self-administered inhaled asthma medication must submit both a written statement of instruction from their physician or surgeon or physician assistant, as specified by law, that includes a confirmation that the student is able to self-administer such medication, and a written statement from the pupil's parent, foster parent, or guardian consenting to the self-administration, as well as applicable releases. Any pupil who uses auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication in a manner other than as prescribed is subject to discipline. Education Code §§ 48980(a), 49423, 49423.1.

Continuing Medication:

A parent/guardian of a pupil on a continuing medication regimen for a non-episodic condition shall inform the school of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With a parent/guardian consent, the school nurse or other designated employee may communicate with the physician with regard to the possible effects of the drug on the child's physical, intellectual and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or over dosage. Education Code § 49480.

Pupil Insurance:

The school district or county office may provide or make available medical or hospital services, or both, for injuries to pupils arising from school programs or activities. No pupil will be compelled to accept such services. You may obtain further information regarding availability of pupil accident insurance by contacting your school's principal. Education Code §§ 48980(a), 49472.

Emergency Medical Care:

Parents/guardians must provide current updated emergency contact information to your child's school of attendance, including your home address and telephone number, business address and telephone, and the name, address and telephone number of a relative or friend who is authorized to care for your child in any emergency situation if you cannot be reached. If your child is ill or injured during regular school hours and requires reasonable medical treatment, and if you cannot be reached, the school district, county office or the principal cannot be held liable for reasonable treatment of your ill or injured child without your prior consent, unless you have previously filed a written objection to any medical treatment other than first aid. Education Code §§ 49407; 49408.

Student Wellness: Our District provides resources to address both the mental and physical health of our students. Please review the information from our Student Services Dept on page 17.

Pupil Safety:

A parent/guardian has the right to have a safe and supportive learning environment for their child. Please read our Firearms Safety Memorandum regarding the California law on safe storage of firearms on page 24. To view the District's policy on Notifications to Parents/Guardians regarding the presence of a sex offender in the community, see pages 25–27. Education Code § 51101(a)(7).

Unsafe School Choice Option:

Students who attend a persistently dangerous school and students who are victims of a violent criminal offense, while in or on the grounds of a public school must be allowed to attend a safe public school. 5 C.C.R. §§ 11992, 11993; 20 U.S.C. § 7912.

Tobacco-Free Campus:

Use of tobacco products at any time by students, staff, parents, or visitors, is strictly prohibited in county office or district-owned or leased buildings, on county office, school, or district property, and in county office, school, or district vehicles. This prohibition applies to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off county office or district property. Prohibited products include any product containing tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, clove cigarettes, and electronic cigarettes that can deliver nicotine and non-nicotine vaporized solutions. Health and Safety Code § 104420.

Sun Protective Clothing/Sunscreen:

Any pupil may use articles of sun protective clothing, including hats, for outdoor use during the school day, subject to school district or county office dress code policies. Any pupil may use sunscreen during the school day without a physician's note or prescription but school personnel are not required to assist pupils in applying sunscreen. Education Code § 35183.5.

Oral Health Assessment:

Any pupil, while enrolled in kindergarten in a public school or while enrolled in first grade if the pupil was not previously enrolled in kindergarten, unless excused, must present proof no later than May 31 of the school year of having received an oral assessment by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. While "kindergarten" includes both transitional kindergarten and kindergarten, the required proof of a pupil's oral health assessment upon first enrollment, must only be presented once during the two-year kindergarten program. The assessment must be performed no earlier than 12 months prior to initial enrollment of the pupil. Education Code § 49452.8.

Type 1 Diabetes Information:

Information regarding Type 1 Diabetes is available on the California Department of Education's website at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/lh/he/hn/type1diabetes.asp> Education Code § 49452.6.

Synthetic Drug Use Dangers:

Parents/guardians should be aware of the possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills and that there is a risk of social media platforms being used to market and sell synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl. Information about the dangers associated with using synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician, such as fentanyl, is available on the District's website. Education Code § 48985.5

PUPIL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION

School Accountability Report Card:

A copy of the school district and county office's accountability report card may be obtained from your child's school upon request. Education Code § 35256.

Parent Meeting with Teacher and Principal:

Upon reasonable notice, a parent/guardian has the right to meet with their child's teacher(s) and principal. Education Code § 51101(a)(2).

Parent Notification:

A parent/guardian has the right to be notified concerning their child's classroom and standardized test performances, when their child has been identified as at risk of retention, and to be informed about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures, attendance policies, retention and promotion policies, dress codes, school visiting procedures and the person to contact should problems arise with their child. Education Code §§ 48070.5, 51101(a)(5), (9), (12), (16).

Academic Expectations:

A parent/guardian has the right to be informed of the academic expectations of their child. Education Code § 51101(a)(11).

College Admission Requirements and Career Technical Information:

School districts offering any of grades 9-12 shall provide the following brief explanation of college admission requirements, a brief description of career technical education, and information about how pupils may meet with school counselors to help them select courses to meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses.

1. College Admission Requirements (A-G Requirements) for California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC)

Additional information about admission requirements for the CSU system can be found at: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>

Additional information about admission requirements for the UC system can be found at:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

Additional information about course offerings can be found in the high school student handbook.

- a. History or Social Science – 2 years
- b. English – 4 years
- c. Math – 3 years (UC recommends 4 years)
- d. Laboratory Science – 2 years (UC recommends 3 years)
- e. Language Other Than English – 2 years (UC recommends 3 years)
- f. Visual and Performing Arts – 1 year
- g. College Preparatory Elective – 1 year

2. Career Technical Education (CTE):

Career technical education is a program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. Additional information regarding career technical education can be found at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/>

3. Counseling Services

High school counselors are available to meet with parents and students to assist in selecting courses that meet college admission requirements, enroll in CTE, or both. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a counselor, contact the counseling department.

Education Code §§ 48980(k), 51229.

Advanced Placement Examination:

Pupils enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement class and who qualify as economically disadvantaged, may apply for assistance to cover the cost of advanced placement examination fees. Pupils should contact a counselor or other administrator at their school for eligibility information. Education Code §§ 48980(j), 52240 et seq.

Participation in State Assessments and Option to Request Exemption:

Pupils in applicable grade levels will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) except as exempted by law. Each year, a parent may submit a written request to excuse their child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for that school year. Education Code §§ 60640, 60615, 5 C.C.R. § 852.

PUPIL RECORDS

Pupil Records Access:

Parents/guardians have the right to access school records of their child, and to question, and receive a response from the school regarding items on their child's record that a parent/guardian feels is inaccurate, misleading, or is an invasion of their child's privacy. Education Code §§ 51101(a)(10), (15), 49063(f); 49069.7.

Notification of Privacy Rights of Pupils:

Federal and state laws grant certain privacy rights and pupil records access rights to students and to their parents/guardians. Full access to all personally identifiable written records, maintained by the school district or county office must be granted to: (1) Parents/guardians of a student age 17 or younger; and (2) Students age 18 or older, or students who are attending an institution of postsecondary instruction ("adult student"). In addition, parents/guardians of a student age 18 or older who is dependent for tax purposes, students age 16 or older or who have completed the 10th grade, and students age 14 or older who are both a "homeless child or youth" and an "unaccompanied youth" as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("eligible student"), must be permitted access to those particular pupil records relevant to the legitimate educational interest of the requester.

Parents/guardians, or an adult or eligible student, may review individual records by making a request to the principal. The principal will provide explanations and interpretations if requested.

In addition, a parent/guardian, adult or eligible student may receive a copy of any information in the pupil's records at a reasonable cost per page. School district and county office policies and procedures relating to types of records, kinds of information retained, persons responsible for maintaining pupil records, directory information, access by other persons, review, and to the challenge to content of records are available through the principal of their child's school or their designee. Parents/guardians may contact their child's school to review the log listing those who have requested or received information from their child's pupil records. Access to a pupil's records will only be granted to those with a legitimate educational interest.

When a student moves to a new school district, records will be forwarded upon request of the new district. At the time of transfer, the parent/guardian or an eligible student may challenge, review or receive a copy at reasonable fee of the requested records. Parents/guardians may contact the school district or county office for any policy regarding the review and expungement of pupil records.

If you believe the school district or county office is not in compliance with federal regulations regarding privacy, you may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5920.

The school district also makes certain student directory information available in accordance with state and federal laws. This means that each student's name, birth date, address, telephone number, email address, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards achieved, and the most recent previous public or private school attended by the student, may be released to certain specified agencies. Appropriate directory information may not be provided to any private, profit making entity other than employers, prospective employers or to representatives of the news media. Names and addresses of seniors or terminating students may be given to public or private schools and colleges. Directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin and the district will not release such information without parental consent or a court order

Upon written request from the parent/guardian of a student age 17 or younger, the school district will withhold directory information about the student. (Opportunity for the withholding of this information is included in the Annual Student Information Update online form.) If the student is 18 or older or enrolled in an institution of post-secondary instruction and makes a written request, the student's request to deny access to directory information will be honored. Requests should be submitted within 30 calendar days of receipt of this notification.

Directory information will not be released regarding a student identified as a "homeless child or youth" as defined in the McKinneyVento Homeless Assistance Act, unless a parent or student accorded parental rights has provided prior written consent that the directory information may be released.

Education Code §§ 49060-49078, 51101; FERPA 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.37.

Disclosure of Student Information Pursuant to Court Order or Subpoena:

Information concerning a student must be furnished in compliance with a court order or lawfully issued subpoena. Reasonable effort shall be made to notify the parent/guardian in advance of disclosing student information pursuant to a lawfully issued subpoena, and in the case of compliance with a court order, if lawfully possible within the requirements of the order. Education Code § 49077.

Access by Military Recruiters:

Military recruiters will have access to all secondary pupils' names, addresses and phone listings unless a parent/guardian requests that such information not be released without the prior written consent of the parent/guardian. 10 U.S.C. § 503; 20 U.S.C. § 7908.

California College Guidance Initiative Data Sharing:

The California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) works with California school districts to make applying for college and student financial aid a more streamlined experience for students. The CCGI currently receives enrollment data for all public school students in grades 6-12 from the California Department of Education. Grades 9-12 pupil transcript information may be shared with the CCGI in order to: (i) Provide pupils and their families with direct access to online tools and resources for college and career planning; and (ii) Enable pupils to transmit information shared with the CCGI to postsecondary educational institutions for purposes of admissions and academic placement, and the Student Aid Commission for purposes of determining eligibility for, and increasing uptake of, student financial aid. For more information about the CCGI, visit their website at: <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/> Education Code §§ 60900, 60900.5.

ATTENDANCE, TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION AND ENROLLMENT

Excused Absences:

No pupil will have their grade reduced or suffer a loss of academic credit on account of an excused absence when missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. An excused absence is defined in Education Code section 48205 as an absence:

1. Due to the pupil's illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
2. Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
3. For purposes of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic service rendered.
4. For purposes of attending the funeral services or grieving the death of either a of a member of the pupil's immediate family as defined in the Education Code, or of a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than five (5) days per incident.
5. For purposes of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
6. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.
7. For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an attendance or appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of the pupil's religion, attendance at a religious retreat which shall not exceed one (1) schoolday per semester, attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization, when the pupil's absence has been requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board of the school district.
8. For purposes of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to § 12302 of the Elections Code.

9. For purposes of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
10. For purposes of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
11. For purposes of participating in a cultural ceremony or event. "Cultural" means relating to the practices, habits, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people.
12. For purposes of a middle school or high school pupil engaging in a civic or political event, including but not limited to, voting, poll working, strikes, public commenting, candidate speeches, political or civic forums, and town halls, provided that the pupil notifies the school ahead of the absence.
 - (i) A pupil who is absent for this reason is required to be excused for only one schoolday-long absence per school year.
 - (ii) A pupil who is absent for this reason may be permitted additional excused absences in the discretion of a school administrator.
13. For any of the purposes described in clauses (i) to (iii) below, if an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, has died, so long as the absence is not more than three (3) days per incident.
 - (i) To access services from a victim services organization or agency as defined in Government Code section 12945.8(i).
 - (ii) To access grief support services.
 - (iii) To participate in safety planning or to take other actions to increase the safety of the pupil or an immediate family member of the pupil, or a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, including, but not limited to, temporary or permanent relocation.

Any absences beyond three (3) days for the reasons described above shall be subject to the discretion of the school administrator, or their designee, pursuant to Education Code section 48260.
14. Due to the pupil's participation in military entrance processing.
15. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Education Code section 48260.

A pupil with an excused absence shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit for those assignments and tests. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

Education Code §§ 48980(a), (i), 48205; Elections Code § 12302.

Absence for Religious Exercises/Instruction:

With parent/guardian written consent, a student may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or instruction consistent with the limitations specified in Education Code section 46014 provided the district's Board has adopted a resolution permitting such absence and has adopted regulations governing such absences and the reporting thereof. Education Code §§ 46014, 48980(a).

Attendance Options:

California law gives parents/guardians the right to receive notification of all existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the school district, including options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance, programmatic options offered within local attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis.

Parents/guardians may contact their student's school or district of residence for more information about the available statutory and local attendance options, including information regarding application procedures for alternative attendance areas or programs and district application form(s) for requesting a change of attendance, and for information regarding the appeals process, if any, when a change of attendance is denied.

Education Code § 48980(g).

Individual Instruction:

Except for pupils receiving individual instruction provided pursuant to a school district or county office-sponsored program, a pupil with a temporary disability which makes attendance in the regular day classes or alternative education program in which the pupil is enrolled impossible or inadvisable shall receive either individual instruction at home provided by the school district in which the pupil is deemed to reside, or individual instruction in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals, provided by the school district in which the hospital or other residential health facility is located. Education Code §§ 48206.3; 48980(b).

Residence When Hospitalized:

Notwithstanding compulsory education requirements, a pupil with a temporary disability who is in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding a state hospital, which is located outside of the school district in which the pupil's parent/guardian resides shall be deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district in which the hospital is located. It shall be the primary responsibility of the parent/guardian of a pupil with temporary disability to notify the school district in which the pupil is deemed to reside of the pupil's presence in a qualifying hospital. Education Code §§ 48207, 48208, 48980(a).

Residence Based on Parent/Guardian Employment:

A pupil complies with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district, if the pupil's parent or guardian resides outside the boundaries of that school district but is employed and lives with the pupil at the place of their employment within the boundaries of the school district for a minimum of 3 days during the school week. Education Code § 48204(a)(7).

A pupil may also be deemed a pupil having complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if at least one parent/guardian is physically employed within the boundaries of that district for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week. Education Code § 48204(b).

Students of Active Military Parent/Guardian:

A child shall be deemed to meet residency requirements for school attendance in a school district, if the child is a student whose parent/guardian is transferred, or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order, and the student's parent/guardian has provided proof of residence in the school district within 10 days after the published arrival date provided on official documentation. Education Code § 48204.3

Pupil of California Resident Parents Departed State Against their Will:

A pupil complies with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if their parent(s)/guardian(s) were residents of the state but departed against their will, and the pupil seeks admission to a school of a school district, if certain requirements are met. Education Code § 48204.4.

Attendance Where Caregiver Resides:

If your child lives in the home of a caregiving adult, as defined by law, your child may attend the school district in which that residence is located. Execution of an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, by the caregiving adult is required to determine that your child lives in the caregiver's home. Education Code § 48204(a); Family Code §§ 6550, 6552.

Intradistrict Enrollment:

Residents of a school district may apply to enroll their child in other schools within the district to attend on a space available basis. Intradistrict enrollment is not applicable to districts with only one school or with schools that do not serve any of the same grade levels. Education Code § 35160.5(b).

Interdistrict Attendance:

A pupil may attend a school in a district other than the pupil's district of residence pursuant to an interdistrict agreement. Each school district has adopted policies regarding interdistrict attendance. You may contact your student's school for an application and further information. Education Code §§ 46600 et seq.

Specific School Request:

Parents/guardians have the right to request a specific school and to receive a response. Such a request does not obligate the school to grant the request. Education Code § 51101(a)(6).

Enrollment increases and targeted class size maintenance:

Please read the letter from the Superintendent on page 15

Notice of Alternative Schools:

California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Section 58500 of the Education Code defines an alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school which is operated in a manner designed to:

- a. Maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility and joy.
- b. Recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of their desire to learn.
- c. Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in their own time to follow their own interests. These interests may result wholly or in part from a presentation by their teachers of choices of learning projects.
- d. Maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous, permanent process.
- e. Maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers, and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including but not limited to the community in which the school is located.

In the event any parent/guardian, pupil, or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, the county superintendent of schools, the administrative office of this district, and the principal's office in each attendance unit have copies of the law available for your information. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs in each district. Contact the school for more information. Education Code §§ 58500; 58501.

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Parent Involvement:

A parent/guardian has the right to participate as a member of a school site council, a parental advisory committee, or a site-based management leadership team in accordance with the rules governing parent membership of those organizations. A copy of the school district's policy regarding Parent Involvement is attached, see pages 28-36. (BP / AR 6020). Education Code § 51101(a)(14).

Volunteering Time and Resources:

Parents/guardians may volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and programs under the supervision of district employees, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher. Although volunteer parents may assist with instruction, primary instructional responsibility shall remain with the teacher. Education Code § 51101(a)(3).

Open Campus:

A school district that has decided to permit pupils enrolled in a high school to leave the school grounds during the lunch period is not liable for the conduct or safety of any pupil during such times as the pupil has left the school grounds during the lunch period. Education Code § 44808.5.

Nondiscrimination:

The school district and county office have a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of a person's race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any of its policies, practices or procedures programs or activities. The policy applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the school district and county office, and all acts of the governing board or body of the local educational agency, the superintendent of the school district, and the county superintendent of schools in enacting policies and procedures that govern the local educational agency. The school district's and county office's nondiscrimination policy comply with the requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504"), the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and other related state and federal laws. Pupils or parents or any other individual having questions or concerns regarding these nondiscrimination and harassment policies or who may wish to file a complaint, should contact the school district or the county office. Education Code §§ 220, 234.1; 5 C.C.R. §§ 4900 et seq.

Pupils with Exceptional Needs/Section 504:

Placer County school districts are included in the Placer County Special Education Local Plan Area (“SELPA”). Pupils with exceptional needs, as defined by Education Code § 56026, have a right to a free and appropriate public education. If you suspect that your child has exceptional needs due to a disability, you may request an assessment for eligibility for special education services by contacting your school principal or the Placer County Office of Education at (530) 889-8020. Education Code § 56300 et seq.

Some pupils with special needs who do not qualify for special education may qualify for assistance under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act if they have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment. The school district and county office have policies and procedures to identify and evaluate any student who may need assistance in their educational program or to provide access into district programs. Pupils or parents or others who have questions or concerns regarding the Section 504 policy may contact their school, school district, or the county office.

Minimum Age for Admission to Kindergarten:

Districts shall admit a pupil into kindergarten at the beginning of the school year, or at a later time in the same school year, if the pupil will be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the school year. Education Code § 48000(a).

Nutrition Program, Free or Reduced-Price Meals:

Free or reduced price meals are available for needy pupils. Contact your student’s school for eligibility information. Education Code §§ 48980(b); 49510 et seq.

Pregnant and Parenting Pupils:

Pregnant and parenting pupils as defined in Education Code section 46015, have rights and options available to them, including, but not limited to, the provision of parental leave and reasonable lactation accommodations on campus. Education Code §§ 222, 222.5, 46015, 48980(a).

Educational Rights of High Mobility Students:

Foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school students, children of a military family, migratory students, or newcomer students, shall be afforded rights including those specified in Education Code sections 49069.5, 48853, 51225.1, and 51225.2. A complaint of noncompliance with the requirements of these sections, may be filed under the district or county office’s Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Personal Property:

School districts and the county office are not responsible for personal property. Pupils are discouraged from bringing noninstructional items to school. Education Code § 35213.

Parent Responsibility:

Parents/guardians are liable for all damages caused by the willful misconduct of their minor children which results in the death or injury to other students, school personnel, school volunteer or school property. Education Code § 48904; Civil Code § 1714.1.

Asbestos Management Plan:

The school district has a current asbestos management plan for each school site available for inspection at the district offices during normal business hours. 40 C.F.R. § 763.93; Education Code § 49410 et seq.

Use of Pesticide Products:

Please find attached to this notice a list of pesticide products expected to be applied at school sites this year (see page 18). Recipients of this notice may register with their school site if they wish to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school site. Education Code §§ 17612, 48980.3.

Uniform Complaint Procedures:

The school district and county office have adopted Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) for the filing, investigation and resolution of complaints subject to the UCP process, including those alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, based on a person’s actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or based on their association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics; failure to comply with specified state and/or federal laws governing educational programs, including, adult education

programs, consolidated categorical aide programs, migrant education, vocational education, physical education instructional minutes (grades 1-6), child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, special education programs, course periods without educational content (grades 9-12); and matters pertaining to the rights of foster youth, homeless youth, former juvenile court school pupils, children of military families, migratory children, and newcomer pupils; compensatory education; and accommodations for lactating students, and pregnant and parenting students; school safety plans; failure to comply with Local Control and Accountability Plan requirements; and for unlawfully charging pupil fees. A copy of the district or county office's Uniform Complaint Procedures is enclosed with this notice (see page 37-46). 5 C.C.R. § 4600 et seq.; Education Code § 49013, 48853.5

Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure:

The school district and county office have adopted policies and procedures regarding complaints for deficiencies related to textbooks and instructional materials (refer to pages 47-49 for the step-by-step protocol and proper form to use to submit any concerns), emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of students or staff, and teacher vacancy and misassignment. For more information regarding Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures and/or to obtain a complaint form or assistance with the process, please contact the school district or the county office. 5 C.C.R. § 4680 et seq.; Education Code § 35186.

Local Control Accountability Plan Compliance:

School districts and county offices of education are required to adopt and annually update their Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The public has the opportunity to submit written comments regarding specific actions and expenditures in the proposed LCAP or annual update. Education Code § 52062.

Pupil Protections Relating to Immigration and Citizenship Status:

All students have a right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs. The California Attorney General's website provides resources for immigrant students and family members online at: <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant> Education Code § 234.7.

Professional Qualifications of Teachers:

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers including, at a minimum:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether their child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

20 U.S.C. § 6312; 34 C.F.R. § 200.61.

Model Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA):

PPRA affords parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):
 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. (This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions.)
- Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:
 1. Protected information surveys of students and surveys created by a third party;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law. Board policies regarding these rights may be obtained from the school district or county office.

Parents/guardians who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education 400
Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920

20 U.S.C. § 1232h.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Board Approved 11.4.2024

July						
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1st DAY OF SCHOOL – Aug. 13, 2025

Total School Days 180

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – June 4, 2026

TK – GRADES 3	GRADES 4 – 6	GRADES 7 – 8
7:50 am - 2:15 pm	9:05 am - 3:30 pm	8:25 am - 2:55 pm
End of 1st trimester – Nov. 7, 2025	End of 1st trimester – Nov. 7, 2025	End of 1st trimester – Nov. 7, 2025
End of 2nd trimester – February 27, 2026	End of 2nd trimester – February 27, 2026	End of 2nd trimester – February 27, 2026
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
Aug. 21, 2025	Aug. 20, 2025	Aug. 19, 2025
OPEN HOUSE NIGHT	OPEN HOUSE NIGHT	OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
April 30, 2026 Minimum Day 7:50 - 11:15	May 7, 2026 Minimum Day 9:05 - 12:35	May 14, 2026 Minimum Day 8:25 - 12:00
COLLABORATION DAYS (Gr. TK-3)	COLLABORATION DAYS (Gr. 4-6)	COLLABORATION DAYS (Gr. 7-8)
All Wednesdays entire year: 7:50 - 1:05	All Wednesdays entire year: 9:05 - 2:20	All Wednesdays entire year: 8:25 - 1:55
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL (Gr. TK-3)		
August 13, 14, 15: 7:50 - 1:05		

REPORT CARD PREP: Minimum Days 7:50 - 11:15	REPORT CARD PREP: Minimum Days 9:05 - 12:35	REPORT CARD PREP: Minimum Days 8:25 - 12:00
November 7: Minimum Day	November 7: Minimum Day	November 7: Minimum Day
February 27: Minimum Day	February 27: Minimum Day	February 27: Minimum Day
June 4: LAST DAY Minimum Day	June 4: LAST DAY Minimum Day	June 4: LAST DAY Minimum Day

PARENT CONFERENCES: TK - 3 - Minimum Days 7:50 - 11:15	PARENT CONFERENCES: 4 - 6 - Minimum Days 9:05 - 12:35	PARENT CONFERENCES: 7 - 8 - Minimum Days 8:25 - 12:00
TK-3 Nov. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21: Minimum Days	EXC: Oct 13, 14, 15, 16, 17: Minimum Days	7-8 Oct. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10: Minimum Days
TK-3 Mar. 5 & 6: Minimum Day	RV: Nov. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21: Minimum Days	7-8 Jan. 15 & 16: Minimum Days
	4-6 Mar. 5 & 6: Minimum Days	

HOLIDAYS & BREAKS	
Labor Day	9/1/2025
Veterans Day	11/11/2025
Thanksgiving Break	11/24 - 11/28/2025
Winter Break	12/22/2025-1/2/2026
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/19/2026
February Break	2/16 - 2/20/2026
Spring Break	3/30 - 4/3/2026
Memorial Day	5/25/2026

NON-STUDENT DAYS
Certificated Work Day: August 12
Professional Development Days: August 29, October 31, January 5
School in Session
Non-School Day
Weekends



EUREKA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear New Parents and Guardians,

We welcome you and your child to the Eureka Union School District for the upcoming school year!

We look forward to providing your child with challenging, enriching and unmatched quality educational experiences in each of our classrooms and school sites! We are extremely proud of our outstanding educational programs and the demonstrated, sustained academic excellence of our students. We are confident that you and your child will experience excellence in our schools as you join our “Eureka School District Family.” We encourage you to become actively involved in your child’s endeavors throughout the school year.

Occasionally, because of the enrollment targets that we maintain on class size, it may be necessary for us to place a child in a school which is not in your neighborhood attendance area. In most cases, this occurs with children who enroll in our district during the summer months or after the beginning of our school year. However, I want to assure you that we will make every effort to enroll your child in your neighborhood school.

It may be necessary for us to reassign some children to other schools within the district in order to comply with state and district requirements and policies on class size. If this becomes necessary for your child, we will notify you as soon as possible so that we may review the options that will be available to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your School Principal. We will be happy to further assist you through this process and look forward to working together as a team to support and nurture your child. On behalf of our entire District professional team, I welcome you and your family to the Eureka Union School District!

Sincerely yours,

Tom Janis District Superintendent

Board of Trustees

Jeffrey Conklin | Matthew S. Dahlstrom | Erin Grover | Tyler M. Holt, DDS, MS | Renee Nash

Donations to the School and District

The Eureka Union School District takes pride in providing an excellent educational program for our students and future community members. Great care is taken to align core activities and curriculum with state standards, while maintaining positive, unique school cultures and a safe learning environment. The District is continually working to direct financial resources toward defined goals to achieve the best programs possible and ensure the widest range of learning opportunities available to students.

The District does provide funding to the schools for supplies and materials necessary for the core educational program. In addition, there will be times when parents are asked to provide voluntary donations to supplement district support. These donations support special activities and projects that enrich and reinforce the students' learning experience. All families are encouraged, strictly upon a volunteer basis, to contribute for these purposes. Every child will be afforded the opportunities provided by these donations, regardless of the individual levels of donation. The Eureka USD clearly recognizes that the California Constitution provides for a free public school education, and that parents are not legally obligated to pay fees for programs. However, donations serve to enhance the programs to provide a well-rounded learning experience.

We are very appreciative and dependent upon all sources of voluntary support received, particularly as state funding continues to decrease.



Student Wellness

EUSD takes pride in our approach to supporting the whole child. We provide resources to our students and their families to address both the mental and physical health of our students. Please review the information, you will be asked to acknowledge your receipt (and understanding) as part of this document.

Mental Health

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. In Eureka USD, our teachers provide strategies and instruction in their classrooms to help our students develop their skills in this area.

Students who may require additional support are identified by teacher screening tools, referrals from staff, and parents. Each school has a counselor on campus weekly who provides short-term counseling sessions to identified students. Counselors may also help families access outside community resources if needed. Counselors may be accessed through phone or email, their contact information can be found on school websites or through the EUSD Student Wellness page.

Additionally, EUSD has partnered with **Care Solace** to provide an additional layer of support. Care Solace is an online resource with a live 24x7 concierge line that assists individuals in finding local mental health-related programs and counseling services by navigating the mental health care system on your behalf to find community-based providers and secure appointments as quickly as possible with the best care possible. To use Care Solace, individuals answer ten basic questions to receive an extensive list of referrals to applicable care providers. Care Solace takes into account all types of private insurance including Medi-Cal, Medicaid, and Medicare, and those that have no insurance.

EUSD's partnership with Care Solace provides access to services for our families at no cost. Please note that this service is an optional resource available by choice and is not mandatory in any way. Care Solace does not require a user's name, address, phone number, or date of birth. All of the information that is entered on their platform is completely confidential and stored securely. To access Care Solace, visit <https://www.caresolace.com/site/eusd>. Email: weserve@caresolace.org, Phone/Text: (888) 515-0595

Physical Health

When our students have good physical health, they have better success in the school setting. Our health services staff include health assistants, who are assigned to school health offices, and school nurses who are assigned to multiple schools. Health staff can be accessed through phone or email, their contact information can be found on school websites or through the EUSD Health Services page.

Hearing and Vision Screenings are completed annually for the following grade levels: Kindergarten, Second, Fifth, and Eighth grades. If a student does not pass a screening, the parent or guardian will be notified and if needed, resources in the community will be provided.

Oral Health Assessments are required for all students to have completed no later than May 31 of their first year of school. The oral health form can be found on our website. We recommend the following for your child to have healthy teeth:

- Choose healthy foods for the entire family, fresh foods are usually the healthiest. Limit candy and sweet drinks, they contain a lot of sugar.
- Your child should brush their teeth at least twice a day with toothpaste that contains fluoride.
- Take your child to the dentist twice a year.

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The following is a list of pesticides which may be used at our school sites.

For an application notification form (to request 72 hour advance notice of application), please visit our website at <https://www.eurekausd.org/Departments/Facilities-Maintenance--Operations/Environmental-Information/index.html>

A copy of your specific school site integrated pest management plan may be viewed in the school site office.

Name of Pesticide	Name of Manufacturer	EPA Reg.	Active In redient(s)	Type of Pesticide
Alpine	BASF Chemical Company	499-561	Dinotertaran	Insecticide
Ditrac	Bell Laboratory	12455-81	Diphacinone	Rodenticide
Gentrol	Zoecon	89459-119	Hydroprene	Insecticide
Termidor SC	BASF	7969-210	Fipronyl	Insecticide
Talpid	Bell Labratories	432-1483	Bromethalin	Insecticide
Gallery SC	Dow AgroSciences	62719-658	Isoxaben	Pre-emergent Herbicide
Entice Granules	Rockwell labs	73079-2	Orthoboric Acid	Insecticide
Pendulum	BASF Chemical Company	241-341	Pendimethalin	Pre-emergent Herbicide
Roundup Pro-Max	Monsanto	524-579	Glyphosate	Pre-emergent Herbicide
Mallet	Nufarm	228-501	Imidacloprid/N-Methyl pyrrolidone	Insecticide

Additional information regarding pesticides and pesticide use reduction is located at <http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/>

Policy 5145.7: Sexual Harassment

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 05/11/2010 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 05/11/2010

The Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining an educational environment that is free from harassment. The Board prohibits sexual harassment of students by other students, employees or other persons, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against persons who complain, testify, assist or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and the administrative regulation.

Instruction/Information

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

1. What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same gender
2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment
3. Encouragement to report observed instances of sexual harassment, even where the victim of the harassment has not complained
4. Information about the district's procedure for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made

Complaint Process

Any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed by a school employee, another student, or a non-employee on school grounds or at a school-related activity (e.g., a visiting athlete or coach) shall immediately contact his/her teacher or any other employee. An employee who receives such a complaint shall report it in accordance with administrative regulation.

Any school employee who observes any incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall report this observation to the principal or designee, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

In any case of sexual harassment involving the principal or any other district employee to whom the complaint would ordinarily be made, the employee who receives the student's report or who observes the incident shall report to the nondiscrimination coordinator or the Superintendent or designee.

The principal or designee to whom a complaint of sexual harassment is reported shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with administrative regulation. Where the principal or designee finds that sexual harassment occurred, he/she shall take prompt, appropriate action to end the harassment and address its effects on the victim. The principal or designee shall also advise the victim of any other remedies that may be available. The principal or designee shall file a report with the Superintendent or designee and refer the matter to law enforcement authorities, where required.

Disciplinary Measures

Any student who engages in sexual harassment of anyone at school or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity is in violation of this policy and shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4 through 8, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that in imposing such discipline the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

Record-Keeping

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

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

Regulation 5145.7: Sexual Harassment

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

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

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

1. Unwelcome sexual flirtations or propositions
2. Sexual slurs, leering, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or sexually degrading descriptions
3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body or overly personal conversation
4. Sexual jokes, derogatory posters, notes, stories, cartoons, drawings, pictures, obscene gestures, or computer-generated images of a sexual nature
5. Spreading sexual rumors
6. Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class
7. Massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking or brushing the body
8. Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
9. Impeding or blocking movements or any physical interference with school activities when directed at an individual on the basis of sex
10. Displaying sexually suggestive objects

Notifications

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

1. Be included in the notifications that are sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year (Education Code 48980)
2. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building or other area where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures and standards of conduct are posted (Education Code 231.5)
3. Be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new students at the beginning of each quarter, semester or summer session (Education Code 212.6)
4. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures and standards of conduct (Education Code 212.6)
5. Be provided to employees and employee organizations

School-Level Complaint Process/Grievance Procedure

1. **Notice and Receipt of Complaint:** Any student who believes he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment or who has witnessed sexual harassment may file a complaint with any school employee. Within 24 hours of receiving a complaint, the school employee shall report it to the district Coordinator for Nondiscrimination/Principal. In addition, any school employee who observes any incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall, within 24 hours, report this observation to the Coordinator/Principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

In any case of sexual harassment involving the Coordinator/Principal to whom the complaint would ordinarily be made, the employee who receives the student's report or who observes the incident shall instead report to the Superintendent or designee.

2. **Initiation of Investigation:** The Coordinator/Principal shall initiate an impartial investigation of an allegation of sexual harassment within five school days of receiving notice of the harassing behavior, regardless of whether a formal complaint has been filed. The district shall be considered to have "notice" of the need for an investigation upon receipt of information from a student who believes he/she has been subjected to harassment, the student's parent/guardian, an employee who received a complaint from a student, or any employee or student who witnessed the behavior.

If the Coordinator/Principal receives an anonymous complaint or media report about alleged sexual harassment, he/she shall consider the specificity and reliability of the information, the seriousness of the alleged incident, and whether any individuals can be identified who were subjected to the alleged harassment in determining whether it is reasonable to pursue an investigation.

3. **Initial Interview with Student:** When a student or parent/guardian has complained or provided information about sexual harassment, the Coordinator/Principal shall describe the district's grievance procedure and discuss what actions are being sought by the student in response to the complaint. The student who is complaining shall have an opportunity to describe the incident, identify witnesses who may have relevant information, provide other evidence of the harassment, and put his/her complaint in writing. If the student requests confidentiality, he/she shall be informed that such a request may limit the district's ability to investigate.
4. **Investigation Process:** The Coordinator/Principal shall keep the complaint and allegation confidential, except as necessary to carry out the investigation or take other subsequent necessary action. (5 CCR 4964)

The Coordinator/Principal shall interview individuals who are relevant to the investigation, including, but not limited to, the student who is complaining, the person accused of harassment, anyone who witnessed the reported harassment, and anyone mentioned as having relevant information. The Coordinator/Principal may take other steps such as reviewing any records, notes, or statements related to the harassment or visiting the location where the harassment is alleged to have taken place.

When necessary to carry out his/her investigation or to protect student safety, the Coordinator/Principal also may discuss the complaint with the Superintendent or designee, the parent/guardian of the student who complained, the parent/guardian of the alleged harasser if the alleged harasser is a student, a teacher or staff member whose knowledge of the students involved may help in determining who is telling the truth, law enforcement and/or child protective services, and district legal counsel or the district's risk manager.

5. **Interim Measures:** The Coordinator/Principal shall determine whether interim measures are necessary during and pending the results of the investigation, such as placing students in separate classes or transferring a student to a class taught by a different teacher.
6. **Optional Mediation:** In cases of student-to-student harassment, when the student who complained and the alleged harasser so agree, the Coordinator/Principal may arrange for them to resolve the complaint informally with the help of a counselor, teacher, administrator, or trained mediator. The student who complained shall never be asked to work out the problem directly with the accused person unless such help is provided and both parties agree, and he/she shall be advised of the right to end the informal process at any time.
7. **Factors in Reaching a Determination:** In reaching a decision about the complaint, the Coordinator/Principal may take into account:
 - a. Statements made by the persons identified above
 - b. The details and consistency of each person's account
 - c. Evidence of how the complaining student reacted to the incident
 - d. Evidence of any past instances of harassment by the alleged harasser
 - e. Evidence of any past harassment complaints that were found to be untrue

To judge the severity of the harassment, the Coordinator/Principal may take into consideration:

- a. How the misconduct affected one or more students' education
 - b. The type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct
 - c. The identity, age, and sex of the harasser and the student who complained, and the relationship between them
 - d. The number of persons engaged in the harassing conduct and at whom the harassment was directed
 - e. The size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred
 - f. Other incidents at the school involving different students
8. **Written Report on Findings and Follow-Up:** No more than 30 days after receiving the complaint, the Coordinator/Principal shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of his/her findings. This timeline may be extended for good cause. If an extension is needed, the Coordinator/Principal shall notify the student who complained and explain the reasons for the extension.

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. If sexual harassment occurred, the report shall also include any corrective actions that have or will be taken to address the harassment and prevent any retaliation or further harassment. This

report shall be presented to the student who complained, the person accused, the parents/guardians of the student who complained and the student who was accused, and the Superintendent or designee.

In addition, the Coordinator/Principal shall ensure that the harassed student and his/her parent/guardian are informed of the procedures for reporting any subsequent problems. The Coordinator/Principal shall also make follow-up inquiries to see if there have been any new incidents or retaliation and shall keep a record of this information.

Enforcement

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce the district's sexual harassment policy. As needed, these actions may include any of the following:

1. Removing vulgar or offending graffiti
2. Providing staff inservice and student instruction or counseling
3. Notifying parents/guardians of the actions taken.
4. Notifying child protective services
5. Taking appropriate disciplinary action. In addition, the principal or designee may take disciplinary measures against any person who is found to have made a complaint of sexual harassment which he/she knew was not true.

Notifications

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

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

Firearms Safety Memorandum

June 21, 2024

Subject: California Law Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms

Dear EUSD Families,

To comply with recently passed state legislation, [AB 452](#) and [SB 906](#), we are notifying you of the California Law Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform and to remind parents and legal guardians of all students in the **Eureka Union School District** of their responsibilities for keeping firearms out of the hands of children as required by California law. There have been many news reports of children bringing firearms to school. In many instances, the child obtained the firearm(s) from his or her home. **These incidents can be easily prevented by storing firearms in a safe and secure manner, including keeping them locked up when not in use and storing them separately from ammunition.**

To help everyone understand their legal responsibilities, this memorandum spells out California law regarding the storage of firearms. Please take some time to review this memorandum and evaluate your own personal practices to assure that you and your family are in compliance with California law.

With very limited exceptions, California makes a person criminally liable for keeping any firearm, loaded or unloaded, within any premises that are under their custody and control where that person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, and the child obtains access to the firearm and thereby (1) causes death or injury to the child or any other person; (2) carries the firearm off the premises or to a public place, including to any preschool or school grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, or to any school-sponsored event, activity, or performance; **or** (3) unlawfully brandishes the firearm to others.^[1]

Note: The criminal penalty may be significantly greater if someone dies or suffers great bodily injury as a result of the child gaining access to the firearm.

With very limited exceptions, California also makes it a crime for a person to negligently store or leave any firearm, loaded or unloaded, on their premises in a location where the person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to it without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, unless reasonable action is taken to secure the firearm against access by the child, even where a minor **never** actually accesses the firearm.^[2]

In addition to potential fines and terms of imprisonment, as of January 1, 2020, a gun owner found criminally liable under these California laws faces prohibitions from possessing, controlling, owning, receiving, or purchasing a firearm for 10 years.^[3]

Finally, a parent or guardian may also be civilly liable for damages resulting from the discharge of a firearm by that person's child or ward.^[4]

Note: Your county or city may have additional restrictions regarding the safe storage of firearms.

Thank you for helping to keep our children and schools safe. Remember that the easiest and safest way to comply with the law is to keep firearms in a locked container or secured with a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable.

[1] See California Penal Code sections 25100 through 25125 and 25200 through 25220.

[2] See California Penal Code section 25100(c).

[3] See California Civil Code Section 29805.

[4] See California Civil Code Section 1714.3.

Regulation 3515.5: Sex Offender Notification

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 10/19/1999 | **Last Revised Date:** 04/07/2025 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 04/07/2025

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

1. The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a staff member to serve as the liaison with law enforcement regarding sex offender information in relation to the safety of children
2. The Superintendent or district liaison shall, at the beginning of each school year, contact local law enforcement to coordinate the receipt of information
3. Law enforcement shall be informed that all notifications and correspondence should be directed to the liaison as well as the individual school sites

A letter shall be sent annually to local law enforcement, identifying the name, phone number, and address of the liaison.

4. The Superintendent or district liaison shall collaborate with law enforcement in order to alert children to the dangers of sex offenders, develop a system for distributing information about sex offenders, and train school staff and parents/guardians about the roles and responsibilities of both the district and law enforcement
5. The Superintendent or district liaison shall, at the beginning of each school year, notify parents/guardians of the district's willingness and intention to work with law enforcement on keeping children safe from sex offenders and shall explain the appropriate roles and responsibilities of both the district and law enforcement.

This communication shall also explain:

- a. The reporting requirements pursuant to Penal Code 290 and 290.45, including the fact that law enforcement is the agency best able to assess the relative danger of a sex offender
 - b. The ability of parents/guardians to contact law enforcement for additional information and to view the information on the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Megan's Law website
6. When law enforcement notifies the district of the residency or employment of a sex offender within district boundaries, the Superintendent or district liaison shall consult with law enforcement about the appropriate scope of the disclosure
 7. Any staff member who receives information directly from law enforcement regarding registered sex offenders shall immediately contact the Superintendent or district liaison in order to help ensure that the district is able to respond appropriately
 8. If an identified sex offender is seen on or near school grounds or around any child, staff shall immediately contact the district liaison, who shall inform local law enforcement accordingly

Notification to Parents/Guardians

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

1. An article in a school or parent council newsletter notifying parents/guardians that law enforcement information about registered sex offenders is available at the local law enforcement agency headquarters and/or at the school office
2. A mailing, at law enforcement's expense, prepared by law enforcement, and printed on law enforcement letterhead and envelopes, notifying parents/guardians of the presence of registered sex offenders
3. A mailing of a letter, at district expense, prepared by law enforcement and printed on law enforcement letterhead and envelopes, notifying parents/guardians of the presence of registered sex offenders

The article and mailings listed above shall encourage parents/guardians to contact local law enforcement and access the DOJ's Megan's Law website for additional information.

Whenever the principal has granted permission to a person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 to come into a school building or upon school grounds to volunteer at the school, the principal or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of each student at that school, at least 14 days in advance, that a registered sex offender has been granted such permission, the date(s) and times for which permission has been granted, and the parent/guardian's right to obtain information regarding the person from a designated law enforcement agency. This notice shall be provided by regular mail or any other method normally used by the district to communicate with parents/guardians in writing. If a parent/guardian requests such a notice in electronic format, the district shall provide an electronic notice. (Education Code 48985, Penal Code 626.81)

Policy 3515.5: Sex Offender Notification

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

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

Any district employee to whom sex offender information is disclosed by a law enforcement entity shall disclose the information only when authorized by the law enforcement entity and in the manner authorized.

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

Role of District Police/Security Department

In accordance with law, board policy and administrative regulation, the district police/security department may disseminate information about registered sex offenders to the school community. The district police/security department shall consult with local law enforcement and the Superintendent or designee prior to any such dissemination.

When a registered sex offender's email address or username used for instant messaging or social networking or other internet identifier, as defined in Penal Code 290.024, is submitted to the district police/security department, such information shall only be used by the department or released to another law enforcement entity for the purpose of investigating a sex-related crime, a kidnapping, or human trafficking. No other disclosure shall be made or authorized by the department, except as required by a court order. (Penal Code 290.45)

The district police/security department shall maintain records of the means and dates of dissemination for five years. (Penal Code 290.45)

Policy 6020: Parent Involvement

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians and family members in the development of meaningful opportunities for them to be involved in district and school activities at all grade levels; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

The district's local control and accountability plan shall include goals and strategies for parent/guardian involvement, including district efforts to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and to promote parent/guardian participation in programs for English learners, foster youth, students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and students with disabilities. (Education Code 42238.02, 52060)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians, family members, and school staff on the adequacy of involvement opportunities and on barriers that may inhibit participation.

Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members in establishing district expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family engagement in schools supported by Title I funding, developing strategies that describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318, as contained in the accompanying administrative regulation, and implementing and evaluating such programs, activities, and procedures. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct outreach to all parents/guardians and family members. (Education Code 11503; 20 USC 6318)

When the district's Title I, Part A allocation exceeds the amount specified in 20 USC 6318, the Board shall reserve at least one percent of the funding to implement parent/guardian and family engagement activities. The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent/guardian and family engagement activities and shall ensure that priority is given to schools in high poverty areas in accordance with law. (20 USC 6318, 6631)

Expenditures of such funds shall be consistent with the activities specified in this policy and shall include at least one of the following: (20 USC 6318)

1. Support for schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for district and school staff regarding parent/guardian and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents/guardians and family members
2. Support for programs that reach parents/guardians and family members at home, in the community, and at school
3. Dissemination of information on best practices focused on parent/guardian and family engagement, especially best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents/guardians and family members
4. Collaboration with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent and family engagement
5. Any other activities and strategies that the district determines are appropriate and consistent with this policy

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds develops a school-level parent/guardian and family engagement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Non-Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)

Regulation 6020: Parent Involvement

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District Strategies for Title I Schools

To ensure that parents/guardians and family members of students participating in Title I programs are provided with opportunities to be involved in their children's education, the district shall:

1. Involve parents/guardians and family members in the joint development of a district plan that meets the requirements of 20 USC 6312 and in the development of school support and improvement plans pursuant to 20 USC 6311 (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. In accordance with Education Code 52063, establish a district-level parent advisory committee and, as applicable, an English learner parent advisory committee to review and comment on the plan in accordance with the review schedule established by the Board of Trustees
 - b. Invite input on the plan from other district committees and school site councils
 - c. Communicate with parents/guardians through the district newsletter, web site, or other methods regarding the plan and the opportunity to provide input
 - d. Provide copies of working drafts of the plan to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
 - e. Ensure that there is an opportunity at a public Board meeting for public comment on the plan prior to the Board's approval of the plan or revisions to the plan
 - f. Ensure that school-level policies on parent/guardian and family engagement address the role of school site councils and other parents/guardians as appropriate in the development and review of school plans
2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent/guardian and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents/guardians and family members in education (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee shall: (20 USC 6318)

- a. Assist parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the challenging state academic content standards and academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children
- b. Provide parents/guardians with materials and training, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement
- c. With the assistance of parents/guardians, educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools
- d. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent/guardian involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents/guardians in fully participating in their children's education

- e. Ensure that information related to school and parent/guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- f. Provide other such reasonable support for parent/guardian involvement activities as parents/guardians may request
- g. Inform parents/guardians and parent organizations of the existence and purpose of parent information and resource centers in the state that provide training, information, and support to parents/guardians of participating students

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Involve parents/guardians in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training
- b. Provide necessary literacy training, using Title I funds if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training
- c. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent/guardian involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions
- d. Train parents/guardians to enhance the involvement of other parents/guardians
- e. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or, when parents/guardians are unable to attend such conferences, conduct in-home conferences between parents/guardians and teachers or other educators who work directly with participating students, in order to maximize parent/guardian involvement and participation
- f. Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent/guardian involvement
- g. Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent/guardian involvement in Title I programs
- h. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent/guardian involvement activities
- i. Make referrals to community agencies and organizations that offer literacy training, parent/guardian education programs, and/or other services that help to improve the conditions of parents/guardians and families
- j. Provide a master calendar of district activities and district meetings
- k. Provide information about opportunities for parent/guardian and family engagement through the district newsletter, web site, or other written or electronic means
- l. Engage parent-teacher organizations to actively seek out and involve parents/guardians through regular communication updates and information sessions
- m. To the extent practicable, provide translation services at school sites and at meetings involving parents/guardians and family members as needed
- n. Provide training and information to members of district and school site councils and advisory committees to help them fulfill their functions
- o. Provide ongoing district-level workshops to assist school site staff, parents/guardians, and family members in planning and implementing improvement strategies, and seek their input in developing the workshops
- p. Provide training for the principal or designee of each participating school regarding Title I

requirements for parent/guardian and family engagement, leadership strategies, and communication skills to assist him/her in facilitating the planning and implementation of related activities

- q. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of staff development activities related to parent/guardian and family engagement
 - r. Include expectations for parent/guardian outreach and involvement in staff job descriptions and evaluations
 - s. Assign district personnel to serve as a liaison to the schools regarding Title I parent/guardian and family engagement issues
 - t. Provide information to schools about the indicators and assessment tools that will be used to monitor progress
3. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate Title I parent/guardian and family engagement strategies with parent/guardian and family engagement strategies of other relevant federal, state, and local programs and ensure consistency with federal, state, and local laws (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Identify overlapping or similar program requirements
 - b. Involve district and school site representatives from other programs to assist in identifying specific population needs
 - c. Schedule joint meetings with representatives from related programs and share data and information across programs
 - d. Develop a cohesive, coordinated plan focused on student needs and shared goals
4. Conduct, with meaningful involvement of parents/guardians and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent/guardian and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served by Title I, including identification of: (20 USC 6318)
- a. Barriers to participation in parent/guardian and family engagement activities, with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
 - b. The needs of parents/guardians and family members, so they can better assist with their children's learning and engage with school personnel and teachers
 - c. Strategies to support successful school and family interactions

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this review and assessment through regular school communications mechanisms and shall provide a copy of the assessment to parents/guardians upon their request. (Education Code 11503)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Use a variety of methods, such as focus groups, surveys, and workshops, to evaluate the satisfaction of parents/guardians and staff with the quality and frequency of district communications
- b. Gather and monitor data regarding the number of parents/guardians and family members participating in district activities and the types of activities in which they are engaged
- c. Recommend to the Board measures to evaluate the impact of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement efforts on student achievement

5. Use the findings of the evaluation conducted pursuant to item #4 above to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent/guardian and family involvement and, if necessary, to revise the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC 6318)
6. Involve parents/guardians in the activities of schools served by Title I, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents/guardians or family members served by the district to adequately represent the needs of the population served by the district for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include information about school activities in district communications to parents/guardians and family members
- b. To the extent practicable, assist schools with translation services or other accommodations needed to encourage participation of parents/guardians and family members
- c. Establish processes to encourage parent/guardian input regarding their expectations and concerns for their children

The district's Board policy and administrative regulation containing parent/guardian and family engagement strategies shall be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan in accordance with 20 USC 6312 and shall be distributed to parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. (20 USC 6318)

School-Level Policies for Title I Schools

At each school receiving Title I funds, a written policy on parent/guardian and family engagement shall be developed jointly with the parents/guardians and family members of participating students. Such policy shall describe the means by which the school will: (20 USC 6318)

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend, in order to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents/guardians to be involved
2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, for which related transportation, child care, and/or home visits may be provided as such services relate to parent/guardian involvement
3. Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy and, if applicable, the joint development of the plan for schoolwide programs pursuant to 20 USC 6314

The school may use an existing process for involving parents/guardians in the joint planning and design of the school's programs provided that the process includes adequate representation of parents/guardians of participating students.

4. Provide the parents/guardians of participating students all of the following:
 - a. Timely information about Title I programs
 - b. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging state academic standards
 - c. If requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education, and, as soon as practicably possible, responses to the suggestions of parents/guardians
5. If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating students, submit any parent/guardian comments when the school makes the plan available to the district

6. Jointly develop with the parents/guardians of participating students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents/guardians will build a partnership to help students achieve state standards

This compact shall address:

- a. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating students to achieve the state's challenging academic achievement standards
- b. Ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, volunteering in the classroom, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and the positive use of extracurricular time
- c. The importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum:
 - i. Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the student's achievement
 - ii. Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress
 - iii. Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom, and observation of classroom activities
 - iv. Regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand
7. Build the capacity of the school and parents/guardians for strong parent involvement by implementing the required activities described in item #2 in the section "District Strategies for Title I Schools" above
8. To the extent practicable, provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents/guardians and family members (including parents/guardians and family members with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians and family members with disabilities, and parents/guardians and family members of migrant children), including providing information and school reports required under 20 USC 6311(h) in a format and language such parents/guardians can understand

If the school has a parent involvement policy that applies to all parents/guardians, it may amend that policy to meet the above requirements. (20 USC 6318)

Each school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy shall be made available to the local community. Parents/guardians shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6318)

Each school receiving Title I funds shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of its parent/guardian and family engagement policy. Such evaluation may be conducted during the process of reviewing the school's single plan for student achievement in accordance with Education Code 64001.

The school's policy shall be periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents/guardians and the school. (20 USC 6318)

District Strategies for Non-Title I Schools

For each school that does not receive federal Title I funds, the Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum:

1. Engage parents/guardians positively in their children's education by helping them develop skills to use at home that support their children's academic efforts at school and their children's development as responsible members of society (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide or make referrals to literacy training and/or parent education programs designed to improve the

- skills of parents/guardians and enhance their ability to support their children's education
 - b. Provide information, in parent handbooks and through other appropriate means, regarding academic expectations and resources to assist with the subject matter
 - c. Provide parents/guardians with information about students' class assignments and homework assignments
2. Inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning, by providing them with techniques and strategies that they may use to improve their children's academic success and to assist their children in learning at home (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide parents/guardians with information regarding ways to create an effective study environment for their children at home and to encourage good study habits
 - b. Encourage parents/guardians to monitor their children's school attendance, homework completion, and television viewing
 - c. Encourage parents/guardians to volunteer in their child's classroom and to participate in school advisory committees
3. Build consistent and effective communication between the home and school so that parents/guardians may know when and how to assist their children in support of classroom learning activities (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Ensure that teachers provide frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress and hold parent-teacher conferences at least once per year with parents/guardians of elementary school students
 - b. Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to observe classroom activities and to volunteer in their child's classroom
 - c. Provide information about parent/guardian and family engagement opportunities through district, school, and/or class newsletters, the district's web site, and other written or electronic communications
 - d. To the extent practicable, provide notices and information to parents/guardians in a format and language they can understand
 - e. Develop mechanisms to encourage parent/guardian input on district and school issues
 - f. Identify barriers to parent/guardian and family participation in school activities, including parents/guardians and family members who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
 - g. Encourage greater parent/guardian participation by adjusting meeting schedules to accommodate parent/guardian needs and, to the extent practicable, by providing translation or interpreter services, transportation, and/or child care
4. Train teachers and administrators to communicate effectively with parents/guardians (Education Code 11502, 11504)

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Provide staff development to assist staff in strengthening two-way communications with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians who have limited English proficiency or limited literacy
- b. Invite input from parents/guardians regarding the content of staff development activities pertaining to home-school communications

5. Integrate parent/guardian and family engagement programs into school plans for academic accountability

The Superintendent or designee may:

- a. Include parent/guardian and family engagement strategies in school reform or school improvement initiatives
 - b. Involve parents/guardians and family members in school planning processes
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Policy 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures

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

Complaints Subject to UCP

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

1. Accommodations for pregnant and parenting students (Education Code 46015)
2. Adult education programs (Education Code 8500-8538, 52334.7, 52500-52617)
3. After School Education and Safety programs (Education Code 8482-8484.65)
4. Agricultural career technical education (Education Code 52460-52462)
5. Career technical and technical education and career technical and technical training programs (Education Code 52300-52462)
6. Child care and development programs (Education Code 8200-8488)
7. Compensatory education (Education Code 54400)
8. Consolidated categorical aid programs (Education Code 33315; 34 CFR 299.10-299.12)
9. Course periods without educational content (Education Code 51228.1-51228.3)
10. Discrimination harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities, including in those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance based on a person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or based on the person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610)

Discrimination includes, but is not limited to, the Board's refusal to approve the use or prohibit the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library, on the basis that it includes a study of the role and contributions of any individual or group consistent with the requirements of Education Code 51204.5 and 60040, unless such study would violate Education Code 51501 or 60044. A complaint alleging such unlawful discrimination may, in addition to or in lieu of being filed with the district, be directly filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). (Education Code 243)

Educational and Graduation

11. Requirements for students in foster care, students experiencing homelessness, students from military families, students formerly in a juvenile court school, students who are migratory, and students participating in a newcomer program (Education Code 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)
12. Every Student Succeeds Act (Education Code 52059.5; 20 USC 6301 et seq.)
13. Local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)

14. Migrant education (Education Code 54440-54445)
15. Physical education instructional minutes (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223)
16. Student fees (Education Code 49010-49013)
17. Reasonable accommodations for a lactating student (Education Code 222)
18. Regional occupational centers and programs (Education Code 52300-52334.7)
19. School plans for student achievement as required for the consolidated application for specified Federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 64001)
20. School site councils as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 65000)
21. State preschool programs (Education Code 8207-8225)
22. State preschool health and safety issues in license-exempt programs (Education Code 8212)
23. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy
24. Any other state or federal educational program the SPI or designee deems appropriate

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

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

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

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

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

Non-UCP Complaints

The following complaints shall not be subject to the district's UCP but shall be investigated and resolved by the specified agency or through an alternative process:

1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services Protective Services Division or the appropriate law enforcement agency. (5 CCR 4611)
2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to the Department of Social Services. (5 CCR 4611)
3. Any complaint alleging that a student, while in an education program or activity in which the district exercises

substantial control over the context and respondent, was subjected to sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30 shall be addressed through the federal Title IX complaint procedures adopted pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44-106.45, as specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

4. Any complaint alleging employment discrimination or harassment shall be investigated and resolved by the district in accordance with the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, including the right to file the complaint with the California Civil Rights Department.

5. Any complaint alleging a violation of a state or federal law or regulation related to special education, a settlement agreement related to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE), failure or refusal to implement a due process hearing order to which the district is subject, or a physical safety concern that interferes with the district's provision of FAPE shall be submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) in accordance with Administrative Regulation 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education. (5 CCR 3200- 3205)

6. Any complaint alleging noncompliance of the district's food service program with laws regarding meal counting and claiming, reimbursable meals, eligibility of children or adults, or use of cafeteria funds and allowable expenses shall be filed with or referred to CDE in accordance with Board Policy 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance. (5 CCR 15580-15584)

7. Any allegation of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in the district's food service program shall be filed with or referred to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in accordance with Board Policy 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance. (5 CCR 15582)

8. Any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or teacher vacancies and misassignments shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with Administrative Regulation 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 35186)

Regulation 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures

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

Compliance Officers

The district designates the individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) identified below as responsible for receiving, coordinating, and investigating complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws. The individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment responsible for handling complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and in Administrative Regulation 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment for handling complaints regarding sexual harassment.

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

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

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

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

Notifications

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

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's UCP to students, employees, parents/guardians of district students, district advisory committee members, school advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 4622)

The notice shall include:

1. A statement that the district is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to prohibition of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group, and a list of all programs and activities that are subject to UCP as

identified in the section "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy

2. The title of the position responsible for processing complaints, the identity of the person(s) currently occupying that position if known, and a statement that such persons will be knowledgeable about the laws and programs that they are assigned to investigate
3. A statement that a UCP complaint, except a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, must be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred
4. A statement that a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must be filed no later than six months from the date of the alleged conduct or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged conduct
5. A statement that a student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities
6. A statement that a complaint regarding student fees or the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint
7. A statement that the district will post a standardized notice of the educational and graduation requirements of foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, children of military families, former juvenile court school students now enrolled in the district, students who are migratory, and students participating in a newcomer program as specified in Education Code 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2, and the complaint process
8. A statement that complaints will be investigated in accordance with the district's UCP and a written decision will be sent to the complainant within 60 days from the receipt of the complaint, unless this time period is extended by written agreement of the complainant
9. A statement that, for programs within the scope of the UCP as specified in the accompanying Board policy, the complainant has a right to appeal the district's investigation report to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal, including a copy of the original complaint and the district's decision, within 30 calendar days of receiving the district's decision
10. A statement advising the complainant of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal laws prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, if applicable
11. A statement that copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge

The annual notification, complete contact information of the compliance officer(s), and information related to Title IX as required pursuant to Education Code 221.6 shall be posted on the district and district school websites and may be provided through district-supported social media, if available.

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

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

Filing of Complaints

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp. If a site administrator not designated as a compliance officer receives a complaint, the site administrator shall notify the compliance officer.

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

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

1. A complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing the programs specified in the accompanying Board policy may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4600)
2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent or designee.
3. A UCP complaint, except for a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. For complaints related to the LCAP, the date of the alleged violation is the date when the County Superintendent of Schools approves the LCAP that was adopted by the Governing Board. (5 CCR 4630)
4. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying may be filed only by a person who alleges having personally suffered unlawful discrimination, a person who believes that any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination, or a duly authorized representative who alleges that an individual student has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. (5 CCR 4630)
5. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall be initiated no later than six months from the date that the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date that the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)
6. When a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying is filed anonymously, the compliance officer shall pursue an investigation or other response as appropriate, depending on the specificity and reliability of the information provided and the seriousness of the allegation.
7. When a complainant of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or the alleged victim, when not the complainant, requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform the complainant or victim that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the conduct or take other necessary action. When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district shall nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and resolve/respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

Mediation

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

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

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

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

Investigation of Complaint

The compliance officer shall begin an investigation into the complaint within 10 business days of receiving the complaint.

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

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

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

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

Timeline for Investigation Report

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the investigation report shall be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint.

Within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report, as described in the section "Investigation Report" below. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, the complainant may, within five business days, file the complaint in writing with the Board.

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

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

For any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the respondent shall be informed of any extension of the timeline agreed to by the complainant, and, in the same manner as the complainant, may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the decision.

Investigation Report

For all complaints, the district's investigation report shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered
2. A conclusion providing a clear determination for each allegation whether the district is in compliance with the relevant law
3. Corrective action(s) whenever the district finds merit in the complaint, including, when required by law, a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians and, for a student fees complaint, a remedy that complies with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600
4. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's investigation report to CDE, except when the district

has used the UCP to address a complaint not specified in 5 CCR 4610

5. Procedures to be followed for initiating an appeal to CDE

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

In consultation with district legal counsel, information about the relevant part of an investigation report may be communicated to a victim who is not the complainant and to other parties who may be involved in implementing the investigation report or are affected by the complaint, as long as the privacy of the parties is protected. In a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, notice of the investigation report to the alleged victim shall include information about any sanction to be imposed upon the respondent that relates directly to the alleged victim.

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient (LEP) student or parent/guardian, then the district's response, if requested by the complainant, and the investigation report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on state law, the investigation report shall also include a notice to the complainant that:

1. The complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside the district's complaint procedures, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders or other remedies or orders, 60 calendar days after the filing of an appeal with CDE (Education Code 262.3)
2. The 60-day moratorium does not apply to complaints seeking injunctive relief in state courts or to discrimination complaints based on federal law (Education Code 262.3)
3. Complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender, disability, or age may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights at www.ed.gov/ocr within 180 days of the alleged discrimination

Corrective Actions

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

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

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

For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving a student as the respondent, appropriate corrective actions that may be provided to the student include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
2. Parent/guardian conference

3. Education regarding the impact of conduct on others
4. Positive behavior support
5. Referral to a student success team
6. Denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges as permitted by law
7. Disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, as permitted by law

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

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

When a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy shall be provided to the complainant or other affected person.

However, if a complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges, physical education instructional minutes, courses without educational content, or any requirement related to the LCAP is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education. (Education Code 49013, 51222, 51223, 51228.3, 52075)

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

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's investigation report on a complaint regarding any specified federal or state educational program subject to UCP may file an appeal in writing with CDE within 30 calendar days of receiving the district's investigation report. (5 CCR 4632)

The appeal shall be sent to CDE with a copy of the original locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's investigation report for that complaint. The complainant shall specify and explain the basis for the appeal, including at least one of the following: (5 CCR 4632)

1. The district failed to follow its complaint procedures
2. Relative to the allegations of the complaint, the district's investigation report lacks material findings of fact necessary to reach a conclusion of law
3. The material findings of fact in the district's investigation report are not supported by substantial evidence
4. The legal conclusion in the district's investigation report is inconsistent with the law
5. In a case in which the district found noncompliance, the corrective actions fail to provide a proper remedy

Upon notification by CDE that the district's investigation report has been appealed, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to CDE within 10 days of the date of notification: (5 CCR 4633)

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the district's investigation report
3. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
4. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
5. A copy of the district's UCP

6. Other relevant information requested by CDE

If notified by CDE that the district's investigation report failed to address allegation(s) raised by the complaint, the district shall, within 20 days of the notification, provide CDE and the appellant with an amended investigation report that addresses the allegation(s) that were not addressed in the original investigation report. The amended report shall also inform the appellant of the right to separately appeal the amended report with respect to the allegation(s) that were not addressed in the original report. (5 CCR 4632)

Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs

Any complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) shall be addressed through the procedures described in 5 CCR 4690-4694.

In order to identify appropriate subjects of CSPP health and safety issues pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, a notice shall be posted in each license-exempt CSPP classroom in the district notifying parents/guardians, students, and teachers of the health and safety requirements of Title 5 regulations that apply to CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925 and the location at which to obtain a form to file any complaint alleging noncompliance with those requirements. For this purpose, the Superintendent or designee may download and post a notice available from the CDE website. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4691)

The district's annual UCP notification distributed pursuant to 5 CCR 4622 shall clearly indicate which of its CSPP programs are operating as exempt from licensing and which CSPP programs are operating pursuant to requirements under Title 22 of the Code of Regulations. (5 CCR 4691)

Any complaint regarding specified health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall be filed with the preschool program administrator or designee, and may be filed anonymously. The complaint form shall specify the location for filing the complaint, contain a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to the complaint, and allow a complainant to add as much text as desired to explain the complaint. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4690)

If it is determined that the complaint is beyond the authority of the preschool program administrator, the matter shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, not to exceed 10 working days, for resolution. The preschool administrator or the Superintendent or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any complaint within their authority. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

Investigation of a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall begin within 10 days of receipt of the complaint. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

The preschool administrator or designee shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form a desire to receive a response to the complaint, the preschool administrator or Superintendent's designee shall, within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint, report the resolution of the complaint to the complainant and CDE's assigned field consultant. If the preschool administrator makes this report, the information shall be reported at the same time to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

If a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program involves an LEP student or parent/guardian, then the district's response, if requested by the complainant, and the investigation report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, the complainant has the right to describe the complaint to the Board at a regularly scheduled hearing and, within 30 days of the date of the written report, may file a written appeal of the district's decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4693, 4694)

All complaints and responses are public records. (5 CCR 4690)

On a quarterly basis, the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all CSPP health and safety complaints, including the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints, to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting and to the County Superintendent. (5 CCR 4693)