

## HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school or during district-sponsored activities.

(cf. [0450](#) - *Comprehensive Safety Plan*)

(cf. [3516](#) - *Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan*)

(cf. [5141.21](#) - *Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions*)

(cf. [5141.22](#) - *Infectious Diseases*)

(cf. [5142](#) - *Safety*)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that first aid and/or medical attention is provided as quickly as possible when accidents and injuries to students occur and that parents/guardians are notified as appropriate.

(cf. [3530](#) - *Risk Management/Insurance*)

(cf. [5143](#) - *Insurance*)

(cf. [6145.2](#) - *Athletic Competition*)

The Superintendent or designee shall ask parents/guardians to provide emergency contact information in order to facilitate communication in the event of an accident or illness.

District staff shall appropriately report and document student accidents.

### "Do Not Resuscitate" Orders

The Board believes that staff members should not be placed in the position of determining whether to follow any parental/guardian or medical "do not resuscitate" orders. Staff shall not accept or follow any such order except under the specific written direction of the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee may only direct a staff member to follow a "do not resuscitate" order if the Superintendent or designee has received a written authorization from the student's parent/guardian, with an authorized health care provider statement, and an order of an appropriate court.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians who have submitted a "do not resuscitate" order are informed of this policy.

### Automated External Defibrillators

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by school employees in an emergency, in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding the use of AEDs and shall ensure that employees receive information that describes sudden cardiac arrest, the school's emergency response plan, and the proper use of an AED. Additionally, the guidelines shall specify the placement, security, and maintenance of the AED.

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The authorization of AEDs in district schools shall not be deemed to create a guarantee that an AED will be present or will be used in the case of an emergency, or that a trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency, or that the AED will operate properly.

**Trauma Kits**

Any district school with an occupancy of 200 or more that was constructed on or after January 1, 2023, or was constructed prior to January 1, 2023, and modified or renovated as specified in Health and Safety Code 19310, shall acquire, place, and maintain trauma kits in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation.

School employees shall be notified annually of the location of the trauma kits and be provided with information regarding training in the use of the trauma kit. (Health and Safety Code 19310)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE32040-32044 First aid equipment49300-49307 School safety patrols49407 Liability for treatment49408 Emergency information49409 Athletic events; physicians and surgeons; emergency medical care; immunity49417 Automated external defibrillators49470 Medical and hospital services for athletic program49471 Medical and hospital services not provided or available49472 Medical and hospital services for pupils49474 Ambulance services51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safetyCIVIL CODE1714.21 Defibrillators; CPR; immunity from civil liabilityFAMILY CODE6550-6552 CaregiversHEALTH AND SAFETY CODE1797.196 Automated external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability

1797.200 Emergency medical services agency

1799.102 Personal liability immunityCODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 85193 California Bloodborne Pathogens StandardCODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

100031-100042 Automated external defibrillators

*Management Resources:*WEB SITESAmerican Heart Association: <http://www.americanheart.org>American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

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### Emergency Contact Information

In order to facilitate contact in case of an emergency or accident, the principal or designee shall annually request that parents/guardians provide the following information:

1. Home address and telephone number
2. Parent/guardian's business address and telephone number
3. Parent/guardian's cell phone number and email address
4. Name, address, and telephone number of an alternative contact person to whom the student may be released and who is authorized by the parent/guardian to care for the student in cases of emergency or when the parent/guardian cannot be reached
5. Local physician to call in case of emergency

(cf. [5021](#) - Noncustodial Parents)

(cf. [5142](#) - Safety)

In addition, parents/guardians shall be encouraged to notify the school whenever their emergency contact information changes.

### Notification/Consent for Medical Treatment

Whenever a student requires emergency or urgent medical treatment while at school or a district-sponsored activity, the principal or designee shall contact the parent/guardian or, if the parent/guardian cannot be reached, another person identified in the district's information system, in order to obtain consent for the medical treatment.

If the student's parent/guardian or other contact person cannot be reached to provide consent, the principal or designee may seek reasonable medical treatment for the student as needed, unless the parent/guardian has previously filed with the district a written objection to any medical treatment other than first aid.

A person who has filed with the district a completed caregiver's authorization affidavit pursuant to Family Code [6550-6552](#) shall have the right to consent to or refuse school-related medical care on behalf of the minor student. The caregiver's authorization shall be invalid if the district receives notice that the minor student is no longer living with the caregiver or if the Superintendent or designee has actual knowledge of facts contrary to those stated on the affidavit. (Family Code [6550](#))

(cf. [5111.1](#) - District Residency)

The caregiver's consent to medical care shall be superseded by any contravening decision of the parent or other person having legal custody of the student, provided that this contravening decision does not jeopardize the student's life, health, or safety. (Family Code [6550](#))

### Automated External Defibrillators

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When an automated external defibrillator (AED) is placed in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall notify an agent of the local emergency medical services agency of the existence, location, and type of AED acquired. (Health and Safety Code [1797.196](#), 1797.200)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any AED placed at a district school is: (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

1. Maintained and tested according to the operation and maintenance guidelines set forth by the manufacturer
2. Tested at least biannually and after each use
3. Inspected at least every 90 days for potential issues related to operability of the device, including a blinking light or other obvious defect that may suggest tampering or that another problem has arisen with the functionality of the AED

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the placement of an AED and maintain required records of the AED maintenance and testing. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written plan which describes the procedures to be followed in the event of a medical emergency, including an emergency that may involve the use of an AED. These procedures shall include, but not be limited to, requirements for immediate notification of the 911 emergency telephone number in the event of an emergency that may involve the use of an AED.

(cf. [0450](#) - *Comprehensive Safety Plan*)

The principal of any district school with an AED shall annually provide information to school employees that describes: (Health and Safety Code [1797.196](#))

1. Sudden cardiac arrest
2. The school's emergency response plan
3. The proper use of an AED

Instructions on how to use the AED, in no less than 14-point type, shall be posted next to every AED. Additionally, school employees shall be notified annually of the location of all AED units on campus and be provided information about who they can contact if they want to voluntarily take AED or cardiopulmonary resuscitation training. (Health and Safety Code [1797.196](#))

(cf. [4112.9/4212.9/4312.9](#) - *Employee Notifications*)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually offer a demonstration to at least one school staff member on how to use an AED properly in an emergency. The building owner may arrange for the demonstration or partner with a nonprofit organization to do so. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

The principal of any district school serving students in grades 6-12 that has an AED placed in the school shall annually notify students as to the location of all AEDs on campus. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

**HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES (continued)****Trauma Kits**

Any district school with an occupancy of 200 or more that was constructed on or after January 1, 2023, or was constructed prior to January 1, 2023, and modified or renovated as specified, shall acquire and place at least six trauma kits on the premises of the building in an easily accessible and recognizable container. (Health and Safety Code 19310)

All trauma kits acquired and placed on the premises of a school building or structure shall be inspected every three years to ensure that all materials, supplies, and equipment contained in the trauma kit are not expired, and replace any expired or missing materials, supplies, and equipment as necessary. After a trauma kit is used, it shall be restocked and any materials, supplies, and equipment replaced as necessary to ensure that all materials, supplies, and equipment required to be contained in the trauma kit are contained in the trauma kit. (Health and Safety Code 19310)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS**

The Board of Trustees believes that regular school attendance is critical to student learning and that students who need to take medication prescribed or ordered for them by their authorized health care providers should be able to participate in the educational program.

(cf. [5113](#) - *Absences and Excuses*)

(cf. [5113.1](#) - *Chronic Absence and Truancy*)

Any medication prescribed for a student with a disability who is qualified to receive services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall be administered in accordance with the student's individualized education program or Section 504 services plan, as applicable.

(cf. [5141.24](#) - *Specialized Health Care Services*)

(cf. [6159](#) - *Individualized Education Program*)

(cf. [6164.6](#) - *Identification and Education Under Section 504*)

For the administration of medication to other students during school or school-related activities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols which shall include options for allowing parents/guardians to administer medication to their child at school, designate other individuals to do so on their behalf, and, with the student's authorized health care provider's approval, request the district's permission for the student to self-administer a medication or self-monitor and/or self-test for a medical condition. Such processes shall be implemented in a manner that preserves campus security, minimizes instructional interruptions, and promotes student safety and privacy.

(cf. [1250](#) - *Visitors/Outsiders*)

(cf. [5141](#) - *Health Care and Emergencies*)

(cf. [5141.22](#) - *Infectious Diseases*)

(cf. [5141.23](#) - *Asthma Management*)

(cf. [5141.27](#) - *Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs*)

(cf. [6116](#) - *Classroom Interruptions*)

The Superintendent or designee shall make epinephrine auto-injectors available at each school for providing emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction. (Education Code [49414](#))

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee may make naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist and stock albuterol inhalers available at each school for providing emergency medical aid to any person suffering or reasonably believed to be suffering from opioid overdose or respiratory distress. (Education Code 49414.3, 49414.7)

Because of the conflict between state and federal law regarding the legality of medicinal cannabis, the Board prohibits the administration of medicinal cannabis to students on school grounds by parents/guardians or school personnel.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with city and county emergency responders, including local public health administrators, to design procedures or measures for addressing an emergency such as a public disaster or epidemic.

(cf. [3516](#) - *Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan*)

**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS** (continued)**Administration of Medication by School Personnel**

When allowed by law, medication prescribed to a student by an authorized health care provider may be administered by a school nurse or, when a school nurse or other medically licensed person is unavailable and the physician has authorized administration of medication by unlicensed personnel for a particular student, by other designated school personnel with appropriate training. School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications to students in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and, as applicable, the written statement provided by the student's parent/guardian and authorized health care provider. Such personnel shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

(cf. [3530](#) - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. [4119.42/4219.42/4319.42](#) - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. [4119.43/4219.43/4319.43](#) - Universal Precautions)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school personnel designated to administer any medication receive appropriate training and, as necessary, retraining from qualified medical personnel before any medication is administered. At a minimum, the training shall cover how and when such medication should be administered, the recognition of symptoms and treatment, emergency follow-up procedures, and the proper documentation and storage of medication. Such trained, unlicensed designated school personnel shall be supervised by, and provided with immediate communication access to, a school nurse, physician, or other appropriate individual.

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [4231](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation of the training and ongoing supervision, as well as annual written verification of competency of other designated school personnel.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

[48980](#) Notification at beginning of term

[49407](#) Liability for treatment

[49408](#) Emergency information

[49414](#) Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors

[49414.3](#) Emergency medical assistance; administration of medication for opioid overdose

[49414.5](#) Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training

[49422-49427](#) Employment of medical personnel, especially:

[49423](#) Administration of prescribed medication for student

[49423.1](#) Inhaled asthma medication

[49480](#) Continuing medication regimen; notice

*Legal Reference: continued on next page*

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*Legal Reference: continued*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2837 Nursing, especially:

2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general

3501 Definitions

4119.2 Acquisition of epinephrine auto-injectors

4119.8 Acquisition of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11362.7-11362.85 Medicinal cannabis

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 Administering medication to students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 21

812 Schedules of controlled substances

844 Penalties for possession of controlled substance

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

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*Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools*, August 2007

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WEB SITES

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American Diabetes Association: <http://www.diabetes.org>

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

National Diabetes Education Program: <http://www.ndep.nih.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, Blood Institute, asthma information: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS****Definitions**

*Authorized health care provider* means an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe or order medication, including, but not limited to, a physician or physician assistant. (Education Code [49423](#); 5 CCR [601](#))

*Other designated school personnel* means any individual employed by the district, including a nonmedical school employee, who has volunteered or consented to administer medication or otherwise assist the student and who may legally administer the medication to the student or assist the student in the administration of the medication. (5 CCR [601](#), [621](#))

*Medication* may include not only a substance dispensed in the United States by prescription, but also a substance that does not require a prescription, such as over-the-counter remedies, nutritional supplements, and herbal remedies. (5 CCR [601](#))

*Epinephrine auto-injector* means a disposable delivery device designed for the automatic injection of a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the human body to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction. (Education Code [49414](#))

*Anaphylaxis* means a potentially life-threatening hypersensitivity to a substance, which may result from an insect sting, food allergy, drug reaction, exercise, or other cause. Symptoms may include shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing, difficulty talking or swallowing, hives, itching, swelling, shock, or asthma. (Education Code [49414](#))

(cf. [5141.23](#) - *Asthma Management*)

(cf. [5141.27](#) - *Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs*)

*Opioid antagonist* means naloxone hydrochloride or another drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body and that has been approved for the treatment of an opioid overdose. (Education Code [49414.3](#))

*Albuterol* means a bronchodilator used to open the airways by relaxing the muscles around the bronchial tubes. (Education Code [49414.7](#))

*Inhaler* means a device used for the delivery of prescribed asthma medication that is inhaled. (Education Code [49414.7](#))

**Notifications to Parents/Guardians**

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the options available to students who need to take prescribed medication during the school day and the rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians regarding those options. (Education Code [49480](#))

(cf. [5145.6](#) - *Parental Notifications*)

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In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parents/guardians of any student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition of the following: (Education Code [49480](#))

1. The parent/guardian is required to inform the school nurse or other designated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician.
2. With the parent/guardian's consent, the school nurse or other designated employee may communicate with the student's physician regarding the medication and its effects and may counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose.

When a student requires medication during the school day in order to participate in the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall, as appropriate, inform the student's parents/guardians that the student may qualify for services or accommodations pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC [1400-1482](#)) or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC [794](#)).

(cf. [6164.4](#) - *Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education*)

(cf. [6164.6](#) - *Identification and Education Under Section 504*)

**Parent/Guardian Responsibilities**

The responsibilities of the parent/guardian of any student who may need medication during the school day shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Submitting the parent/guardian written statement and the authorized health care provider's written statement each school year as described in the sections "Parent/Guardian Statement" and "Health Care Provider Statement" below. The parent/guardian shall provide a new authorized health care provider's statement if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes. (Education Code [49414.5](#), [49423](#), [49423.1](#); 5 CCR [600](#), [626](#))
2. If the student is on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition, informing the school nurse or other designated certificated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician, and updating the information when needed. (Education Code [49480](#))
3. Providing medications in properly labeled, original containers along with the authorized health care provider's instructions. For prescribed or ordered medication, the container also shall bear the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, and the name and phone number of the authorized health care provider. (5 CCR [606](#))

**Parent/Guardian Statement**

When district employees are to administer medication to a student, the parent/guardian's written statement shall:

1. Identify the student

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2. Grant permission for an authorized district representative to communicate directly with the student's authorized health care provider and pharmacist, as may be necessary, regarding the health care provider's written statement or any other questions that may arise with regard to the medication
3. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands how district employees will administer the medication or otherwise assist the student in its administration
4. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands the responsibilities to provide a written statement from the authorized health care provider, to ensure that the medication is delivered to the school in a proper container by an individual legally authorized to be in possession of the medication, and to provide all necessary supplies and equipment
5. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands the right to terminate the consent for the administration of the medication or for otherwise assisting the student in the administration of medication at any time

In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian has requested that the student be allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, the parent/guardian's written statement shall: (Education Code [49423](#), [49423.1](#))

1. Consent to the self-administration
2. Release the district and school personnel from civil liability if the student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication

In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian wishes to designate an individual who is not an employee of the district to administer medication to the student, the parent/guardian's written statement shall clearly identify the individual and shall state:

1. The individual's willingness to accept the designation
2. That the individual is permitted to be on the school site
3. Any limitations on the individual's authority

**Health Care Provider Statement**

When any district employee is to administer prescribed medication to a student, or when a student is to be allowed to carry and self-administer prescribed medication during school hours, the authorized health care provider's written statement shall include:

1. Clear identification of the student (Education Code [49423](#), [49423.1](#); 5 CCR [602](#))
2. The name of the medication (Education Code [49423](#), [49423.1](#); 5 CCR [602](#))
3. The method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken (Education Code [49423](#), [49423.1](#); 5 CCR [602](#))

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4. If a parent/guardian has requested that the student be allowed to self-administer medication, confirmation that the student is able to self-administer the medication (Education Code [49414.5](#), [49423](#), [49423.1](#); 5 CCR [602](#))
5. For medication that is to be administered by unlicensed personnel, confirmation by the student's health care provider that the medication may safely and appropriately be administered by unlicensed personnel (Education Code [49423](#), [49423.1](#); 5 CCR [602](#))
6. For medication that is to be administered on an as-needed basis, the specific symptoms that would necessitate administration of the medication, allowable frequency for administration, and indications for referral for medical evaluation
7. Possible side effects of the medication
8. Name, address, telephone number, and signature of the student's authorized health care provider

For self-administration of inhaled asthma medication, the district shall accept a written statement from a physician or surgeon contracted with a health plan licensed pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1351.2. Such written statement shall be in English and Spanish, and shall include the name and contact information for the physician or surgeon. (Education Code [49423.1](#))

**District Responsibilities**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any unlicensed school personnel authorized to administer medication to a student receives appropriate training from the school nurse or other qualified medical personnel.

The school nurse or other designated school personnel shall:

1. Administer or assist in administering medication in accordance with the authorized health care provider's written statement
2. Accept delivery of medications from parents/guardians and count and record them upon receipt
3. Maintain a list of students needing medication during the school day, including those authorized to self-administer medication, and maintain on the list the type of medication and the times and dosage to be administered
4. Maintain for each student a medication log which may:
  - a. Specify the student's name, medication, dose, method of administration, time of administration during the regular school day, date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication, and the authorized health care provider's name and contact information
  - b. Contain space for daily recording of the date, time, and amount of medication administered, and the signature of the individual administering the medication

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5. Maintain for each student a medication record which may include the authorized health care provider's written statement, the parent/guardian's written statement, the medication log, and any other written documentation related to the administration of medication to the student

6. Ensure that student confidentiality is appropriately maintained

(cf. [5125](#) - *Student Records*)

7. Coordinate and, as appropriate, ensure the administration of medication during field trips and other school-related activities

(cf. [5148.2](#) - *Before/After School Programs*)

(cf. [6145.2](#) - *Athletic Competition*)

(cf. [6153](#) - *School-Sponsored Trips*)

8. Report to a student's parent/guardian and the site administrator any refusal by the student to take the medication

9. Keep all medication to be administered by the district in a locked drawer or cabinet

10. As needed, communicate with a student's authorized health care provider and/or pharmacist regarding the medication and its effects

11. Counsel other designated school personnel regarding the possible effects of a medication on a student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose

12. Ensure that any unused, discontinued, or outdated medication is returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the school year or, if the medication cannot be returned, dispose of it in accordance with state laws and local ordinances

13. In the event of a medical emergency requiring administration of medication, provide immediate medical assistance, directly observe the student following the administration of medication, contact the student's parent/guardian, and determine whether the student should return to class, rest in the school office, or receive further medical assistance

14. Report to the site administrator, the student's parent/guardian, and, if necessary, the student's authorized health care provider any instance when a medication is not administered properly, including administration of the wrong medication or failure to administer the medication in accordance with authorized health care provider's written statement

**Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Emergency Albuterol Inhalers**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses or other trained personnel who have volunteered to administer them in an emergency and have received training. The school nurse, or when a school nurse or physician is unavailable, a trained volunteer may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to provide emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from potentially life-threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis at school or a school activity. A trained volunteer

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may include the holder of an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate who has received specified training. (Education Code [49414](#))

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may make emergency stock albuterol inhalers available to school nurses and trained personnel who have volunteered to be used to provide medical aid to person(s) suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from respiratory distress. (Education Code 49414.7)

At least once per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall distribute to all employees a notice requesting volunteers to be trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors and/or stock albuterol inhalers for emergency aid to individuals exhibiting signs of anaphylaxis reaction or respiratory distress. Such notice shall also describe the training that the volunteer will receive. (Education Code [49414](#), 49414.7)

(cf. [4112.9/4212.9/4312.9](#) - Employee Notifications)

The principal or designee at each school may designate one or more volunteers to receive initial and annual refresher training, which shall be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by a physician and surgeon authorized pursuant to Education Code [49414](#) or 49414.7, and shall be based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). Written materials covering the required topics for training shall be retained by the school for reference. (Education Code [49414](#), 49414.7)

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [4231](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)

A school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health, or a district administrator if the district does not have a qualified supervisor of health, shall obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors or stock albuterol inhalers for each school from an authorized physician and surgeon. Such prescription may be filled by local or mail order pharmacies or manufacturers.

Elementary schools shall, at a minimum, be provided one adult (regular) and one junior epinephrine auto-injector. Secondary schools shall be provided at least one adult (regular) epinephrine auto-injector, unless there are any students at the school who require a junior epinephrine auto-injector. (Education Code [49414](#))

The district shall store emergency epinephrine auto-injectors and stock albuterol inhalers in an accessible location, and shall specify such location in annual notices to staff.

If either medication is used, the school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health shall restock the medication as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two weeks after it is used. In addition, all medications shall be restocked before their expiration date. (Education Code [49414](#), 49414.7)

Any volunteer or trained personnel who administers either medication shall initiate emergency medical services, or other appropriate medical follow up in accordance with the training materials retained by the school. (Education Code 49414, 49414.7)

Information regarding defense and indemnification provided by the district for any and all civil liability for volunteers administering epinephrine auto-injectors and/or stock albuterol inhalers shall be provided to each volunteer and retained in the employee's personnel file. (Education Code [49414](#), 49414.7)

(cf. [4112.6/4212.6/4312.6](#) - Personnel Files)

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A school may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the support of the school in carrying out the requirements of Education Code [49414](#) or 49414.7, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or emergency albuterol inhalers from a manufacturer or wholesaler. (Education Code [49414](#), 49414.7)

(cf. [3290](#) - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records regarding the acquisition and disposition of the described medications for a period of three years from the date the records were created. (Business and Professions Code [4119.2](#))

(cf. [3580](#) - District Records)

**Emergency Medication for Opioid Overdose**

The district may elect to make emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available at schools for the purpose of providing emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. In determining whether to make this medication available, the Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the emergency medical response time to the school and determine whether initiating emergency medical services is an acceptable alternative to providing an opioid antagonist and training personnel to administer the medication. (Education Code 49414.3)

Additionally, if the district accepts emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist from the county office of education (COE), the Superintendent or designee shall maintain at least two units of the medication at each district middle, junior high, high, and adult school. (Education Code 49414.8)

When available at the school site, the school nurse shall provide emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for emergency medical aid to any person exhibiting potentially life-threatening symptoms of an opioid overdose at school or a school activity. Other designated personnel who have volunteered and have received training may administer such medication when a school nurse or physician is unavailable and shall only administer the medication by nasal spray or auto-injector. (Education Code 49414.3)

At least once per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall distribute to all staff a notice requesting volunteers to be trained to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist, describing the training that the volunteer will receive, and explaining the right of the volunteer to rescind the offer to volunteer at any time, including after receiving training. The notice shall also include a statement that no benefit will be granted to or withheld from any employee based on the offer to volunteer and that there will be no retaliation against any employee for rescinding the offer to volunteer. (Education Code 49414.3)

The principal or designee shall designate two or more volunteer employees to receive initial and annual refresher training, based on standards adopted by the SPI, regarding the storage and emergency use of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist. The training shall be provided at no cost to the employee, conducted during regular working hours, and be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by an authorizing physician and surgeon. Written materials provided during the training shall be retained at the school for reference. (Education Code 49414.3, 49414.8)

Each volunteer shall meet the minimum standards of training for the administration of an emergency opioid antagonist as specified in Education Code 49414.3 or shall have undergone opioid overdose prevention and



**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS** (continued)

treatment training and reviewed material available on the California Department of Public Health's website. (Education Code 49414.8)

Any prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist shall be obtained by a school nurse, other qualified supervisor of health, or, if the district does not have a qualified supervisor of health, a district administrator from an authorized physician and surgeon. Such prescription may be filled by local or mail order pharmacies or manufacturers. (Education Code 49414.3)

If the medication is used, the school nurse, other qualified supervisor of health, or district administrator, as applicable, shall restock the medication as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two weeks after it is used. In addition, the medication shall be restocked before its expiration date. (Education Code 49414.3, 49414.8)

Employees and volunteers that render emergency treatment at the scene of an opioid overdose or suspected opioid overdose by administering an opioid antagonist shall not be liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission, unless such act constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. (Health and Safety Code 1799.113)

Information regarding defense and indemnification provided by the district for any and all civil liability for volunteers administering naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for emergency aid shall be provided to each volunteer in writing and retained in the employee's personnel file. (Education Code 49414.3)

A school may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the support of the school in carrying out the requirements of Education Code 49414.3, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist from a COE, manufacturer, or wholesaler. (Education Code 49414.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records regarding the acquisition and disposition of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for a period of three years from the date the records were created. (Business and Professions Code 4119.8)

**Anti-Seizure Medication**

A school nurse or, if a school nurse is not onsite or available, a volunteer designated by the district may administer emergency anti-seizure medication to a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy who has been prescribed such medication from the student's health care provider and is suffering from a seizure. (Education Code 49468.2)

Upon receipt of a request from the parent/guardian of a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy who has been prescribed emergency anti-seizure medication, the Superintendent or designee may designate one or more volunteer(s) at the student's school to receive initial and annual refresher training regarding the emergency use of anti-seizure medication. (Education Code 49468.2)

In order to solicit volunteers, the district shall distribute a notice at least once, but no more than two times per school year, to all staff that includes the following information: (Education Code 49468.2)

1. A description of the volunteer request stating that the request is for volunteers to be trained to recognize and respond to seizures, including training to administer emergency anti-seizure medication to a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy if the student is suffering from a seizure
2. A description of the training that the volunteer will receive



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3. The right of an employee to rescind the offer to volunteer

4. A statement that there will be no retaliation against any individual for rescinding the offer to volunteer, including after receiving training

A volunteer may rescind the offer to administer emergency anti-seizure medication at any time, including after receipt of training. (Education Code 49468.2)

If a volunteer rescinds the offer to volunteer or is no longer able to act as a volunteer for any reason, or if the placement of a student changes and the student no longer has access to a trained volunteer, the district may distribute an additional two notices per school year to all staff. (Education Code 49468.2)

Volunteer employees shall receive initial and annual refresher training, based on standards adopted by the SPI, regarding the recognition and response to seizures and the administration of emergency anti-seizure medication. The training shall be provided at no cost to the employee, conducted during regular working hours, and be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by an authorizing physician and surgeon. Written materials provided during the training shall be retained at the school for reference. (Education Code 49468.2)

Before administering emergency anti-seizure medication or therapy prescribed to treat seizures in a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy, the district shall obtain from the student's parent/guardian a seizure action plan as specified in Education Code 49468.3. The school or district nurse shall collaborate with the parent/guardian of each student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy in the development of a plan if the student does not have an individualized education plan or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 49468.3)

If the school obtains written consent from the student's parent/guardian, in accordance with 34 CFR 99.30, the seizure action plan shall be distributed to any school staff or volunteers responsible for the supervision or care of the student. (Education Code 49468.3)

Upon receipt of a request from a parent/guardian of a student diagnosed with seizure, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy, the district shall notify the parent/guardian that the student may qualify for services or accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or an individualized education program and shall assist the parent/guardian with the exploration of that option. (Education Code 49468.2)

Additionally, if there are no volunteers at the student's school, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the student's right to be assessed for services and accommodations guaranteed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and may ask the parent/guardian to sign such notices. (Education Code 49468.2)

The principal or designee shall notify the school nurse assigned to the school, or if a school nurse is not assigned to the school or district, the Superintendent or designee, if an employee administers an emergency anti-seizure medication. (Education Code 49468.3)

The notification described above and the seizure action plan shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or a school administrator, in compliance with all applicable state and federal privacy laws. (Education Code 49468.3)

The district shall provide volunteers defense and indemnification for any and all civil liability, with information stating such being provided to the volunteer in writing and retained in the volunteer's personnel file. (Education Code 49468.5)

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Trained volunteers who administer emergency anti-seizure medication or medication prescribed for seizure disorder symptoms to a student diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy who appears to be experiencing a seizure shall not be subject to professional review, be liable in a civil action, or be subject to criminal prosecution for acts or omissions in administering the emergency anti-seizure medication. (Education Code 49468.5)

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Board of Trustees desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing a high-quality education for all students. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state health officials to develop and regularly update a comprehensive plan for disease prevention that promotes preventative measures, mitigation, education, communication, and training of students and staff. All measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases shall be nondiscriminatory and ensure that equity is promoted.

(cf. [0400](#) - *Comprehensive Plans*)  
(cf. [0410](#) - *Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities*)  
(cf. [0415](#) - *Equity*)  
(cf. [0450](#) - *Comprehensive Safety Plan*)  
(cf. [1312.3](#) - *Uniform Complaint Procedures*)  
(cf. [1400](#) - *Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools*)  
(cf. [3516](#) - *Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan*)  
(cf. [5141.21](#) - *Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions*)  
(cf. [5141.26](#) - *Tuberculosis Testing*)  
(cf. [5141.3](#) - *Health Examinations*)  
(cf. [5141.31](#) - *Immunizations*)  
(cf. [5141.32](#) - *Health Screening for School Entry*)  
(cf. [5141.6](#) - *School Health Services*)  
(cf. [5145.3](#) - *Nondiscrimination/Harassment*)  
(cf. [6020](#) - *Parent Involvement*)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review resources available from health experts to ensure that district programs and operations are based on the most up-to-date information.

The district's comprehensive health education program shall provide age-appropriate information about the nature and symptoms of communicable diseases, their transmission, and how to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

(cf. [6142.1](#) - *Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction*)  
(cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)

If the local health officer notifies the district of an outbreak of a communicable disease, or the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, the district shall take any action that the health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the disease. The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws in regard to any such information received from the local health officer. (Health and Safety Code 120175.5)

Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

(cf. [4119.42/4219.42/4319.42](#) - *Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens*)  
(cf. [4119.43/4219.43/4319.43](#) - *Universal Precautions*)

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of the precautions to be used in cases of exposure to blood or other body fluids through injury, accident, or classroom instruction.

(cf. [5141](#) - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. [6145.2](#) - Athletic Competition)

**Students with Infectious Diseases**

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students from on-campus instruction only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

(cf. [5112.2](#) - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. [6164.6](#) - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize exposure to other diseases in the school setting. If necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the local health official of any potential outbreak. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality and privacy rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

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

(cf. [5022](#) - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

[48210-48216](#) Persons excluded

[49060-49069.7](#) Student records

[49073-49079](#) Privacy of pupil records

[49403](#) Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of pupils

[49405](#) Smallpox control

[49406](#) Examination for tuberculosis (employees)

[49408](#) Student emergency information

[49602](#) Counseling and confidentiality of student information

[51202](#) Instruction in personal and public health and safety

CIVIL CODE

[56-56.37](#) Confidentiality of Medical Information Act

[1798-1798.78](#) Information Practices Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

[120175.5](#) Local health officers and communicable diseases

[120230](#) Exclusion for communicable disease

[120325-120380](#) Immunization against communicable diseases

[120875-120895](#) AIDS information

[120975-121023](#) Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

[121475-121520](#) Tuberculosis tests for students

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)**

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

*Article 1, Section 1 Right to Privacy*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 *Bloodborne pathogens*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500-2511 *Communicable disease reporting requirements*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act*

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

164.500-164.534 *Privacy of individually identifiable health information*

COURT DECISIONS

*Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1986) 662 F.Supp. 376*

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

*School District (K-12) Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist*

WEB SITES

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

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

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

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**INFECTIOUS DISEASES****Prevention and Mitigation Plan**

The Superintendent or designee shall work with state and local health officials to develop and regularly update a plan to prevent and mitigate the spread of infectious diseases. Components of the plan may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. A communication strategy for informing students, parents/guardians, staff, and the community about the disease(s), including symptoms, complications, transmission, and current recommendations from state and local departments of public health
2. Protocols for assessing when campus closures are necessary and when campus(es) may reopen
3. Alternative means of instruction, schedules, and attendance, including the provision of instruction to students with disabilities, English learners, and foster or homeless youth, in the event of campus closures or partial closures

(cf. [5113](#) - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. [5113.1](#) - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. [6111](#) - School Calendar)

(cf. [6112](#) - School Day)

(cf. [6157](#) - Distance Learning)

(cf. [6158](#) - Independent Study)

(cf. [6159](#) - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. [6164.5](#) - Student Success Teams)

(cf. [6173](#) - Education for Homeless Youth)

(cf. [6173.1](#) - Education for Foster Youth)

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

(cf. [6183](#) - Home and Hospital Instruction)

4. Guidelines regarding preventative measures such as social distancing, personal protective equipment, temperature checks, and/or any other health screening allowed by law
5. Protocols regarding the acquisition and provision of personal protective equipment and other supplies
6. Procedures for the cancellation or alteration of extracurricular activities and field trips

(cf. [6145](#) - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. [6145.2](#) - Athletic Competition)

(cf. [6153](#) - School-Sponsored Trips)

7. Protocols for transportation of students using district vehicles

(cf. [3540](#) - Transportation)

(cf. [3543](#) - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)**

8. Information on effective hygiene practices

9. Provisions for continuing free and reduced-price meal services

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

(cf. [3553](#) - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

10. Processes for protecting students who are at higher risk from the disease

11. Programs that enhance a positive school climate and foster the emotional well-being of all students

(cf. [5141.5](#) - Mental Health)

(cf. [5141.52](#) - Suicide Prevention)

(cf. [6164.2](#) - Guidance/Counseling Services)

12. Guidelines for cleaning and sanitization of district facilities and equipment

(cf. [3510](#) - Green School Operations)

(cf. [3514.1](#) - Hazardous Substances)

13. Protocols for visitors and outside groups that utilize district facilities

14. Staff training

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable disease. (17 CCR [2508](#))

**Universal Precautions in the Classroom**

Before students work with blood, blood products, or other body fluids, the teacher shall explain the potentially hazardous nature of blood and body fluids in the transmission of various agents from one person to another and the specific procedures and safety precautions to be used in the lesson.

The following precautions shall be used when students are working with blood or other body fluids:

1. Before and after exposure to blood or other body fluids, students shall wash their hands with soap and water and cover any existing cut, wound, or open sore with a sterile dressing.
2. Students shall wear gloves or other personal protective equipment as appropriate.

(cf. [5142](#) - Safety)

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES** (continued)

3. Blood typing or similar experiments may be conducted by teacher demonstrations. When being performed individually, students shall work with their own blood or use prepackaged ABO/Rh blood cell kits that have vials of blood previously tested for transmissible agents.
  - a. For finger punctures, students shall use individual sterile lancets that have engineered sharps injury protection and shall not reuse them.
  - b. Before the finger is punctured, it shall be wiped with a piece of cotton that has been immersed in alcohol.
  - c. If bleeding persists after the finger is punctured, the student shall apply a sterile bandage using moderate pressure.
4. Lancets and any other materials contaminated with blood or body fluids shall be discarded into a solution consisting of one part bleach to 10 parts water (1:10), made fresh daily.
5. At the end of the class, surfaces shall be wiped with alcohol or a solution of one part bleach to 10 parts water.

(cf. [4119.42/4219.42/4319.42](#) - *Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens*)

(cf. [4119.43/4219.43/4319.43](#) - *Universal Precautions*)

(cf. [5022](#) - *Student and Family Privacy Rights*)

(cf. [6142.1](#) - *Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction*)

(cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)

(cf. [6142.93](#) - *Science Instruction*)

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**ASTHMA MANAGEMENT**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide support systems for students with asthma in order to reduce school absences, help ensure that such students receive appropriate intervention if symptoms occur at school, and enable them to participate in the educational program and school activities to the extent possible.

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

*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

The Superintendent or designee shall involve school nurses, other health professionals, school administrators, and health educators in the development of strategies to help provide a healthy and safe school environment for students with asthma. He/she may also involve school health councils or committees and other interested persons to ensure that the district's strategies are coordinated with other school health programs and practices.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

District strategies shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for identifying and addressing individual student needs, providing effective professional development on asthma symptoms and staff responsibilities, and identifying and reducing environmental factors at schools that may trigger and/or worsen asthma symptoms.

*(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)*

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

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

*(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*

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

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

*(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)*

*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

*Legal Reference: (continued on next page)*

**ASTHMA MANAGEMENT (continued)***Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE49407 *Liability for treatment*49408 *Emergency information*49414.5 *Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training*49423-49423.1 *Administration of prescribed medication for student*49423.5 *Specialized health care services*49426 *School nurses*49480 *Continuing medication regimen; notice*51880-51921 *Comprehensive health education*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5600-611 *Administering medication to students*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 201232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29794 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42280g *Children's asthma treatment grant program**Management Resources:*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008**Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS*Asthma Action Plan for Schools and Families, January 2007**Guidelines for the Management of Asthma in California Schools, April 2004*CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS*Managing Asthma in Schools — What Have We Learned?, August 2006*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*Joint Guidance on the Application of FERPA and HIPAA to Student Health Records, November 2008*U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLICATIONS*Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools*WEB SITESCSBA: <http://www.csba.org>American Lung Association: <http://www.lungusa.org>American School Health Association: <http://www.ashaweb.org>California Asthma Public Health Initiative: <http://caasthma.org>California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/asthma>National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <http://www.epa.gov/asthma>

## ASTHMA MANAGEMENT

### Identification of Students with Asthma

The Superintendent or designee shall, upon a student's registration for school and annually thereafter, request parents/guardians to notify the principal or designee, in writing, if their child has been diagnosed with asthma, has recently experienced symptoms or has a history of asthma, and/or is at risk for potentially severe asthma attacks. The request also shall encourage parents/guardians to provide such notification at any time during the school year that their child is so diagnosed.

The Superintendent or designee shall keep a student's medical information in a secure location and maintain the confidentiality of student health records in accordance with law governing student records. A copy of a student's health record shall be provided to the school nurse, if any. In addition, pertinent information from the health record shall be released to other employees whose responsibilities require that they have access to such information in order to provide support services or to respond in an emergency, such as a student's teacher(s), coach(es), bus driver, and any other staff with responsibility for direct supervision of the student.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

### Individualized Asthma Management

When a student has been diagnosed with asthma or when such a student registers for school, the Superintendent or designee shall request that the parent/guardian submit an asthma action plan. This plan shall be developed by the student's health care provider, in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians, and shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the student's symptoms and severity, asthma triggers, necessary medications, and the parent/guardian's authorization for the health care provider's disclosure of health information to the district. The Superintendent or designee shall request that the parents/guardians submit an updated plan each school year or whenever there are changes in the student's health condition or treatment.

When a student with asthma has been identified as disabled pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, necessary accommodations and services shall be identified as part of the student's Section 504 services plan or individualized education program (IEP), as appropriate.

*(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

**ASTHMA MANAGEMENT (continued)**

Any student who needs to take prescribed medication during the school day may be assisted by a school nurse or designated school personnel or allowed to carry and self-administer inhaled asthma medication provided that the district receives written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian in accordance with Education Code 49423.1 and BP/AR 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions. Parents/guardians shall be requested to provide quick relief medication to be administered in accordance with the student's asthma action plan.

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

Students shall be encouraged to notify their teacher, physical education teacher, coach, or other staff when they are experiencing difficulty breathing and/or need to alter their physical activity level. A student experiencing symptoms shall be encouraged to use his/her quick relief medication. The student shall be supervised on school grounds by a responsible adult until he/she is no longer experiencing symptoms and/or his/her parent/guardian has been contacted.

*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

In case of emergency, staff shall call 911 and assist the student in the administration of quick relief medication as authorized in the student's asthma action plan, Section 504 services plan, or IEP. Staff shall contact the student's parent/guardian or other person identified as an emergency contact and shall supervise the student until his/her care has been assumed by a health professional, parent/guardian, or designated emergency contact.

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

**Education and Support Services**

Asthma management and support systems shall be coordinated by a school nurse, other qualified health professional, or educator who has received appropriate training.

Staff shall be provided professional development which includes information about symptoms and common triggers of asthma, ways to reduce acute symptoms, and emergency response procedures. This professional development may be provided by an outside consultant or organization, a school nurse, other qualified health professional, or educator who has received appropriate training.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**ASTHMA MANAGEMENT** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide each school site with information regarding emergency management of asthma to post in easily accessible locations.

A school nurse or other qualified personnel may provide education to students with asthma using approved curriculum. Upon request by a student or his/her parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee may provide information about available medical resources, including school-based health services as appropriate.

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

**SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE SERVICES****Definitions**

*Specialized physical health services* means those health services prescribed by the student's licensed physician requiring medically related training for the individual who performs the services and which are necessary during the school day to enable the student to attend school. These services include catheterization, gastric tube feeding, suctioning, or other services that require medically related training. (Education Code 49423.5; 5 CCR 3051.12)

*Qualified* means the ability to demonstrate competence in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, current knowledge of community emergency medical resources, and skill in the use of equipment and performance of techniques necessary to provide specialized physical health care services for individuals with disabilities. In addition, for designated school personnel, *qualified* means trained in the procedures to a level of competence and safety which meets the objectives of the training as provided by the school nurse, public health nurse, licensed physician, or other programs which provide the training. (Education Code 49423.5; 5 CCR 3051.12)

*Training* means preparation in the appropriate delivery and skillful performance of specialized physical health care services. (5 CCR 3051.12)

*Supervision* means review, observation, and/or instruction of a designated school person's performance and of physical health care services, but does not necessarily require the immediate presence of the supervisor at all times. (5 CCR 3051.12)

**Provision of Services**

A student with disabilities who requires specialized health care services during the school day, as identified in his/her individualized education program (IEP), may be assisted by any of the following individuals: (Education Code 49423.5, 56345)

1. Qualified persons who possess an appropriate credential pursuant to Education Code 44267 (service credential with specialization in health), Education Code 44267.5 (service credential with specialization in health for school nurse), or a valid certificate of public health nursing issued by the Board of Registered Nursing
2. Qualified designated school personnel trained in the administration of specialized physical health care if they perform those services under the supervision of a credentialed school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician and the services are determined by the credentialed school nurse or licensed physician, in consultation with the physician treating the student, to meet all of the following criteria:
  - a. Constitute routine care for the student
  - b. Pose little potential harm for the student

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- c. Are performed with predictable outcomes, as defined in the student's IEP
- d. Do not require a nursing assessment, interpretation, or decision making by the designated school personnel

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

Specialized health care or other services that require medically related training shall be provided pursuant to Education Code 49423. (Education Code 49423.5)

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

Schools shall provide appropriate accommodations for safety and necessary physical care services. The student's personal privacy and dignity shall be assured. (5 CCR 3051.12)

A qualified school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician responsible for supervising the physical health care of students with disabilities in the school setting shall: (5 CCR 3051.12)

1. Coordinate the health care services to the students with disabilities on the school site
2. Consult with appropriate personnel regarding management of health care services for students with disabilities
3. Make appropriate referrals and maintain communication with health agencies providing care to students with disabilities
4. Maintain or review licensed physician and parent/guardian requests and daily documentation records

The licensed physician of a student with disabilities who is required to receive physical health care services shall provide a written statement detailing the procedure and time schedule by which such procedures are to be given. In addition, the student's parent/guardian shall provide a written statement indicating his/her desire that the district assist the student in the matters set forth in the physician's statement and granting consent for the delivery of such services. (5 CCR 3051.12)

For each student with disabilities, the district shall maintain the physician and parent/guardian statements, as well as the specific standardized procedures to be used if the services are provided. The district shall also maintain daily documentation of specific services provided and shall include the signatures of the personnel who performed the

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procedure. This documentation shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements for confidentiality of student records and shall be classified as mandatory interim student records. (5 CCR 3051.12)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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44267.5 Services credential with specialization in health for school nurse

49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student

49423.5 Specialized physical health care services

49426 School nurses

56000-56606 Special education programs, especially:

56345 Individualized education program contents

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2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general

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#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

300.34 Related services

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**TUBERCULOSIS TESTING**

Any student who is reasonably suspected of having active tuberculosis shall be excluded from attendance at a district school until the student provides evidence of a certificate showing that the student is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code [121485](#), [121495](#), [121505](#))

(cf. [5112.2](#) - *Exclusions from Attendance*)

Students shall be screened or tested for tuberculosis under the following circumstances:

1. When required by the local health department as part of the comprehensive health screening required for school entry, parents/guardians shall, within 90 days after their child's entry into first grade, provide certification evidencing that their child has been screened for risk of tuberculosis within the preceding 18 months. Such certification shall be on a form approved by the California Department of Health Care Services. (Health and Safety Code [124040](#), [124085](#), [124105](#))

In lieu of the certificate, parents/guardians may submit a signed waiver indicating that they do not want or are unable to obtain the health screening and evaluation services for their child and, if applicable, the reasons that they are unable to obtain the services. (Health and Safety Code [124085](#))

(cf. [5141.32](#) - *Health Screening for School Entry*)

2. Whenever ordered by the local health officer for the preservation and protection of public health, students seeking admission for the first time to a district school at any grade level shall submit to tuberculosis testing. Students who are subject to the health officer's order shall be admitted to school as follows:
  - a. The Superintendent or designee shall unconditionally admit any student who, prior to admission, submits a certificate signed by any public or private medical provider indicating that the student has completed an approved tuberculosis examination and is free from active tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code [121485](#), [121490](#), [121500](#); 22 CCR [41305](#), [41311](#), [41313](#))

(cf. [5141.3](#) - *Health Examinations*)

(cf. [5141.6](#) - *School Health Services*)

(cf. [5148](#) - *Child Care and Development*)

(cf. [5148.3](#) - *Preschool/Early Childhood Education*)

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt a student from the requirement to submit a certificate if the student's parent/guardian, or the student if an emancipated minor, provides an affidavit stating that the required examination is contrary to one's personal beliefs. If there is probable cause to believe that such a student has active tuberculosis, the student may be

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excluded from school until the Superintendent or designee is satisfied that the student is not afflicted. (Health and Safety Code [121505](#))

- b. A student who has not submitted the certificate or personal beliefs affidavit may be admitted on condition that the student receives an approved tuberculin skin test within 10 school days after admission. A student who has had a positive skin test and has not subsequently obtained a chest x-ray may be admitted on condition that the student receives a chest x-ray within 20 school days after admission. Any student who fails to provide the certificate within those time periods shall be prohibited from further attendance until the certificate is provided. (Health and Safety Code [121495](#); 22 CCR [41315](#), [41327](#))
  - c. Whenever the local health officer so orders, a student may be required to complete an additional examination and provide another certificate indicating that the student is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code [121485](#))
  - d. At the discretion of the local health officer, the district may admit a student without a certificate if the student is undergoing or has already undergone preventive treatment for tuberculosis infection or treatment for tuberculosis disease. (22 CCR [41319](#))
3. Whenever the Superintendent or designee suspects that a student who has not been examined for tuberculosis either has the disease or has been exposed, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately report by telephone to the local health officer. When required by the local health officer, the district shall exclude the student from school until the student is certified to be free of communicable tuberculosis. (22 CCR [41329](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of any student's tuberculosis examination as part of the student's mandatory permanent student record. (22 CCR [41323](#))

(cf. [5125](#) - *Student Records*)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually file a report with the local health department on the results of tuberculosis examinations for all new district students required to complete such examinations in accordance with item #2 above, including, but not necessarily limited to, the number of students unconditionally and conditionally admitted and the number of students exempted on the basis of their personal beliefs. (22 CCR [41325](#))

All district staff shall receive information on how tuberculosis is spread and how it can be prevented and treated.

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(cf. [4112.4/4212.4/4312.4](#) - Health Examinations)  
 (cf. [4119.43/4219.43/4319.43](#) - Universal Precautions)  
 (cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)  
 (cf. [4231](#) - Staff Development)  
 (cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)  
 (cf. [5141.22](#) - Infectious Diseases)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

**FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

The Board of Trustees desires to prevent exposure of students to foods to which they are allergic and to provide for prompt and appropriate treatment in the event that a severe allergic reaction occurs at school.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for the care of food-allergic students. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, strategies for identifying students at risk for allergic reactions, avoidance measures and other means to manage allergies, education of staff regarding typical symptoms, and actions to be taken in the event of a severe allergic reaction.

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*  
*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*  
*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*  
*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

Parents/guardians shall be responsible for notifying the Superintendent or designee, in writing, regarding any food allergies or other special dietary needs of their child in accordance with administrative regulation.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

When a student's food allergy or food intolerance substantially limits one or more major life activities, his/her parents/guardians shall be informed of the district's obligation to evaluate the student to determine if he/she requires accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act. The student shall be evaluated in accordance with law and the procedures specified in AR 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504. If that process results in the development of a Section 504 plan, the district shall provide the accommodations and/or aids and services identified in the plan.

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*  
*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

If a student's diet restrictions and needed services are addressed in an individualized education program (IEP), the Superintendent or designee shall ensure compliance with the IEP including any necessary food substitutions.

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

Students shall not be excluded from school activities based solely on their food allergy.

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

**FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** (continued)

Any complaint of alleged noncompliance with this policy shall be addressed through appropriate district complaint procedures.

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

The district's food services program may, but is not required to, accommodate individual student preferences or diets that are not supported by a statement from the student's health care provider.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## **FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (continued)**

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

49407 Liability for treatment

49408 Emergency information

49414 Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors

49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 Administering medication to students

15562 Reimbursement for meals, substitutions

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

701-795a Rehabilitation Act, including:

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769h National School Lunch Program

1771-1791 Child nutrition, especially:

1773 School Breakfast Program

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program

220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

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Accommodating Children with Special Dietary Needs in the School Nutrition Programs: Guidance for School Food Service Staff, Fall 2001

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American School Food Service Association: <http://www.asfsa.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network: <http://www.foodallergy.org>

International Food Information Council: <http://ific.org>

National School Boards Association, School Health Programs: <http://www.nsba.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.fns.usda.gov>

**FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS****Definitions**

*Special dietary needs* include food intolerances, allergies, and other medical needs that may require avoidance of specific foods.

*Food allergies* are abnormal responses of the body's immune system to certain foods or ingredients.

*Anaphylaxis* is a potentially life-threatening hypersensitivity to a substance and may be caused by a food allergy. Symptoms may include shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing, difficulty talking or swallowing, hives, itching, swelling, shock, or asthma. (Education Code 49414)

In severe cases, anaphylaxis may result in lowered blood pressure, loss of consciousness, or even death. Symptoms typically appear immediately after exposure to a certain food or substance but in rare cases may occur after a few hours.

*Epinephrine auto-injector* is a disposable drug delivery system with a spring-activated needle that is designed for emergency administration of epinephrine to provide rapid, convenient first aid for persons suffering a potentially fatal reaction to anaphylaxis. (Education Code 49414)

**Notification by Parent/Guardian**

The parents/guardians of any student who has a known food allergy or other special dietary need shall notify the Superintendent or designee, in writing, and provide written medical documentation, signed by the student's health care provider, that describes the nature of the student's condition, instructions, and necessary medications. If the student's condition requires food substitutions or modifications in school meals, the written statement shall also describe the specific foods to be restricted and the foods that should be substituted.

**Health Plan**

Upon receiving notice of a student's food allergy or other special dietary need, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a written health plan is developed, in consultation with the student's parents/guardians and health provider, to manage the student's needs while at school or at a school-sponsored activity. The plan shall seek to minimize the student's risk of exposure to the allergen and address actions to be taken if exposure occurs.

As appropriate, the plan may include specific food prohibitions and substitutions, an identification of common school rooms where the student may be exposed, staff responsibilities, information and training to be provided to staff, accommodations and services to facilitate the student's participation in the educational program, and medical/emergency protocols.

**FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (continued)**

When a student with a food allergy or other special dietary need has been identified as disabled pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, necessary accommodations and services shall be identified as part of the student's Section 504 services plan or individualized education program, as appropriate.

*(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

**Prevention Strategies**

To minimize students' exposure to foods to which they are allergic, the Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum, implement the following preventive measures:

1. Notification to District Staff

When notified by the parent/guardian that a student has a food allergy, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the student's principal, teacher(s), bus driver, school nurse, coach, substitute teacher, and/or any other personnel responsible for supervising the student.

The principal or designee shall notify substitute staff of any students with known food allergies and the school's response plan.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

2. Food Services

The district's food services program shall make food substitutions in breakfasts, lunches, and after-school snacks when students are considered to have a disability under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that restricts their diet and when a physician has signed a statement of need that includes recommended alternate foods. (7 CFR 210.10, 220.8)

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

*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*

*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

Substitutions may be made on a case-by-case basis for students who do not have a disability under Section 504 but who cannot consume the regular breakfast, lunch, or after-school snack because of medical or other special dietary needs, when supported by a statement of need signed by a recognized medical authority. (7 CFR 210.10, 220.8, 225.16)



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The district's food services staff shall check food labels or specifications to ensure that foods do not contain traces of substances to which the student is allergic.

Under no circumstances shall food services staff prescribe nutritional requirements or revise a diet order prescribed by a physician.

Food substitutions shall not result in any additional cost to the student.

**3. Class Parties/School Activities**

Without identifying the student, the principal or teacher may notify parents/guardians of other students in the class that a student is allergic to a specific food and may request that the food not be provided at class parties or other school events.

Whenever the ingredients in any food served at class parties or other school activities are unknown, the student shall be encouraged to avoid the food.

**4. Sanitation and Cleaning**

To avoid spreading allergens, cafeteria tables and classroom surfaces shall be cleaned with a fresh cloth or disposable paper towels and cleaning products known to effectively remove food proteins, excluding waterless cleaners or instant hand sanitizers that do not involve a wet-wash step. Cross-contact from a sponge or cloth used to clean allergen-containing tabletops shall be avoided.

Staff shall use and promote hand-washing using soap and water before and after food handling.

Students shall be notified that exchanging meals or utensils is prohibited.

**5. Professional Development**

Schoolwide professional development shall be provided to appropriate staff on the identification and management of food allergies, including avoidance measures, typical symptoms, the proper use of epinephrine auto-injectors, documentation and storage of medication, and emergency drills.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**6. Supervision of Students**

When available, staff who are trained and knowledgeable about symptoms of anaphylaxis and actions to take in an emergency shall provide supervision in the

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classroom and cafeteria, on the playground, and on field trips or other school activities whenever students known to have a food allergy are present.

*(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)*

7. Health Education

The district's health education curriculum may include instruction on food allergies in order to assist food-allergic students in taking responsibility for monitoring their diet and to teach other students about the dangers of sharing foods or utensils with others.

*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

**Emergency Response**

Epinephrine auto-injectors or other medicine provided for use in the event of an anaphylactic shock reaction shall be stored and used in accordance with law and BP/AR 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions.

*(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)*

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

In addition, staff shall call 911 and seek immediate medical attention for a student experiencing an anaphylactic shock reaction.

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

As soon as possible, school staff shall contact the student's parents/guardians or other person identified as an emergency contact.

When a student with a known allergy will be off school grounds, such as on a field trip, he/she shall be accompanied by a kit containing at least two doses of epinephrine, other medications as noted by the student's health care provider, and, as appropriate, the student's individualized food allergy plan.

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**HEALTH EXAMINATIONS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that periodic health examinations of students may lead to early detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning. Health examinations also may help in determining whether special adaptations of the school program are necessary.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify that students have complied with legal requirements for a comprehensive health screening, an oral health assessment, and immunizations at school entry. In addition, the district shall administer tests for vision, hearing, and scoliosis as required by law.

*(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

All students who participate as cheerleaders, song leaders, or athletes in organized competitive sports shall first undergo a medical examination and submit documentation of medical clearance to the district. Upon sustaining an injury or serious illness, a student may be required to have another examination before participating further. This requirement does not apply to participants in occasional play day or field day activities.

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff employed to examine students exercise proper care of each student and that examination results are kept confidential. Records related to these examinations shall be maintained and released only in accordance with law.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## HEALTH EXAMINATIONS (continued)

### *Legal Reference:*

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48980 *Parental notifications*  
49400-49414.5 *Student health, general powers of school boards*  
49422 *Supervision of health and physical development*  
49450-49458 *Physical examinations (of students)*  
49460-49466 *Development of standardized health assessments*

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120325-120380 *Immunization against communicable diseases*  
121475-121520 *Tuberculosis tests for students*  
124025-124110 *Child Health and Disability Prevention Program*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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3027 *Hearing and vision screening for special education*  
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California Department of Education, Type 2 Diabetes Information: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/type2diabetes.asp>  
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

**HEALTH EXAMINATIONS**

The principal at each school shall notify parents/guardians of the rights of students and parents/guardians related to health examinations. (Education Code 48980; 20 USC 1232h)

*(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)*  
*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*  
*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*  
*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

A parent/guardian may annually file with the principal a written statement withholding consent to the child's physical examination. Any such student shall be exempt from any physical examination but shall be subject to exclusion from attendance when contagious or infectious disease is reasonably suspected. (Education Code 49451; 20 USC 1232h)

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*  
*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*  
*(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*

**Vision Tests**

Each student's vision shall be appraised, by the school nurse or other personnel authorized under Education Code 49452, during the kindergarten year or upon first enrollment or entry in a district elementary school and subsequently in grades 2, 5, and 8. However, a student who is tested upon first enrollment or entry in the district in grade 4 or 7 shall not be required to be appraised in the next immediate year. (Education Code 49455)

The vision appraisal shall include tests for visual acuity, including near vision. Male students shall also be tested once for color vision in grade 1 or later and the results of the appraisal shall be entered in the student's health record. (Education Code 49455)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

Appraisal of a student's vision may be waived under either of the following conditions: (Education Code 49455)

1. The student's parent/guardian requests a waiver and presents a certificate from a physician/surgeon, physician assistant, or optometrist showing the results of an examination of the student's vision, including visual acuity and, in male students, color vision.
2. The student's parents/guardians file with the principal a written statement that they adhere to the faith or teachings of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles depend for healing upon prayer in the practice of their religion.

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Visual defects or any other defects found as a result of the vision examination shall be reported to the parent/guardian with a request that remedial action be taken to correct or cure the defect. The report of a visual defect, if made in writing, shall be made on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The report shall not include a referral to any private practitioner. However, the student may be referred to a public clinic or diagnostic and treatment center operated by a public hospital or by the state, county, or city department of public health. (Education Code 49456)

In addition to the vision appraisals described above, the school nurse and/or classroom teacher shall continually and regularly observe students' eyes, appearance, behavior, visual performance, and perception that may indicate vision difficulties. (Education Code 49455)

**Eye Examinations for the Purpose of Eyeglasses**

In addition to the vision appraisals described above, the district may enter into a memorandum of understanding with a nonprofit eye examination provider, including a mobile provider, to provide noninvasive eye examinations at a district school exclusively for the purpose of providing eyeglasses. (Education Code 49455.5)

Prior to any eye examination, the school shall notify parents/guardians of the upcoming eye examination and include a form that allows them to opt their child out of the examination. Parents/guardians who have submitted a general opt-out written statement in accordance with Education Code 49451 are deemed to have opted out. (Education Code 49455.5)

Parents/guardians whose child receives an eye examination shall be provided a report by the provider in accordance with Education Code 49456. (Education Code 49455.5)

**Hearing Tests**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the administration of hearing tests to district students by personnel authorized to conduct such testing pursuant to Education Code 49452 and 49454 and in accordance with the procedures specified in 17 CCR 2951.

Each student shall be given a hearing screening test at the following times: (17 CCR 2951)

1. Kindergarten or grade 1
2. Grade 2
3. Grade 5
4. Grade 8

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5. Grade 10 or 11
6. Upon first entry into the California public school system

Each student enrolled in a special education program, other than those enrolled because of a hearing problem, shall be given a hearing test when enrolled in the program and every third year thereafter. Hearing tests may be given more frequently as needed, based on the individualized education program team's evaluation of the student. (17 CCR 2951)

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

A follow-up hearing threshold test shall be administered to any student who fails to respond to any of the required frequencies in the screening test or is otherwise determined to need further evaluation. (17 CCR 2951)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification of test results to the parents/guardians of any student who fails the hearing tests. When the test results fall within the levels specified in 17 CCR 2951 or there is evidence of pathology, such as an infection of the outer ear, chronic drainage, or a chronic earache, the notification shall include a recommendation that a further medical and audiological evaluation be obtained. (17 CCR 2951)

The dates and results of all screening tests and copies of threshold tests shall be included in the student's health records. (17 CCR 2951)

The principal or designee shall prepare an annual report of the school hearing testing program, using forms provided by the Department of Health Services, with copies to the Superintendent and the County Superintendent of Schools. (17 CCR 2951)

**Scoliosis Screening**

Each female student in grade 7 and each male student in grade 8 shall be screened for scoliosis. (Education Code 49452.5)

The parent/guardian of any student suspected of having scoliosis shall receive a notice which includes an explanation of scoliosis and describes the significance of treatment at an early age. This notice shall also describe the public services available for treatment and include a referral to appropriate community resources. (Education Code 49452.5)

**Type I Diabetes Information**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians of children enrolled in elementary school for the

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first time, or with the annual notifications pursuant to Education Code 48980, an information sheet developed by the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding type 1 diabetes as specified in Education Code 49452.6.

**Type II Diabetes Information**

Because type 2 diabetes in children is a preventable and treatable disease, parents/guardians are encouraged to have their child screened by an authorized health care practitioner for risk factors of the disease, including excess weight, and to request tests of their child's blood glucose to determine if the child has type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians of incoming students in grade 7, or with the annual notifications pursuant to Education Code 48980, an information sheet developed by CDE regarding type 2 diabetes, which includes: (Education Code 49452.7)

1. A description of the disease and its risk factors and warning signs
2. A recommendation that students displaying or possibly suffering from risk factors or warning signs associated with type 2 diabetes be screened for the disease
3. A description of the different types of diabetes screening tests available
4. A description of treatments and prevention methods

The Superintendent or designee may provide information to parents/guardians regarding public or private sources from which they may receive diabetes screening and education services for free or at reduced costs.

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**IMMUNIZATIONS**

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Governing Board shall cooperate with state and local public health agencies to encourage and facilitate immunization of all district students against preventable diseases.

(cf. [1400](#) - *Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools*)

(cf. [5141.22](#) - *Infectious Diseases*)

(cf. [5141.26](#) - *Tuberculosis Testing*)

(cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)

Each student enrolling for the first time in a district school, preschool, or child care and development program or enrolling in or advancing to grade 7 shall present an immunization record from any authorized private or public health care provider certifying that the student has received all required immunizations in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

(cf. [5112.1](#) - *Exemptions from Attendance*)

(cf. [5112.2](#) - *Exclusions from Attendance*)

(cf. [5141.32](#) - *Health Screening for School Entry*)

(cf. [5148](#) - *Child Care and Development*)

(cf. [5148.3](#) - *Preschool/Early Childhood Education*)

Transfer students shall be requested to present immunization records upon registration at district schools if possible.

(cf. [6173](#) - *Education for Homeless Children*)

(cf. [6173.1](#) - *Education for Foster Youth*)

(cf. [6173.2](#) - *Education of Children of Military Families*)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

[44871](#) *Qualifications of supervisor of health*

[46010](#) *Total days of attendance*

[48216](#) *Immunization and exclusion from attendance*

[48853.5](#) *Immediate enrollment of foster youth*

[48980](#) *Required notification of rights*

[49403](#) *Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunizations*

[49426](#) *Duties of school nurses*

[49701](#) *Flexibility in enrollment of children of military families*

[51745-51749.6](#) *Independent study*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

[120325-120380](#) *Immunization against communicable disease, especially:*

[120335](#) *Immunization requirement for admission*

[120372](#) *Statewide medical exemption electronic standardized form*

[120395](#) *Information about meningococcal disease, including recommendation for vaccination*

[120440](#) *Disclosure of immunization information*

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**IMMUNIZATIONS** (continued)Legal Reference: continuedCODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5430 Student records; definitionCODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 176000-6075 School attendance immunization requirementsUNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 201232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy ActUNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 4211432 Immediate enrollment of homeless childrenCODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 3499.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and PrivacyManagement Resources:CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTHExemptions FAQsGuide to Immunization Requirements for Pre-kindergarten (Child Care)Guide to Immunization Requirements for K-12th GradeParents' Guide to Immunizations Required for Pre-kindergarten (Child Care)Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for School EntryVaccinations and Medical Exemptions Questions and AnswersCalifornia Immunization Handbook for Pre-kindergarten (Child Care) Programs and Schools, 10th Edition, July 2019EDUCATION AUDIT APPEALS PANEL PUBLICATIONSGuide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance ReportingU.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCEFamily Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and H1N1, October 2009WEB SITESCalifornia Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>California Department of Public Health, ImmunizationBranch: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/dcdc/pages/immunize.aspx>California Department of Public Health, Shots for Schools: <http://www.shotsforschool.org>California Health & Human Services Agency: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>Education Audit Appeals Panel: <http://www.eaap.ca.gov>U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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## IMMUNIZATIONS

### Required Immunizations

Upon a student's registration at a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student's parents/guardians a written notice summarizing the state's immunization requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district school, preschool, or child care and development program for the first time nor admit or advance any student to grade 7, unless the student has been fully immunized. The student shall present documentation of full immunization, in accordance with the age/grade and dose required by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), against the following diseases: (Health and Safety Code [120335](#); 17 CCR [6025](#))

1. Measles, mumps, and rubella
2. Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough)
3. Poliomyelitis (polio)
4. Hepatitis B
5. Varicella (chickenpox)
6. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib meningitis)
7. Any other disease deemed appropriate by CDPH

(cf. [5141.22](#) - *Infectious Diseases*)

(cf. [5148](#) - *Child Care and Development*)

(cf. [5148.3](#) - *Preschool/Early Childhood Education*)

(cf. [6170.1](#) - *Transitional Kindergarten*)

However, full immunization against hepatitis B shall not be a condition by which the Superintendent or designee shall admit or advance any student to grade 7. (Health and Safety Code [120335](#))

A student who qualifies for an individualized education program (IEP), unless otherwise exempt, shall be fully immunized in accordance with Health and Safety Code [120335](#) and this regulation. However, the district shall continue to implement the student's IEP and shall not prohibit the student from accessing any special education and related services required by the student's IEP regardless of whether the student is fully immunized. (Health and Safety Code [120335](#))

(cf. [6159](#) - *Individualized Education Program*)

**IMMUNIZATIONS** (continued)

School personnel shall record information for each student regarding all doses of required immunizations and the status of all requirements in accordance with 17 CCR [6070](#). The school records shall be based on the student's immunization record provided by the student's health care provider, from the student's previous school immunization record, or through the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). (17 CCR [6070](#))

**Exemptions**

Exemption from one or more immunization requirements shall be granted under any of the following circumstances:

1. A medical exemption is submitted using the standardized form developed by CDPH and transmitted using CAIR which includes, but is not limited to, a description of the medical basis for which the exemption for each individual immunization is sought and whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary. (Health and Safety Code 120372)

A student who has a medical exemption issued prior to January 1, 2020 shall be allowed to continue enrollment until the next grade span, except that after July 1, 2021, a student may not be admitted or advanced to grade 7 unless the student has been immunized or a medical exemption form filed as stated above. (Health and Safety Code [120370](#))

A temporary exemption shall not exceed one year, and all medical exemptions shall not extend beyond the grade span. (Health and Safety Code 120372)

If a student's medical exemption is revoked by CDPH on the basis that the exemption does not meet applicable criteria for medical exemptions, the student shall continue in attendance and, within 30 calendar days of the revocation, commence the immunization schedule required for conditional admittance pursuant to 17 CCR [6050](#), as described below. (Health and Safety Code 120372)

The student's parent/guardian may appeal a revocation to the Secretary of California Health and Human Services. If a revocation is appealed, the student shall continue in attendance and shall not be required to commence the immunization schedule required for conditional admittance provided the appeal is filed within 30 calendar days of the revocation. (Health and Safety Code 120372, 120372.05)

2. The student's parent/guardian filed with the district, before January 1, 2016, a letter or written affidavit stating that an immunization is contrary to the student's personal beliefs, in which case the student shall be exempted from the immunization until the student enrolls in the next applicable grade span requiring immunization (birth to preschool, grades K-6, grades 7-12). (Health and Safety Code [120335](#))

(cf. [6141.2](#) - *Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs*)

**IMMUNIZATIONS (continued)**

When a student transfers to a different school within the district or transfers into the district from another school district in California, the student's personal beliefs exemption filed before January 1, 2016, shall remain in effect until the next applicable grade span. A student transferring from a school outside the district shall present a copy of the personal beliefs exemption upon enrollment. When a student transfers into the district from outside California and presents a personal beliefs exemption issued by another state or country prior to January 1, 2016, the Superintendent or designee may consult with legal counsel regarding the applicable immunization requirements.

3. The student is enrolled in an independent study program pursuant to Education Code [51745-51749.6](#) and does not receive classroom-based instruction. (Health and Safety Code [120335](#))

(cf. [6158](#) - *Independent Study*)

**Conditional Enrollment**

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from an authorized health care provider that the student has not received all the immunizations required for the student's age group, but has commenced receiving doses of all required vaccines and is not due for any other doses at the time of admission. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses as specified in 17 CCR [6035](#). (Health and Safety Code [120340](#); 17 CCR [6035](#))

(cf. [5145.6](#) - *Parental Notifications*)

In addition, a transfer student may be conditionally admitted for up to 30 school days while the student's immunization records are being transferred from the previous school. If such documentation is not presented within 30 days, the student shall be excluded from school until the required immunizations have been administered. (17 CCR [6035](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately enroll homeless students, foster youth, and students of military families even if their immunization records are missing or unavailable at the time of enrollment. School or district staff shall work with the student's prior school to obtain the student's immunization records or shall ensure that the student is properly immunized. (Education Code [48853.5](#), [49701](#); Health and Safety Code [120341](#); 42 USC [11432](#))

(cf. [6173](#) - *Education for Homeless Children*)

(cf. [6173.1](#) - *Education for Foster Youth*)

(cf. [6173.2](#) - *Education of Children of Military Families*)

The Superintendent or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally every 30 days until that student has received all the required immunizations. If the student does not receive the required immunizations within the

**IMMUNIZATIONS** (continued)

specified time limits, the student shall be excluded from further attendance until the immunizations are received. (Health and Safety Code [120375](#); 17 CCR [6040](#), [6070](#))

**Exclusions Due to Lack of Immunizations**

If an enrolled student who was previously believed to be in compliance with immunization requirements is subsequently discovered to not be in compliance with requirements for unconditional or conditional admission, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian that evidence of proper immunization or an appropriate exemption must be provided within 10 school days. This notice shall refer the parent/guardian to the student's usual source of medical care or, if the student has no usual source of medical care, then to the county health department or school immunization program, if any. (Education Code [48216](#); 17 CCR [6040](#))

(cf. [5112.2](#) - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. [5141.6](#) - School Health Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude from further attendance an enrolled student who fails to obtain the required immunization within 10 school days following the parent/guardian's receipt of the notice specified above. The student shall remain excluded from school until documentation is provided indicating that the student has received a dose of each required vaccine due at that time. (17 CCR [6040](#), [6055](#))

The student shall also be reported to the attendance supervisor or principal.

**Exclusion Due to Exposure to Disease**

If the district has good cause to believe that a student has been exposed to a disease listed in the section "Required Immunizations" above and the student's documentation of immunization does not show proof of immunization against that disease, that student may be temporarily excluded from the school until the local health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease. (Health and Safety Code [120370](#))

**Records**

Each student's immunization record shall be retained as part of the student's mandatory permanent student record. District staff shall maintain the confidentiality of immunization records and may disclose such information to state and local health departments only in accordance with law. (Health and Safety Code [120375](#), [120440](#); 17 CCR [6070](#))

(cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)

The district shall also retain in the mandatory student record any physician or health officer statement, personal beliefs letter or affidavit, reason for conditional enrollment, or any other documentation related to the student's immunization record or exemptions.

**IMMUNIZATIONS** (continued)

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall file a written report on the immunization status of new students with CDPH and the local department of public health on forms prescribed by CDPH. (Health and Safety Code [120375](#); 17 CCR [6075](#))

**Audits**

If an audit reveals deficiencies in the district's reporting procedures, the Superintendent or designee shall present the Board with a plan to remedy such deficiencies.

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**HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL ENTRY****Comprehensive Health Screening for Grades K-1**

The parent/guardian of a student in kindergarten or first grade shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a certification form developed by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and signed by the student's health examiner certifying that the student has completed a comprehensive health screening within 18 months prior to entry into first grade or within 90 days thereafter. (Health and Safety Code 124040, 124085)

*(cf. 5111 - Admission)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*

*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*

*(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)*

*(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of all kindergarten students of the requirement to obtain a health screening and of the availability of the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program established pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124025-124110 to assist eligible low-income families in obtaining the health screening. (Health and Safety Code 124100)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

The notice and certification form shall be included with the notification of immunization requirements provided to parents/guardians prior to their child's enrollment in kindergarten and shall encourage completion of the health screening simultaneously with immunizations. The notice shall also be provided to the parent/guardian of any student who is enrolling in first grade without having attended kindergarten in the district.

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

In lieu of the certification, the parent/guardian may submit a waiver on a form developed by DHCS indicating that he/she does not want or is unable to obtain a health screening. If the waiver indicates that the parent/guardian was unable to obtain the services, the reasons should be included in the waiver. (Health and Safety Code 124085)

The waiver form shall be provided to a parent/guardian upon request.

The completed certification form or the waiver shall be maintained in the student's health file or cumulative record. (5 CCR 432)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

During the first 90 days of the school year, the Superintendent or designee may contact any parent/guardian of a first-grade student who has not provided either the certification form or



**HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL ENTRY (continued)**

the waiver to ensure that the parent/guardian understands the health screening requirement and, if appropriate, his/her possible eligibility for the CHDP program.

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude from school, for not more than five school days, any first-grade student who does not present evidence of a health screening or a waiver on or before the 90th day after entering first grade. The exclusion shall begin on the 91st day after the student's entrance into the first grade, or if school is not in session, then on the next succeeding school day. (Health and Safety Code 124105)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt a student from exclusion when his/her parents/guardians have been contacted at least twice between the first day and the 90th day after the student's enrollment in first grade and the parents/guardians refuse to provide either a certification form or a waiver. (Health and Safety Code 124105)

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*

**Oral Health Assessment for Grades K-1**

No later than May 31 of the school year, the parent/guardian of any kindergarten student or of any first-grade student who was not previously enrolled in a public school shall certify that the student has received an oral health assessment. The oral health assessment shall have been performed by a licensed dentist or other authorized dental health professional no earlier than 12 months prior to the date of the student's initial enrollment. (Education Code 49452.8)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of students in grades K-1 of the oral health assessment requirement. The notification shall, at a minimum, consist of a letter that includes all of the following: (Education Code 49452.8)

1. An explanation of the administrative requirements of the law
2. Information on the importance of primary teeth
3. Information on the importance of oral health to overall health and to learning
4. A toll-free telephone number to request an application for Medi-Cal or other government-subsidized health insurance programs
5. Contact information for county public health departments
6. A statement of privacy applicable under state and federal laws and regulations

The notification, along with a copy of the certification form developed by the California Department of Education, shall be provided to parents/guardians when they register their child for school.

**HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL ENTRY (continued)**

Following completion of the assessment, the parent/guardian shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a completed certification form which has been signed by the dental health professional.

A parent/guardian may be excused from complying with the oral health assessment requirements if he/she indicates on the certification form that the assessment could not be completed for any of the following reasons: (Education Code 49452.8)

1. Completion of an assessment poses an undue financial burden on the parent/guardian.
2. The parent/guardian lacks access to a licensed dentist or other dental health professional.
3. The parent/guardian does not consent to an assessment.

If the district hosts a free oral health assessment event at which licensed dentists or other licensed dental health professionals perform school site assessments of students enrolled in the school, any student who has not had an oral health assessment shall be given an assessment unless his/her parent/guardian has indicated on the certification form that he/she does not consent to the student receiving an assessment. However, a student shall not receive dental treatment of any kind without his/her parent/guardian's informed consent for the treatment. (Education Code 49452.8)

Students who are not assessed, or for whom the parents/guardians fail to return the certification form, shall not be excluded from school attendance.

By July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall report data on oral health assessments to the state dental director and/or the county office of education in accordance with Education Code 49452.8.

The report shall also be provided to the Governing Board. The identity of any student shall not be included in the report.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

48985 Notice to parents in language other than English

49060-49079 Student records

49452.8 Oral health assessment

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

104395 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program expansion

124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, especially:

124085 Certificate documenting health screening and evaluation services; waiver by parent/guardian

124100 Distribution of program information to parents/guardians of kindergarten children

124105 Exclusions and exemption; legislative intent of notification contents

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

432 Student records

## HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL ENTRY (continued)

*Legal Reference: continued*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6800-6874 *Child Health and Disability Prevention Program*

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

*Child Health & Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program: Oral Health Educational Resources for Children and Teens (6-20 years), rev. July 2013*

*CHDP School Handbook: School Entry Health Examination Requirements, rev. January 2006*

WEB SITES

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

California Dental Association: <http://www.cda.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

California Department of Health Care Services, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program:  
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.ccrcca.org/resources/family-resource-directory/item/california-healthy-kids-resource-center>

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# Board Policy

## Students

BP 5141.33(a)

### HEAD LICE

The Governing Board recognizes that head lice infestations among students require treatment but do not pose a risk of transmitting disease. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage early detection and treatment in a manner that minimizes disruption to the educational program and reduces student absences.

The Superintendent or designee may distribute information to parents/guardians of preschool and elementary students regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Superintendent or designee also may provide related information to school staff.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible.

If a student is found with active, adult head lice, he/she shall be allowed to stay in school until the end of the school day. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice and encouraged to begin treatment of the student immediately and to check all members of the family. The parent/guardian also shall be informed that the student shall be checked upon return to school the next day and allowed to remain in school if no active head lice are detected.

Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse or designee shall check the student for active head lice. If it is determined that the student remains infected with head lice, the school nurse or designee shall contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss treatment. As needed, he/she may provide additional resources and/or referral to the local health department, health care providers, or other agencies.

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*

When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the principal or designee may, at his/her discretion, notify parents/guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice.

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

## HEAD LICE (continued)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

48320-48325 School attendance review boards

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

### *Management Resources:*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

*Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Child Care Facilities*, rev. March 2012

*A Parent's Guide to Head Lice*, 2008

#### CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION

*Pediculosis Management, Position Statement*, rev. 2011

#### WEB SITES

American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head>

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

The Board of Trustees is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of district students and desires to facilitate the prevention of and response to child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a student who is a victim of abuse with school-based mental health services or other support services and/or may refer the student to resources available within the community as needed.

**Child Abuse Prevention**

The district's instructional program may provide age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum which explains students' right to live free of abuse, includes instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, informs students of available support resources, and teaches students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

The district's program also may include age-appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Upon written request of a student's parent/guardian, the student shall be excused from taking such instruction. (Education Code 51900.6)

The Superintendent or designee may display posters, in areas on campus where students frequently congregate, notifying students of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect. (Education Code 33133.5)

In addition, student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the National Domestic Violence Hotline telephone number. (Education Code 215.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent feasible, seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs and may use these resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

**Child Abuse Reporting**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

Procedures for reporting child abuse, as specified in Penal Code 11164-11174.3, shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)**

District employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the duties of mandated reporters as required by law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

**State Description**

<i>5 CCR 4650</i>	<i>Filing complaints with CDE, special education students</i>
<i>Ed. Code 32280-32289</i>	<i>School safety plans</i>
<i>Ed. Code 33195</i>	<i>Heritage schools, mandated reporters</i>
<i>Ed. Code 33308.1</i>	<i>Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44252</i>	<i>Teacher credentialing</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44691</i>	<i>Information on detection of child abuse</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44807</i>	<i>Duty concerning conduct of students</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48906</i>	<i>Notification of release of student to peace officer</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48987</i>	<i>Child abuse guidelines</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49001</i>	<i>Prohibition of corporal punishment</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51220.5</i>	<i>Parenting skills and education</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51900.6</i>	<i>Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention</i>
<i>Pen. Code 11164-11174.3</i>	<i>Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act</i>
<i>Pen. Code 152.3</i>	<i>Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act</i>
<i>Pen. Code 273a</i>	<i>Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health</i>
<i>Pen. Code 288</i>	<i>Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting</i>
<i>W&amp;I Code 15630-15637</i>	<i>Dependent adult abuse reporting</i>

**Federal Description**

*42 USC 11434a* Education for homeless children and youths

**Management Resources Description**

<i>California Department of Education Publication</i>	<i>01-05 Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials, rev. January 2015</i>
<i>Court Decision</i>	<i>A.M. v. Albertsons, LLC, (2009) Cal.App.4th 455</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>AASA The School Superintendents Association</i>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

### Definitions

Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

1. *A physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person*
2. Sexual abuse of a child, including sexual assault or sexual exploitation, as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

Child abuse or neglect does not include:

1. A mutual affray between minors (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of employment (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)
3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, vice principal, principal, or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be legally privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a district employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, for purposes of self-defense, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of a student (Education Code 49001)
5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student (Education Code 49001)



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)**

Additionally, general neglect does not include: (Penal Code 11165.2)

1. A parent/guardian's economic disadvantage
2. A child receiving treatment by spiritual means pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 16509.1, or not receiving specified medical treatment for religious reasons

*Mandated reporters include*, but are not limited to, teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; athletic coaches, administrators, and directors; licensees, administrators, and employees of a licensed child day care facility; Head Start program teachers; district police or security officers; licensed nurses or health care providers; and administrators, presenters, and counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

*Reasonable suspicion* means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on the person's training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. However, reasonable suspicion does not require certainty that child abuse or neglect has occurred nor does it require a specific medical indication of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

**Reportable Offenses**

Using the procedures provided below, a mandated reporter shall make a report whenever the mandated reporter, while acting in a professional capacity or within the scope of employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage, based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11165.9, 11166.05, 11167)

Any district employee who reasonably believes to have observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury against a victim who is a child under age 14 shall notify a peace officer. (Penal Code 152.3)

The fact that a child is experiencing homelessness or is classified as an unaccompanied minor, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11434a), is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11165.15)

**Responsibility for Reporting**

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The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom the person knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

**Reporting Procedures****1. Initial Telephone Report**

Immediately or as soon as practicable after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11165.9, 11166)

Such reports shall be made to the following agency(ies):

Butte County Child Protective Services  
78 Table Mountain Blvd.  
Oroville, CA 95965  
800-400-0902

When the initial telephone report is made, the mandated reporter shall note the name of the official contacted, the date and time contacted, and any instructions or advice received.

**2. Written Report**

Within 36 hours of knowing or observing the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall prepare and either send, fax, or electronically transmit to the appropriate agency a written follow-up report, which includes a completed California Department of Justice (DOJ) form (BCIA 8572). (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

The DOJ form may be obtained from the district office or other appropriate agencies, such as the police department, sheriff's department, or county probation or welfare department.

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Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location, and, where applicable, school, grade, and class
- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person(s) who might have abused or neglected the child
- e. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information

The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to the mandated reporter. (Penal Code 11167)

The mandated reporter may give to an investigator from an agency investigating the case, including a licensing agency, any information relevant to an incident of child abuse or neglect or to a report made for serious emotional damage pursuant to Penal Code 11166.05. (Penal Code 11167)

### 3. Internal Reporting

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose the mandated reporter's identity to a supervisor, the principal, or the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166)

However, employees reporting child abuse or neglect to an appropriate agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the principal as soon as possible after the initial telephone report to the appropriate agency. When so notified, the principal shall inform the Superintendent or designee.

The principal so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that reporting procedures are carried out in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. At the mandated reporter's request, the principal may assist in completing and filing the necessary forms.

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, principal, school counselor, co-worker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

### **Training**

Within the first six weeks of each school year, or within the first six weeks of employment if hired during the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide training on mandated reporting requirements to

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district employees and persons working on their behalf who are mandated reporters. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall use the online training module provided by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). (Education Code 44691)

The training shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, training in identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Additionally, the training shall include information that failure to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect as required by law is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine as specified. (Education Code 44691; Penal Code 11165.7)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide annual training on the prevention of abuse, including sexual abuse, of children on district property, by district staff, or in district-sponsored programs. (Education Code 44691)

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain and retain proof of each mandated reporter's completion of the training. (Education Code 44691)

**Victim Interviews by Social Services**

Whenever CDSS or another government agency is investigating suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility, the student may be interviewed by an agency representative during school hours, on school premises. The Superintendent or designee shall give the student the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the student. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the principal or designee shall inform the person of the following requirements prior to the interview: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable the child to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)****Release of Child to Peace Officer**

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the Superintendent or designee and/or principal shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. (Education Code 48906)

**Parent/Guardian Complaints**

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring on district property to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is not English, such procedures shall be in their primary language and, when communicating orally regarding those guidelines and/or procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

To file a complaint against a district employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect on district property, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person, or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint about an employee to any other employee, the employee receiving the information shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the appropriate agency. The employee shall also file a report when obligated to do so pursuant to Penal Code 11166 using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.

In addition, if the child is enrolled in special education, a separate complaint may be filed with the California Department of Education pursuant to 5 CCR 3200-3205.

**Notifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them of their status as mandated reporters, their reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166, and their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167. Additionally, the district shall provide these new employees with a copy of Penal Code 11165.7, 11166, and 11167. (Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5)

Before beginning employment, any person who will be a mandated reporter by virtue of the person's position shall sign a statement indicating knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and compliance with such provisions. The signed statement shall be retained by the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be notified of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630-15637.

The Superintendent or designee also shall notify all employees that:

1. A mandated reporter who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report and this immunity shall apply even if the mandated

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reporter acquired the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect outside of the mandated reporter's professional capacity or outside the scope of employment.

Any other person making a report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that the person knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11172)

2. If a mandated reporter fails to timely report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, the mandated reporter may be guilty of a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166)

No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report unless it can be shown that the employee knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11166, 11172)

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<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 4650	Filing complaints with CDE, special education students
Ed. Code 32280-32289	School safety plans
Ed. Code 33195	Heritage schools, mandated reporters
Ed. Code 33308.1	Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints
Ed. Code 44252	Teacher credentialing
Ed. Code 44691	Information on detection of child abuse
Ed. Code 44807	Duty concerning conduct of students
Ed. Code 48906	Notification of release of student to peace officer
Ed. Code 48987	Child abuse guidelines
Ed. Code 49001	Prohibition of corporal punishment
Ed. Code 51220.5	Parenting skills and education
Ed. Code 51900.6	Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention
Pen. Code 11164-11174.3	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
Pen. Code 152.3	Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act
Pen. Code 273a	Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health
Pen. Code 288	Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting
W&I Code 15630-15637	Dependent adult abuse reporting

<b>Federal</b>	<b>Description</b>
42 USC 11434a	Education for homeless children and youths

**Management Resources**

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Biggs, California

**MENTAL HEALTH**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that students' emotional well-being and mental health are critical to their ability to perform to their full academic and personal potential. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies and services to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, facilitate access to mental health services, and help students build resiliency skills, including digital resilience, increase social connections, and cope with life challenges.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult and collaborate with school-employed mental health professionals, the county mental health department, psychologists and other health professionals, social workers, and/or community organizations to strengthen local mental health services and develop and implement an integrated plan to support student mental health.

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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

To the extent possible, the district shall focus on preventive strategies which increase students' connectedness to school, create a support network of peers and trusted adults, and provide techniques for conflict resolution. The district shall investigate and resolve any complaint of bullying, intimidation, harassment, or discrimination in accordance with law and district policy.

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

(cf. [1312.3](#) - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. [5131.2](#) - Bullying)

(cf. [5137](#) - Positive School Climate)

(cf. [5145.3](#) - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. [5145.7](#) - Sexual Harassment)

Instruction provided to students shall promote student health and mental, emotional, and social development. Health education courses shall be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework, as specified in Administrative Regulation 6143 – Courses of Study, and shall include, but not be limited to, instruction related to identifying signs of depression and self-destructive behaviors, including substance abuse, developing coping skills, and identifying resources that may provide assistance.

(cf. [6142.8](#) - Comprehensive Health Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide school staff and students with information and training to recognize the early signs and symptoms of an emerging mental health condition or behavioral health disorder, including common psychiatric conditions and substance use disorders such as opioid and alcohol abuse, identify risk factors and warning signs of suicidal intent, respond to students who have been impacted by traumatic stress, safely deescalate crisis situations involving students with a behavioral health disorder, and link student with effective services, referrals, and supports. Additionally, such training shall provide instruction on how to maintain student privacy and confidentiality, and may be provided to parents/guardians and families. (Education Code 49428.15)

(cf. [1312.1](#) - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [4231](#) - Staff Development)



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(cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. [5141.52](#) - Suicide Prevention)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all certificated employees and 40 percent of classified employees who have direct contact with students in grades 7-12 receive youth behavioral training at least one time, in accordance with Education Code 494428.2

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a protocol for identifying and assessing students who may be suffering from an anxiety disorder, depression, eating disorder, or other severe or disabling mental illness. The Superintendent or designee may establish districtwide or school-site crisis intervention team(s) to respond to mental health concerns in the school setting.

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall provide, and require all certificated employees serving students in grades 7 to 12 to participate in, at least one hour of cultural competency training to support lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning individuals. The district shall maintain records documenting the date that each employee completed the training and the name of the entity that provided the training. (Education code 218.3)

At least twice per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school provides notice regarding how to initiate access to student mental health services on campus and/or in the community. The notification to parents/guardians and to students shall be in at least two of the following methods: (Education Code 49428)

1. Distributing the information, electronically or in hardcopy, in a letter to parents/guardians, and in a school publication or other document to students
2. Including the information, at the beginning of the school year, in the parent/guardian handbook and in student orientation materials or a student handbook
3. Posting the information on the school's website or social media

Each school site that serves students in any of grades 6-12 shall create an age appropriate and culturally relevant poster that identifies approaches and shares resources about student mental health, and that includes the following information: (Education Code 49428.5)

1. Identification of common behaviors of those struggling with mental health or who are in a mental health crisis, including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, emotional dysregulation, bipolar episodes, and schizophrenic episodes
2. A list of, and contact information for, school site-specific resources, including, but not limited to, counselors, wellness centers, and peer counselors
3. A list of, and contact information for, community resources, including, but not limited to, suicide prevention, substance abuse, child crisis, nonpolice mental health hotlines, public behavioral health services, and community mental health centers
4. A list of positive coping strategies to use when dealing with mental health, including, but not limited to, meditation, mindfulness, yoga, breathing exercises, grounding skills, journaling, acceptance, and seeking therapy
5. A list of negative coping strategies to avoid, including, but not limited to, substance abuse or self-medication, violence and abuse, self-harm, compulsivity, dissociation, catastrophizing, and isolating

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The poster shall be displayed in English and any primary language spoken by 15 percent or more of the students at the school site and be no smaller than 8.5 by 11 inches and at least 12-point font. The poster shall be prominently and conspicuously displayed in public areas that are accessible to, and commonly frequented by, students at each school site such as bathrooms, locker rooms, classrooms, classroom hallways, gymnasiums, auditoriums, cafeterias, wellness centers, and offices. Additionally, at the beginning of each school year the poster shall be distributed online to students through social media, websites, portals, and learning platforms. (Education Code 49428.5)

**Mental Health Counseling and Referrals**

A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may provide mental health counseling to students in accordance with the specialization(s) authorized on the individual's credential. As needed, students and parents/guardians may be provided referrals to mental health services in the community and/or to mental health services at or near district schools.

The district's referral protocols shall: (Education Code 49428.1)

1. Address the appropriate and timely referral by school staff of students with behavioral health concerns
2. Reflect a multitiered system of support process and positive behavioral interventions and supports, to be used as an alternative to disciplinary action as appropriate

The protocols shall be accessible to students who may be the subject of disciplinary action.

3. Be adaptable to varied local service arrangements for behavioral health services
4. Reflect evidence-based and culturally appropriate approaches to student behavioral health referral without disciplinary actions

"Evidence-based" means peer-reviewed, scientific research evidence, including studies based on research methodologies that control threats to both the internal and the external validity of the research findings.

5. Address the inclusion of parents/guardians in the referral process
6. Be written to ensure clarity and ease of use by certificated and classified school employees
7. Reflect differentiated referral processes for students with exceptional needs and other populations for whom the referral process may be distinct
8. Be written to ensure that school employees act only within the authorization or scope of their credential or license

School employees are not authorized or encouraged to diagnose or treat youth behavioral health disorders unless they are specifically licensed and employed to do so.

9. Be consistent with state activities conducted by the California Department of Education in the administration of federally funded behavioral health programs

A student 12 years of age or older may consent to mental health treatment or counseling if the student, in the opinion of the attending mental health professional, is mature enough to participate intelligently in the services. Additionally, the student's parent/guardian shall consent to student's treatment, unless the mental health professional determines, after consulting with the student, that the involvement of the parent/guardian would be inappropriate. (Family Code 6924)

**MENTAL HEALTH (continued)**

In delivering mental health and behavioral health services to students, the district may use telehealth or other information and communication technologies that facilitate the diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of a student's health while the student is on campus and the health care provider is at a distant location. (Education Code 49429)

Prior to utilizing telehealth technology to manage a student's mental health or behavior, the mental health professional shall consult with the student, parent/guardian, and/or the student's individualized education program team, as required by law, unless the mental health professional determines that the involvement would be inappropriate pursuant to Family Code 6924.

In using telehealth technology to provide mental health services to students, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that mental health professionals comply with applicable professional codes of ethics and legal authority. Additionally, space that affords privacy and confidentiality of telehealth sessions shall be provided for students and an emergency response plan shall be put in place that lays out all legally-mandated steps to take when a student suddenly begins to exhibit suicidal ideation or other potentially dangerous behavior during a telehealth session.

If a student has an emotional or mental illness that limits a major life activity, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment, or may need special education and related services, the student shall be referred for an evaluation for purposes of determining whether any educational or related services are required in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as applicable. (Education Code 56301-56302; 29 USC 794; 28 CFR 35.108)

**Funding Resources**

The Superintendent or designee shall explore potential funding sources for district programs and services that support student's mental health. In accordance with local plans and priorities, the district may apply to the county for grants for prevention and early intervention activities that are designed to prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling and to improve timely access for underserved populations.

**MENTAL HEALTH (continued)***Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE215-216 Student suicide prevention

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth, that prevention is a collective effort that requires stakeholder engagement, and that school personnel who regularly interact with students are often in a position to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to offer appropriate referral and/or assistance. In an effort to reduce suicidal behavior, its impact on students and families, and other associated trauma, the Superintendent or designee shall develop measures, strategies, practices, and supports for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

In developing and updating district policy and procedures for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, suicide prevention experts. If the policy will affect K-6 students, the county mental health plan shall also be consulted. (Education Code 215)

School and community stakeholders and school mental health professionals with whom the Superintendent or designee shall consult may include district and school administrators, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, other staff, parents/guardians and caregivers, students, local health agencies, mental health professionals, community organizations, law enforcement, legal counsel, and/or the district's risk manager or insurance carrier. The Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with county and/or city governments in an effort to align district policy with any existing community suicide prevention plans.

When developing or reviewing district policy on suicide prevention, the Superintendent or designee may make a recommendation regarding the need to hire a mental health professional for the district, or for any school that is not currently served by a mental health professional, and the possible funding sources(s) for such hiring.

Measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Staff development on suicide awareness and prevention for teachers, interns, school counselors, and others who interact with students, including, as appropriate, substitute teachers, coaches, expanded day learning staff, crossing guards, tutors, and volunteers
2. Instruction to students in problem-solving, coping, and resiliency skills to promote students' mental, emotional, and social health and well-being; help-seeking strategies and resources; and instruction in recognizing and appropriately responding to warning signs of suicidal intent in others
3. Methods for promoting a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and that is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students

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4. The review of materials and resources used in awareness efforts and communications to ensure they align with best practices for safe and effective messaging about suicide
5. The provision of information to parents/guardians and caregivers regarding risk and protective factors, warning signs of suicide, the severity of the suicide problem among youth, the district's suicide prevention curriculum, the district's suicide prevention policy and procedures, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, the importance of communicating with appropriate staff if suicide risk is present or suspected, access to suicide prevention training, and/or school and community resources that can help youth in crisis
6. Encouragement for students to notify appropriate school personnel or other adults when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions
7. Crisis intervention protocols for addressing suicide threats or attempts
8. Counseling and other postvention strategies for helping students, staff, and others cope in the aftermath of a student's suicide
9. Establishment of district and/or school-site crisis intervention team(s) to ensure the proper implementation and review of this policy and other district practices related to the emotional and behavioral wellness of students, including, but not limited to, the oversight of mental health and suicide prevention training, ensuring the suicide prevention policy, protocols, and resources are posted on the district and school websites, collaboration with community mental health organizations, identification of resources and organizations that provide evidence-based treatment, collaboration to build community response, and compliance with Education Code 215

As appropriate, these measures and strategies shall specifically address the needs of students who are at high risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, students who are bereaved by suicide; students with exceptional needs, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. (Education Code 215)

In order to address mental health disabilities, the district may, as appropriate and in accordance with law, develop trauma-informed crisis management procedures that include an individualized assessment of the student's circumstances; provide and facilitate access to mental health evaluations and services; reasonably modify policies, such as attendance policies, for individual students; and train staff to recognize and respond appropriately to signs of distress and suicidal ideation in students.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for school staff to maintain daily or regular contact with all students, including during distance learning and school closures, and for such staff to communicate any concerns about a student's emotional wellbeing and/or safety to the appropriate authorities.

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Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school-based mental health professionals maintain regular contact with high-risk students, students who are on their caseloads, and those who are identified by staff as demonstrating need.

The Board shall ensure that suicide prevention measures and strategies for students in grades K-6 are age appropriate and delivered and discussed in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of young students. (Education Code 215)

If a referral is made for mental health or related services for a student in grade K-6 who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and consult with the county mental health plan. (Education Code 215)

District employees shall act only within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging district employees to diagnose or treat mental illness unless they are specifically licensed and employed to do so. (Education Code 215)

When the district determines that a student is in need of mental or behavioral health services, the services shall be provided in accordance with protocols specified in Board Policy 5141.5 – Mental Health.

The Board shall review, and update as necessary, this policy at least every five years. The Board may, at its discretion, review the policy more frequently. (Education Code 215)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review district data pertaining to school climate and reports of suicidal ideation, attempts, or death to identify patterns or trends and make recommendations regarding program development.

The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the district's web site, in a prominent location and in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California



## SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Definitions

*Mental health professional* means an individual licensed or registered, or an intern or associate working towards licensure, by the Board of Behavioral Sciences or the Board of Psychology in the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Education Code 215)

*Student suicide crisis* means any of the following: (Education Code 215)

1. A student who is exhibiting suicidal thoughts or behaviors
2. A student who has completed a suicide risk assessment and is determined to be at risk of suicide
3. A student who is attempting to physically harm themselves or others

*School mental health professional* means a school employee with a clear or preliminary pupil personnel services credential with a specialization in school counseling, school social work, or school psychology, a credentialed school nurse, or a licensed, registered, or associate marriage and family therapist, professional clinical counselor, clinical social worker, educational psychologist, or psychologist under the supervision of a school employee with a pupil personnel services or administrative services credential. (Education Code 215)

### Staff Development

Suicide prevention training shall be provided to teachers, interns, counselors, and others who interact with students, including, as appropriate, substitute teachers, coaches, expanded day learning staff, crossing guards, tutors, and volunteers. The training shall be offered under the direction of a district counselor, psychologist, and/or social worker who has received advanced training specific to suicide and who may collaborate with one or more county or community mental health agencies.

Materials for training shall include how to identify appropriate mental health services at the school site and within the community, and when and how to refer youth and their families to those services. Training materials may also include programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials. (Education Code 215)

Additionally, staff development shall include research and information related to the following topics:

1. The higher risk of suicide among certain groups, including, but not limited to, students who are impacted by suicide; students with exceptional needs, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning
2. Individual risk factors such as previous suicide attempt(s) or self-harm, history of depression or mental illness, family history of suicide or violence, feelings of isolation, interpersonal conflicts, a recent severe or traumatic stressor or loss, family instability, impulsivity, and other factors
3. Identification of students who may be at risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, warning signs that may indicate depression, emotional distress, or suicidal intentions, such as changes in students' personality or behavior and verbalizations of hopelessness or suicidal intent

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4. Protective factors that may help to decrease a student's suicide risk, such as resiliency, problem-solving ability, access to mental health care, and positive connections to family, peers, school, and community
5. Instructional strategies for teaching the suicide prevention curriculum, promoting mental and emotional health, reducing the stigma associated with mental illness, and using safe and effective messaging about suicide
6. The importance of early prevention and intervention in reducing the risk of suicide
7. School and community resources and services, including resources and services that meet the specific needs of high-risk groups
8. Appropriate ways to interact with a student who is demonstrating emotional distress or is suicidal and procedures for intervening when a student attempts, threatens, or discloses the desire to die by suicide, including, but not limited to, appropriate protocols for constant monitoring and supervision of the student, during the time the student is in the school's physical custody, while the immediate referral of the student to medical or mental health services is being processed
9. District procedures for responding after a suicide has occurred
10. Common misconceptions about suicide

The district may provide additional professional development in suicide risk assessment and crisis intervention to district mental health professionals, including, but not limited to, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and nurses.

**Instruction**

The district's comprehensive health education program shall promote the healthy mental, emotional, and social development of students and shall be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework. Suicide prevention instruction shall be incorporated into the health education curriculum in an age and developmentally appropriate manner and shall be designed to help students:

1. Identify and analyze warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide, including, but not limited to, understanding how mental health challenges and emotional distress, such as feelings of depression, loss, isolation, inadequacy, and anxiety, can lead to thoughts of suicide
2. Develop coping and resiliency skills for dealing with stress and trauma, and building self-esteem
3. Learn to listen, be honest, share feelings, and get help when communicating with friends who show signs of suicidal intent

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4. Identify trusted adults; school resources, including the district's suicide prevention, intervention, and referral procedures; and/or community crisis intervention resources where youth can get help
5. Develop help-seeking strategies and recognize that there is no stigma associated with seeking services for mental health, substance abuse, and/or suicide prevention
6. Recognize that early prevention and intervention can drastically reduce the risk of suicide

The Superintendent or designee may develop and implement school activities that raise awareness about mental health wellness and suicide prevention.

**Student Identification Cards**

Student identification cards for students in grades 7-12 shall include the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number and may also include the Crisis Text Line, campus police or security, a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number, and/or a quick response (QR) code for the county's mental health resources website. (Education Code 215.5)

**Intervention**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the name, title, and contact information of the members of the district and/or school crisis intervention team(s) to students, staff, parents/guardians, and caregivers and post on school and district web sites. Such notifications shall identify the mental health professional who serves as the crisis intervention team's designated reporter to receive and act upon reports of a student's suicidal intention.

Students shall be encouraged to notify a teacher, principal, counselor, designated reporter, or other adult when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions.

Every statement regarding suicidal intent shall be taken seriously. Whenever a staff member suspects or has knowledge of a student's suicidal intentions based on the student's verbalizations or act of self-harm, the staff member shall promptly notify the principal, school counselor, or designated reporter, who shall implement district intervention protocols as appropriate.

Although any personal information that a student discloses to a school counselor shall generally not be revealed, released, discussed, or referred to with third parties, the counselor may report to the principal or student's parents/guardians when there is reasonable cause to believe that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others within the school community. In addition, the counselor may disclose information of a personal nature to psychotherapists, other health care providers, or the school nurse for the sole purpose of referring the student for treatment, or to report child abuse and neglect as required by Penal Code 11164-11174.3. (Education Code 49602)

**SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)**

Whenever schools establish a peer counseling system to provide support for students, peer counselors shall receive training that includes identification of the warning signs of suicidal behavior and referral of a suicidal student to appropriate adults.

When the district determines that a student is in need of mental or behavioral health services, the services shall be provided in accordance with protocols specified in Board Policy 5141.5 – Mental Health

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported, the principal or designee shall ensure student safety by taking the following actions:

1. Immediately securing medical treatment and/or mental health services as necessary
2. Notifying law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened
3. Keeping the student under continuous adult supervision and providing comfort to the student until the parent/guardian and/or appropriate support agent or agency can be contacted and has the opportunity to intervene
4. Removing other students from the immediate area as soon as possible

The principal or designee shall document the incident in writing, including the steps that the school took in response to the suicide attempt or threat.

The Superintendent or designee shall follow up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed. If the parent/guardian does not access treatment for the student, the Superintendent or designee may meet with the parent/guardian to identify barriers to treatment and assist the family in providing follow-up care for the student. If follow-up care is still not provided, the Superintendent or designee shall consider whether it is necessary, pursuant to laws for mandated reporters of child neglect, to refer the matter to the local child protective services agency.

For any student returning to school after a mental health crisis, the principal or designee and/or school counselor may meet with the parents/guardians and, if appropriate, with the student to discuss re-entry and appropriate steps to ensure the student's readiness for return to school and determine the need for ongoing support.

**Postvention**

In the event that a student dies by suicide, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate with the student's parents/guardians to offer condolences, assistance, and resources. In accordance with the laws governing confidentiality of student record information, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the parents/guardians regarding facts that may be divulged to other students, parents/guardians, and staff.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures to address students' and staff's grief and to minimize the risk of imitative suicide or suicide contagion. The Superintendent or designee shall provide students, parents/guardians, and staff with information, counseling, and/or referrals to community agencies as needed. Students significantly affected by suicide death and those at risk of imitative behavior should be identified and closely monitored. School staff may receive assistance from school counselors or other mental health professionals in determining how to best discuss the suicide or attempted suicide with students.

Any response to media inquiries shall be handled by the district-designated spokesperson who shall not divulge confidential information. The district's response shall not sensationalize suicide and shall focus on the district's postvention plan and available resources.

After any suicide or attempted suicide by a student, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an opportunity for all staff who responded to the incident to debrief, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used, and make recommendations for future actions.

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

**BOARD RESOLUTION ON STUDENT HEALTH AND LEARNING**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Biggs Unified School District recognizes that good health is a prerequisite to optimal learning and that absenteeism among students is clearly associated with school failure; and

WHEREAS, health is defined in a broad sense as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity; and

WHEREAS, health services are an important element of a comprehensive approach to promoting health and preventing disease and disability in children and youth; and

WHEREAS, access to regular medical care is improved through health insurance, inasmuch as children without health insurance are less likely to have a family doctor, receive timely preventive care, and receive medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in five of California's children has no health care coverage, and nearly one in five children without health care coverage do not receive necessary medical treatment for a chronic illness that was serious enough to keep the child from functioning in school; and

WHEREAS, families have a variety of options for health care coverage, including but not limited to California's low-cost Healthy Families program, no-cost Medi-Cal for Children program and local county health initiatives such as Healthy Kids, which provide comprehensive health, dental and vision care coverage to low-income, uninsured children under 19 years of age who represent the state's most vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, after one year of coverage in the Healthy Families program, California children in the poorest health significantly improved their health, missed less school and improved their school performance; and

WHEREAS, schools can help students achieve academic success by participating in efforts that promote good health and have already demonstrated their commitment to students' health through the institution of such programs as Healthy Start and after-school programs, early care and education programs, school-based/school-linked health services, child nutrition services, school readiness, counseling services, and immunization programs; and

WHEREAS, children's access to health care services requires collaboration with local agencies and community-based organizations so that, through the shared responsibility and collective action of schools, local agencies and/or community-based organizations, we can ensure positive outcomes for our children and youth;

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES** (continued)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District will work to improve children's health, thereby improving their academic performance, by helping to ensure that all children have health insurance coverage. To this end, the district will participate in outreach and enrollment efforts related to California's low-cost Healthy Families Program, no-cost Medi-Cal for Children, and other affordable health programs including local county health initiatives such as Healthy Kids. This will help assure optimal learning for every child by addressing children's health problems and maximizing school attendance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at a regular meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
President



## **SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Governing Board recognizes that good physical and mental health is critical to a student's ability to learn and believes that all students should have access to comprehensive health services. The Board further recognizes that schools are uniquely positioned to increase health equity and to help ensure that all students have access to necessary health care services. The district may provide access to health services at or near district schools through the establishment of a school health center and/or mobile van(s) that serve multiple campuses, and may utilize telehealth as a delivery mechanism to increase access to health care services in schools.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state agencies and health care providers to assess the health needs of students in district schools and the community. Based on the results of this needs assessment and the availability of resources, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the types of health services to be provided by the district, including preventative programming and intervention strategies to address students' physical, mental, and behavioral health needs.

Board approval shall be required for any proposed use of district resources and facilities to support school health services. The Superintendent or designee shall identify funding opportunities available through grant programs, private foundations, and partnerships with local agencies and organizations.

The Board may prioritize school health services to schools serving students with the greatest need, including schools with medically underserved populations and/or a high percentage of low-income and uninsured children and youth.

School health services shall be provided under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. The Board may employ or contract with health care professionals or partner with community health centers to provide the services under the terms of a written contract or memorandum of understanding.

If a school nurse is employed by the school or district, the nurse shall be involved in planning and implementing the school health services as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the provision of school health services with other student wellness initiatives, including health education, nutrition and physical fitness programs, and other activities designed to create a healthy school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage joint planning and regular communications among health services staff, district administrators, teachers, counselors, other staff, and parents/guardians.

To further encourage student access to health care services, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement outreach strategies to increase enrollment of eligible students from low- to moderate-income families in affordable, comprehensive state or federal health coverage programs and local health initiatives. Such strategies may include, but are not limited to, providing information about the Medi-Cal program on the application for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with law.

### **Consent and Confidentiality**

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain written parent/guardian consent prior to providing services to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6930, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of student health records in accordance with law.

### **Payment/Reimbursement for Services**

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Superintendent or designee may bill public and private insurance programs and other applicable programs for reimbursement of services as appropriate. Services may be provided free of charge or on a sliding scale in accordance with law.

The district shall serve as a Medi-Cal provider to the extent feasible, comply with all related legal requirements, and seek reimbursement of costs to the extent allowed by law.

**Program Evaluation**

In order to continuously improve school health services, the Board shall evaluate the effectiveness of such services and the extent to which they continue to meet student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports that may include, but are not necessarily limited to, rates of participation in school health services; changes in student outcomes such as school attendance or achievement; measures of school climate; feedback from staff and participants regarding program accessibility and operations, including accessibility to low-income and linguistically and culturally diverse students and families; and program costs and revenues.

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES****Types of Health Services**

In accordance with student and community needs and available resources, school health services offered by the district may include, but are not limited to:

1. Health screenings, evaluations, and assessments of students' need for health services
2. Physical examinations, immunizations, and other preventive medical services
3. First aid and administration of medications
4. Diagnosis and treatment of minor injuries and acute medical conditions
5. Management of chronic medical conditions
6. Basic laboratory tests
7. Emergency response procedures
8. Nutrition services
9. Oral health services that may include preventive services, basic restorative services, and referral to specialty services

The Superintendent or designee shall notify all parents/guardians of the opportunity pursuant to Health and Safety Code 104830-104865 for their child to receive the topical application of fluoride, including fluoride varnish, or other decay-inhibiting agent to the teeth during the school year. Such application of fluoride or other decay-inhibiting agent shall only be provided to a student whose parent/guardian returns the notification with an indication consenting to the treatment. (Health and Safety Code 104830, 104850, 104855)

10. Mental or behavioral health services, which may include assessments, crisis intervention, counseling, treatment, and referral to a continuum of services including emergency psychiatric care, community support programs, inpatient care, and outpatient programs
11. Substance abuse prevention and intervention services
12. Vision and audiology services
13. Speech therapy
14. Occupational therapy
15. Physical therapy
16. Reproductive health services
17. Specialized health care services for students with disabilities
18. Medical transportation
19. Targeted case management
20. Referrals and linkage to services not offered on-site

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

21. Public health and disease surveillance
22. Individual and family health education
23. School or districtwide health promotion

The district may deliver health care services, including mental and behavioral health, for students on campus by means of telehealth technology. (Education Code 49429)

**Medi-Cal Billing**

In order to provide services as a Medi-Cal provider, the district shall enter into and maintain a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). (Welfare and Institutions Code 14132.06; 22 CCR 51051, 51270)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan to ensure that the district and all district subcontractors, provide individuals with speech, vision, and hearing disabilities auxiliary aides and services, to enable those individuals to effectively communicate and participate in the Medi-Cal program. Such auxiliary aides and services may include, but are not limited to, providing written materials in alternative formats, such as braille, large font, audio recordings, or closed captioning.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all practitioners employed by or under contract with the district possess the appropriate license, certification, registration, or credential and provide only those services that are within their scope of practice. (22 CCR 51190.3, 51270, 51491)

The Superintendent or designee shall submit a claim for Medi-Cal reimbursement whenever the district provides a Medi-Cal-eligible student under age 22 and/or a member of the student's family a covered service specified in 22 CCR 51190.4 or 51360. (Welfare and Institutions Code 14132.06; 22 CCR 51096, 51098, 51190.1, 51190.4, 51309, 51360, 51535.5)

When the district provides services, or arranges for the provision of services, for treatment of a mental health or substance use disorder for a student at a school site or at an off-campus clinic, mobile counseling service, or similar district-arranged location, the district may seek reimbursement from the student's health care service plan, in accordance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code 1374.722.

The district shall maintain records and supporting documentation including, but not limited to, records of the type and extent of services provided to a Medi-Cal beneficiary in accordance with law. (22 CCR 51270, 51476)

Any federal funds received by the district as reimbursement for the costs of services under the Medi-Cal billing option shall be reinvested in approved services for students and their families. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with a local school-linked services collaborative group regarding decisions on reinvestment of federal funds. (22 CCR 51270)

The Superintendent or designee shall submit an annual report to DHCS to identify participants in the community collaborative, provide a financial summary including reinvestment expenditures, and describe service priorities for the future. (22 CCR 51270)

**Medi-Cal Administrative Activities**

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

The district shall apply for reimbursement for activities identified by DHCS which are related to the administration of the Medi-Cal program. Such activities include, but are not limited to, outreach, translation for Medi-Cal services, facilitation of applications, arrangement of nonemergency and nonmedical transportation of eligible individuals, program planning and policy development, claims coordination and administration, training, and general administration.

Appropriate staff shall receive training in administrative claiming categories and related activities.

To receive reimbursement for Medi-Cal administrative activities, the Superintendent or designee shall, on a quarterly basis, submit an invoice to the local educational consortium or local governmental agency through which the district has contracted.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the local educational consortium or local governmental agency, and shall update each quarter, a roster of all employees who perform direct Medi-Cal services or administrative activities. When notified by the local educational consortium or local governmental agency of the date and time that a random-moment time survey must be conducted by a particular employee, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the completion and submission of the survey in accordance with DHCS timelines and procedures.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an audit file containing random-moment time survey documentation and other records specified by DHCS. Such documentation shall be kept for three years after the end of the quarter in which expenditures were incurred or, if an audit is in progress, until the completion of the audit.

## SAFETY

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and promotes student safety and well-being. Appropriate measures shall be implemented to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, protocols for maintaining safe conditions on school grounds, promoting safe use of school facilities and equipment, and guiding student participation in educational programs and school-sponsored activities.

(cf. [0450](#) - *Comprehensive Safety Plan*)  
 (cf. [3320](#) - *Claims and Actions Against the District*)  
 (cf. [3514](#) - *Environmental Safety*)  
 (cf. [3514.1](#) - *Hazardous Substances*)  
 (cf. [3514.2](#) - *Integrated Pest Management*)  
 (cf. [3515](#) - *Campus Security*)  
 (cf. [3515.21](#) - *Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)*)  
 (cf. [3516](#) - *Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan*)  
 (cf. [3530](#) - *Risk Management/Insurance*)  
 (cf. [3542](#) - *School Bus Drivers*)  
 (cf. [3543](#) - *Transportation Safety and Emergencies*)  
 (cf. [4119.42/4219.42/4319.42](#) - *Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens*)  
 (cf. [4119.43/4219.43/4319.43](#) - *Universal Precautions*)  
 (cf. [5131](#) - *Conduct*)  
 (cf. [5131.1](#) - *Bus Conduct*)  
 (cf. [5141](#) - *Health Care and Emergencies*)  
 (cf. [5141.22](#) - *Infectious Diseases*)  
 (cf. [5142.1](#) - *Identification and Reporting of Missing Children*)  
 (cf. [5143](#) - *Insurance*)  
 (cf. [6145.2](#) - *Athletic Competition*)  
 (cf. [6163.2](#) - *Animals at School*)  
 (cf. [7111](#) - *Evaluating Existing Buildings*)

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review current guidance regarding cybersecurity and digital media awareness and incorporate recommended practices into the district's processes and procedures related to the protection of the district's network infrastructure, and the monitoring and response to suspicious and/or threatening digital media content.

District staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students at all times when students are subject to district rules, including, but not limited to, during school hours, school-sponsored activities, before and after-school programs, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, and while students are using district provided transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety and emergency procedures, as well as injury and disease prevention.

(cf. [5141.7](#) - *Sun Safety*)  
 (cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)

## Crossing Guard/Student Safety Patrol

To assist students in safely crossing streets adjacent to or near school sites, the Board may employ crossing guards and/or establish a student safety patrol at any district school. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically examine traffic patterns within school attendance areas in order to identify locations where crossing assistance may be needed.

**SAFETY (continued)****Student Identification Cards and Safety Information***Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE[8482-8484.65](#) *After School Education and Safety Program*[17280-17317](#) *Building approvals (Field Act)*[17365-17374](#) *Fitness of school facilities for occupancy*[32001](#) *Fire alarms and drills*[32020](#) *School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles*[32030-32034](#) *Eye safety*[32040](#) *First aid equipment*[32225-32226](#) *Two-way communication devices in classrooms*[32240-32245](#) *Lead-free schools*[32250-32254](#) *CDE school safety and security resources unit*[32280-32289](#) *Safety plans*[44807](#) *Duty of teachers concerning conduct of students*[44808](#) *Exemption from liability when students are not on school property*[44808.5](#) *Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)*[45450-45451](#) *Crossing guards*[48900](#) *Hazing*[49300-49307](#) *School safety patrol*[49330-49335](#) *Injurious objects*[49341](#) *Hazardous materials in school science laboratories*[51202](#) *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*GOVERNMENT CODE[810-996.6](#) *California Tort Claims Act*HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE[115725-115735](#) *Playground safety*[115775-115800](#) *Wooden playground equipment*[116046](#) *Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety*PENAL CODE[245.6](#) *Hazing*PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE[5411](#) *Purchase of equipment usable by persons with disabilities*VEHICLE CODE[21100](#) *Rules and regulations; crossing guards*[21201](#) *Rules for operation of bicycle on roadway*[21212](#) *Use of helmets*[42200](#) *Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities*[42201](#) *Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5[202](#) *Exclusion of students with a contagious disease*[570-576](#) *School safety patrols*[5531](#) *Supervision of social activities*[5552](#) *Playground supervision*[5570](#) *When school shall be open and teachers present*[14030](#) *Standards for development of plans for the design and construction of school facilities*[14103](#) *Bus driver; authority over pupils*

**SAFETY (continued)****COURT DECISIONS***J.H. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 123**Lane v. City of Sacramento, (2010) 183 Cal. App. 4th. 1337**Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138**Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990**Knight v. Jewett, (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296, 313**Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District, (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508**Dailey v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1970) 2 Cal 3d 741**Management Resources:***AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS***F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2017***CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS***Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014***U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS***Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2010***WEB SITES***American Society for Testing and Materials: <http://www.astm.org>**California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ss/ss>**California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>**Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>**U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osep/osep/gtss.html>*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California



**SAFETY**

At each school, the principal or designee shall establish emergency procedures, rules for student conduct, and rules for the safe and appropriate use of school facilities, equipment, and materials, consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. The rules shall be communicated to students, distributed to parents/guardians, and readily available at the school at all times.

**Release of Students**

Students shall be released during the school day only to the custody of an adult who is one of the following:

1. The student's custodial parent/guardian
2. An adult authorized in the district's student information system as an individual to whom the student may be released when the custodial parent/guardian cannot be reached, provided the principal or designee verifies the adult's identity
3. An authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law
4. An adult taking the student to emergency medical care at the request of the principal or designee

**Supervision of Students**

Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and shall open them to admit students not less than 30 minutes before the time that school starts. (5 CCR 5570)

Every teacher shall hold students to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, and during recess. (Education Code 44807)

The principal or designee shall require all individuals supervising students to remain alert for unauthorized persons and dangerous conditions, and promptly report any unusual incidents to the principal or designee and file a written report as appropriate.

Any certificated or classified employee, or other school official, whose duties bring the employee or other school official in contact on a regular basis with students in any of grades 6-12, as part of a middle or high school, who are alerted to or observe any threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act, as defined, shall immediately report the threat or perceived threat to law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 49393. (Education Code 49390, 49393)

*Threat or perceived threat* means any writing or action of a student that creates a reasonable suspicion that the student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to school or a school activity. This may include possession, use, or depictions of firearms, ammunition, shootings, or targets in association with infliction of physical harm, destruction, or death in a social media post, journal, class note, or other media associated with the student. It may also include a warning by a parent, student, or other individual. (Education Code 49390)

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Additionally, anyone who receives or learns of a health or safety threat related to school or a school activity is encouraged to report the threat to a school or district administrator.

In arranging for appropriate supervision on playgrounds, the principal or designee shall:

1. Clearly identify supervision zones and require all playground supervisors to remain at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision and be observed by students in the supervision zone
2. Consider the size of the playground area, the number of areas that are obstructed from open view, and the age of the students to determine the ratio of playground supervisors to students

At any school where playground supervision is not otherwise provided, the principal or designee shall provide for certificated employees to supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students who are on school grounds before and after school and during recess and other intermissions. (5 CCR 5552)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, playground supervisors, yard aides, and volunteers who supervise students receive training in safety practices and in supervisory techniques that will help prevent problems and resolve conflicts among students. Additionally, all staff and other school officials shall be made aware of their responsibilities regarding the reporting of potential homicidal acts to law enforcement, and receive training in the assessment and reporting of such threats. The training shall be documented and kept on file.

**Student Identification Cards and Safety Information** Student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 shall have printed on them the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233). Additionally, student identification cards of students in grades 7-12 may have printed on them a quick response (QR) code that links to the county's mental health resources website. (Education Code 215.5)

**Student Safety Patrols** A school safety patrol shall be composed of students of the school selected by the principal or designee and shall be allowed to serve only with written consent of the students and the student's parents/guardians. Patrol members shall be at least 10 years of age and in the fifth grade. (Education Code 49302; 5 CCR 571) School safety patrols shall be used only at those locations where the nature of traffic will permit their safe operation. The locations where school safety patrols are used should be determined jointly with the local law enforcement agency. (5 CCR 572) Patrol members shall be under the supervision and control of the principal or designee and shall receive training in proper procedures, including, but not limited to, the operations specified in 5 CCR 573-574. Whenever on duty, patrol members shall wear the standard uniform required by 5 CCR 576.

**Playground Safety**

Any new playground or any replacement of equipment or modification of components inside an

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existing playground shall conform to standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Superintendent or designee shall have a playground safety inspector certified by the National Playground Safety Institute conduct an initial inspection to aid compliance with applicable safety standards. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

The Superintendent or designee may permit students to avoid overexposure to sun when they are outdoors and evaluate the adequacy of shade in playground areas in accordance with Board Policy 5147.7 – Sun Safety.

**Activities with Safety Risks**

Due to concerns about the risk to student safety, the principal or designee shall not permit the following activities on campus or during school-sponsored events unless the activity is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and each participant has insurance coverage:

1. Trampolining
2. Scuba diving
3. Skateboarding or use of scooters
4. In-line or roller skating or use of skate shoes
5. Sailing, boating, or water skiing
6. Cross-country or downhill skiing
7. Motorcycling
8. Target shooting
9. Horseback riding
10. Rodeo
11. Archery
12. Mountain bicycling
13. Rock climbing
14. Rocketeering
15. Surfing

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16. Body Contact Sports

17. Other activities determined by the principal to have a high risk to student safety

As needed, the Superintendent or designee may periodically provide training or instruction to students on the safe use of electric, motorized or nonmotorized bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and roller skates. Any student who rides a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or roller skates to school shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.

**Events In or Around a Swimming Pool**

When any on-campus event that is not part of an interscholastic athletic program is sponsored or hosted by the district and is to be held in or around a swimming pool, at least one adult with a valid certification of cardiopulmonary resuscitation training shall be present throughout the duration of the event. (Education Code 35179.6)

**Laboratory Safety**

The principal of each school offering laboratory work shall develop procedures for laboratory safety and designate a trained certificated employee to regularly review, update, and implement these procedures.

Students in a laboratory shall be under the supervision of a certificated employee. Students shall be taught laboratory safety, and safety guidelines and procedures shall be posted in science classrooms. Students shall receive continual reminders about general and specific hazards.

Hazardous materials shall be properly used, stored, and disposed of in accordance with law and the district's chemical hygiene plan.

Bloodborne pathogens shall be handled in accordance with the district's exposure control plan.

The district's emergency plan, emergency contact numbers, and first aid supplies shall be readily accessible.

Parents/guardians shall be made aware of the kinds of laboratory activities that will be conducted during the school year.

**Hearing Protection**

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students' exposure to excessive noise in classrooms and provide protection as necessary. The Superintendent or designee may also provide hearing conservation education to teach students ways to protect their hearing.

**SAFETY (continued)****Eye Safety Devices**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide schools with eye safety devices for use whenever students, teachers, or visitors are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. Eye safety devices may be sold to students for an amount not to exceed the actual cost to the district. (Education Code 32030, 32031, 32033)

**Protection Against Insect Bites**

To help protect students against insect bites or stings that may spread disease or cause allergic reactions, students shall be allowed to apply insect repellent provided by their parents/guardians, when engaging in outdoor activities. Any application of insect repellent shall occur under the supervision of school personnel, and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

***State****5 CCR 14030**5 CCR 14103**5 CCR 202**5 CCR 5531**5 CCR 5552**5 CCR 5570**5 CCR 570-576**Ed. Code 17280-17317**Ed. Code 17365-17374**Ed. Code 32001**Ed. Code 32020****Description****Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities**Authority of the driver**Exclusion of students with a contagious disease**Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils**Playground supervision**When school shall be open and teachers present**School safety patrols**Approval of plans and supervision of construction**Fitness of buildings for occupancy; liability of board members**Fire alarms and drills**School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles*

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<i>Ed. Code 35179.6</i>	<i>School-sponsored on-campus event in or around swimming pool</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44807</i>	<i>Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44808</i>	<i>Exemption from liability when students are not on school property</i>
<i>Ed. Code 44808.5</i>	<i>Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)</i>
<i>Ed. Code 45450-45451</i>	<i>Crossing guards</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48900</i>	<i>Hazing</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49300-49307</i>	<i>School safety patrols</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49330-49335</i>	<i>Injurious objects</i>
<i>Ed. Code 49341</i>	<i>Hazardous materials in school science laboratories</i>
<i>Ed. Code 51202</i>	<i>Instruction in personal and public health and safety</i>
<i>Ed. Code 8482-8484.6</i>	<i>After School Education and Safety Program</i>
<i>Gov. Code 810-996.6</i>	<i>California Tort Claims Act</i>
<i>H&amp;S Code 115725-115735</i>	<i>Playground safety</i>
<i>H&amp;S Code 115775-115800</i>	<i>Wooden playground equipment</i>
<i>H&amp;S Code 116046</i>	<i>Issuance of best practices guidelines for K-12 pool safety</i>
<i>Pen. Code 245.6</i>	<i>Hazing</i>
<i>Pub. Res. Code 5411</i>	<i>Purchase of equipment usable by persons with disabilities</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21100</i>	<i>Rules and regulations; crossing guards</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21212</i>	<i>Use of helmets</i>
<i>Veh. Code 42200</i>	<i>Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities</i>
<i>Veh. Code 42201</i>	<i>Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties</i>
<i>Vehicle Code 21201</i>	<i>Rules for operation of bicycle on roadway</i>
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>American Society for Testing and Materials</i>	<i>F 1487-05, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, 2017</i>
<i>California Department of Education Publication</i>	<i>Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014</i>
<i>Court Decision</i>	<i>Knight v. Jewett, (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296, 313</i>
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<i>Court Decision</i>	<i>Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138</i>
<i>U.S. Consumer Product Safety Comm</i>	<i>Public Playground Safety Handbook, 2010</i>
<i>Publication</i>	
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>National Recreation and Park Association, Certified Playground Safety Inspector Certification</i></a>
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools</i></a>
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>American Society for Testing and Materials</i></a>
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission</i></a>
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i></a>
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>California Department of Education, Safe Schools</i></a>
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>California Department of Public Health</i></a>
<i>Website</i>	<a href="#"><i>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i></a>
<i>Ed. Code 32030-32034</i>	<i>Eye safety</i>
<i>Ed. Code 32040</i>	<i>Duty to equip school with first aid kit</i>
<i>Ed. Code 32225-32226</i>	<i>Communications devices in classrooms</i>
<i>Ed. Code 32240-32245</i>	<i>Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act</i>
<i>Ed. Code 32250-32254</i>	<i>CDE school safety and security resources unit</i>
<i>Ed. Code 32280-32289</i>	<i>School safety plans</i>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

## IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

District personnel, including but not limited to teachers, administrators, school aides, school playground workers and school bus drivers, are encouraged to report missing children to a law enforcement agency in a timely manner in order to provide those children a necessary level of protection.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

32390 Voluntary program for fingerprinting students

38139 Posting of information about missing children

48980 Parental notification of district programs, rights and responsibilities

49068.5-49068.6 Missing children; transfers

49370 Legislative intent re: reporting of missing children

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

640-641 Student fingerprinting program

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

Department of Justice/Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/app>



**IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN**

**Notices About Missing Children**

Every school shall post in an appropriate area information provided by the Department of Justice on missing children. For elementary schools, such information shall be posted in an area restricted to adults. (Education Code 38139)

Elementary school principals are urged to review missing children's pictures whenever a new student enrolls or transfers into the school. (Education Code 49068.5)

*(cf. 5111 - Admission)*

If a school receives notice from a law enforcement agency that a child enrolled in that school has been reported missing, the principal or designee shall place a notice that the child has been reported missing on the front of the child's school record. If a school receives a record inquiry or request from any person or entity regarding a missing child about whom the school has been notified, the principal or designee shall immediately notify the law enforcement authorities who informed the school of the missing child's status. (Education Code 49068.6)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school increase students' physical activity and reduce vehicle traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. As part of the district's coordinated approach to supporting student wellness and safety and enhancing student learning and achievement, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to establish and encourage safe routes to school program activities.

All students shall have equitable access and opportunity to participate in the district's safe routes to school program.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a program coordinator and identify or establish district and/or school site committees to oversee and coordinate related activities.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with local public works and public safety departments, transportation agencies, other city and county agencies, school staff, students, parents/guardians and parent organizations, health organizations, community organizations, and/or businesses in the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies.

Strategies in support of the safe routes to school program shall be based on the grade levels of the students and an assessment of the conditions and needs of each school and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore the availability of grant funds and other sources of funding to support related projects and activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the implementation of program activities and progress toward program goals. Such reports may include, but are not limited to, levels of participation in promotional and educational activities, survey results of parent/guardian attitudes about allowing their child to walk or bicycle to school, tallies of the numbers of students using various modes of travel to and from school and how these numbers have changed over time, records of student attendance and on-time arrival, and injury data within the school and/or district attendance boundaries.

*Legal References on next page*

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
<i>Ed. Code 32283</i>	<i>Comprehensive safety plan</i>
<i>Ed. Code 45450-45451</i>	<i>Crossing guards</i>
<i>Gov. Code 65352.2</i>	<i>Communicating and coordinating of school sites</i>
<i>S&amp;H Code 2333.5</i>	<i>Safe routes to schools construction program</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21200-21212</i>	<i>Operation of bicycles</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21212</i>	<i>Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21949-21971</i>	<i>Pedestrian rights and duties</i>

<u>Federal</u>	<u>Description</u>
<i>23 USC 148</i>	<i>Highway safety improvement program</i>
<i>42 USC 1758b</i>	<i>Local wellness policy</i>

<u>Management Resources</u>	<u>Description</u>
<i>CSBA Publication</i>	<i>A Governance Perspective: Interviews with School Board Members from the Nine</i>
<i>Linked</i>	<i>Learning Initiative School Districts, March 2014</i>
<i>Nat'l Center for Safe Routes to School Publication</i>	<i>Safe Routes to School Guide</i>
<i>National Highway Traffic Safety Admin Publication</i>	<i>Safe Routes to School Toolkit, 2002</i>
<i>Safe Routes to School Natl Partnership Publication</i>	<i>Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the</i>
	<i>Future: Building on Early Achievements, March</i>
<i>2009</i>	
<i>Website AASA The School Superintendents Association</i>	

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

District strategies to improve student safety along routes to school and to promote walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school by students may include:

1. Education activities that promote safety and awareness, such as:
  - a. Instructing students about pedestrian, bicycle, and personal safety related to the use of eclectic or motorized and nonmotorized bicycles or scooters, including by local law enforcement, organizations specified in Education Code 38134, and public agencies that provide safety instructions on such bicycles and scooters.
  - b. Instructing students about the health, academic, and environmental benefits of walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school
  - c. Offering driver safety information to high school students, parents/guardians, and the community to promote safety around school campuses and routes
2. Encouragement strategies designed to generate interest in active transport to school, such as:
  - a. Organizing or facilitating "walking school buses" and/or "bicycle trains" whereby students walk or bike to school in groups escorted by parents/guardians or other volunteers as needed
  - b. Organizing special events and activities, such as Walk or Bike to School Day, International Walk to School Month, or year-round competitions
  - c. Publicizing the district's efforts in order to build support of parents/guardians and the community, including providing information about the district's safe routes to school program in parent/guardian communications and in any notifications about transportation options
3. Enforcement strategies to deter unsafe behaviors of drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, such as:
  - a. Initiating or expanding crossing guard, student safety patrol, and/or parent/guardian safety patrol programs

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- b. Partnering with local law enforcement to help ensure that traffic laws are obeyed in the vicinity of schools and to implement appropriate measures such as placement of speed feedback monitors, ticketing, and/or driver safety campaigns
    - c. Monitoring to ensure that students who bicycle to school or who use skateboards, skates, or nonmotorized scooters wear helmets in accordance with Vehicle Code 21212
  - 4. Engineering strategies that address the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of traffic control devices or physical measures, such as:
    - a. Working with local government agencies, parents/guardians, school staff, and others as appropriate to gather data about environmental conditions and hazards along routes to school
    - b. Working with local government agencies to make operational and physical improvements that reduce or eliminate hazards, such as reducing motor vehicle traffic speeds in the area and establishing safer and fully accessible crosswalks, walkways, trails, and bikeways
    - c. Assessing the adequacy, accessibility, and safety of bicycle parking at schools and making modifications as needed, such as increasing the number of or relocating bicycle racks and/or equipment storage areas
    - d. Considering safe routes to school when making decisions about siting and designing of new schools
  - 5. Evaluation to assess progress toward program goals, including:
    - a. Gathering and interpreting data based on indicators established by the Superintendent and the Governing Board
    - b. Presenting data to the Board, program partners, and the public
    - c. Recommending program modifications as needed

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6. Emerging technologies that aid in the prevention and mitigation of accidents
7. Emergency response in managing injuries after an accident occurs, including, but not limited to, training staff, crossing guards, student and/or parent/guardian safety patrols, and other volunteers who assist with drop-off and pick-up in emergency procedures
8. Equity, such that resources are distributed in a manner that provides safe access and participation in an equitable manner

### State Description

<i>Ed. Code 32283</i>	<i>Comprehensive safety plan</i>
<i>Ed. Code 45450-45451</i>	<i>Crossing guards</i>
<i>Gov. Code 65352.2</i>	<i>Communicating and coordinating of school sites</i>
<i>S&amp;H Code 2333.5</i>	<i>Safe routes to schools construction program</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21200-21212</i>	<i>Operation of bicycles</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21212</i>	<i>Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates</i>
<i>Veh. Code 21949-21971</i>	<i>Pedestrian rights and duties</i>

### Federal Description

<i>23 USC 148</i>	<i>Highway safety improvement program</i>
<i>42 USC 1758b</i>	<i>Local wellness policy</i>

### Management Resource

<i>CSBA Publication</i>	<i>A Governance Perspective: Interviews with School Board Members from the Nine</i>
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**INSURANCE**

The Board of Trustees believes that all students should have health and accident insurance protection to ensure that they receive needed health care services in the event of illness or injury.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information to students and their parents/guardians about available insurance against injuries occurring during school-related activities, which may include printed matter furnished by the insurer or membership corporation. Parents/guardians shall not be required to enroll their children in insurance programs offered by the district.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

*(cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)*

**Athletic Teams**

Each student participating on a school athletic team shall have insurance protection in the amounts specified in law and administrative regulation for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury. (Education Code 32221)

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

If a student does not have insurance protection or a reasonable equivalent of health benefits through other means, including, but not limited to, purchase by the student or his/her parent/guardian, the district shall offer a medical or hospital service or insurance program. (Education Code 32221)

The cost of the insurance protection shall be paid by the parent/guardian of an athletic team member or other persons on the student's behalf.

**Field Trips/Excursions**

The district shall offer medical and/or hospital service or insurance protection for students injured while participating in any excursion or field trip under the jurisdiction of, sponsored by, or controlled by the district. (Education Code 35331)

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

*(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)*

Parents/guardians choosing to participate in the insurance program offered by the district shall pay the costs of the medical or hospital service or insurance protection.

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

*10900-10914.5 Community recreation activities*

*32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams*

*33353.5 Interscholastic federation; insurance program; nontransaction of insurance*

*35331 Insurance for field trips and excursions*

*48980 Parental notifications*

*48985 Notices to parents in language other than English*

*49470-49474 District medical services and insurance*

*51760 Insurance, work experience programs*

*52530 Insurance for healing arts program students*

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*10493 Benefit and relief association*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

*51050-51190.5 Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services*

### *Management Resources:*

#### WEB SITES

*CSBA, Medi-Cal Services Program: [http://www.csba.org/ds/medi\\_cal.htm](http://www.csba.org/ds/medi_cal.htm)*

*California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>*

*California Department of Insurance: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov>*

*Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>*

*Healthy Families Program: <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov>*

*Medi-Cal: <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov>*



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### Athletic Teams

"Members of a school athletic team" include: (Education Code 32220)

1. Members of any extramural athletic team engaged in athletic events on or outside school grounds
2. Members of school bands or orchestras, cheerleaders and their assistants, pompom girls, team managers and their assistants, and any student selected by the school or student body organization to directly assist in the conduct of the athletic event, including incidental activities, but only while such members are being transported by or under the sponsorship or arrangements of the district or the district's student body organization to or from a school or other place of instruction and the place at which the athletic event is being conducted

Insurance for members of school athletic teams shall provide coverage for injury arising while students are: (Education Code 32221)

1. Engaging in or preparing for an athletic event sponsored or arranged by the district or student body organization
2. Being transported by the school district, or under its sponsorship, to and from the school and place of the athletic event

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*  
*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*  
*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)D*  
*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*  
*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*  
*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*  
*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

Injuries arising while students are engaged in community recreational activities pursuant to Education Code 10900-10914.5 are excluded. (Education Code 32222)

The district shall offer for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury a group or individual medical plan with accidental benefits of at least \$200 for each occurrence and major medical coverage of at least \$10,000, with no more than \$100 deductible and no less than 80 percent payable for each occurrence. (Education Code 32221)

# Board Policy

## Students

BP 5144(a)

### DISCIPLINE

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

*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*  
*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*  
*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*  
*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

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

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

In addition, the Superintendent or designee's strategies for responding to student misconduct shall reflect the Board's preference for the use of positive interventions and alternative disciplinary measures over exclusionary discipline measures.

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

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*  
*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*  
*(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)*  
*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

School personnel and volunteers shall not allow any disciplinary action taken against a student to result in the denial or delay of a school meal. (Education Code 49557.5)

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*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*  
*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

A student shall not be denied recess unless the student's participation poses an immediate threat to the physical safety of the student or to the physical safety of one or more of the student's peers. If, due to such immediate threat, a student is denied recess, staff shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve the threat and minimize the student's exclusion from recess, to the greatest extent practicable. (Education Code 49056)

Seclusion and behavioral restraint are prohibited as a means of discipline and shall not be used to correct student behavior except as permitted pursuant to Education Code 49005.4 and in accordance with district regulations. (Education Code 49005.2)

*(cf. 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint)*

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

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

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*

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

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

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing the skills needed to effectively and equitably implement the disciplinary strategies adopted for district schools, including, but not limited to, knowledge of school and classroom management skills and their consistent application, effective accountability and

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positive intervention techniques, and the tools to form strong, cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

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

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

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

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

35146 *Closed sessions*

35291 *Rules*

35291.5-35291.7 *School-adopted discipline rules*

37223 *Weekend classes*

44807.5 *Restriction from recess*

48900-48926 *Suspension and expulsion*

48980-48985 *Notification of parent/guardian*

49005-49006.4 *Seclusion and restraint*

49330-49335 *Injurious objects*

49550-49564.5 *Meals for needy students*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

#### CIVIL CODE

1714.1 *Parental liability for child's misconduct*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

307 *Participation in school activities until departure of bus*

353 *Detention after school*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769j *School Lunch Program*

1773 *School Breakfast Program*

### *Management Resources:*

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Recent Legislation on Discipline: AB 240, Fact Sheet, March 2015*

*The Case for Reducing Out-of-School Suspensions and Expulsions, Fact Sheet, April 2014*

*Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014*

*Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011*

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*Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity during the School Day, Fact Sheet, 2009*  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORIES  
*Classroom Management: A California Resource Guide for Teachers and Administrators of Elementary and Secondary Schools, 2000*  
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*Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, January 2014*

*Management Resources: continued*

### WEB SITES

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

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

Public Counsel: <http://www.fixschooldiscipline.org>

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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# Administrative Regulation

Students

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## DISCIPLINE

### Site-Level Rules

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

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

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

5. Students in grades seven through twelve

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

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

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

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291.5)

### Disciplinary Strategies

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

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1. Discussion or conference between school staff, the student, and the student's parents/guardians

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

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

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

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

*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

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

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

5. Enrollment in a program for teaching prosocial behavior or anger management

6. Participation in a restorative justice program

7. A positive behavior support approach with tiered interventions that occur during the school day on campus

8. Participation in a social and emotional learning program that teaches students the ability to understand and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations capably

9. Participation in a program that is sensitive to the traumas experienced by students, focuses on students' behavioral health needs, and addresses those needs in a proactive manner

10. After-school programs that address specific behavioral issues or expose students to positive activities and behaviors, including, but not limited to, those operated in collaboration with local parent and community groups

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

**DISCIPLINE** (continued)

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

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities)*

14. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

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

*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*

*(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)*

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

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

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

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

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

When a student has been suspended, or other means of correction have been implemented against the student, for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation, the principal or designee shall engage both the victim and perpetrator in a restorative justice practice suitable to the needs of the students. The principal or designee shall also require the perpetrator to engage in a culturally sensitive program that promotes racial justice and equity and combats racism and ignorance and shall regularly check on the victim to ensure that the victim is not in danger of suffering from any long-lasting mental health issues. (Education Code 48900.5)

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

When disciplining a student who has been identified for special education and related services, the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 5144.2 - Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities) shall be applied. If a student has not been identified as a student with a disability and the district suspects the behavior that resulted in discipline may be based in an unidentified disability, the district shall conduct an evaluation to determine if the student has a disability which requires an IEP or 504 plan. (U.S.C. 1412(a)(3))



**DISCIPLINE (continued)****Detention After School**

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons for up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day, or until the departure of the school bus to which they have been assigned if applicable. (5 CCR 307, 353)

The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

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

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

*(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)*

**Community Service**

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

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

**Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students**

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

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

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

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