

STUDENT RECORDS

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of keeping accurate, comprehensive student records as required by law. The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations governing the identification, collection, retention, and security of student records. These regulations shall ensure the rights of authorized persons to have timely access to student records while maintaining the confidentiality of student records consistent with state and federal law.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a certificated employee to serve as custodian of records with responsibility for student records at the district level. At each school, the principal or a certificated employee shall be designated as custodian of records for students enrolled at that school. The custodian of records shall be responsible for implementing Board policy and administrative regulation regarding student records. (5 CCR 431)

If student records containing covered information which is not subject to the California Consumer Privacy Act are under the control of the operator of a website, online service or application, or mobile application, and the student's parent/guardian or the student, if 18 years of age or older, requests deletion of such records, the Superintendent or designee shall provide documentation to the operator that the student has not been enrolled in the district for at least 60 days. (Business and Professions Code 22584)

All appropriate personnel shall receive training regarding district policies and procedures for gathering and handling sensitive student information, including which information should not be solicited.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The district shall not collect or solicit social security numbers or the last four digits of social security numbers of students or their parents/guardians, unless otherwise required to do so by state or federal law. (Education Code 49076.7)

No information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members shall be collected, except as required by state or federal law or as required to administer a state or federally supported educational program. In accordance with Board Policy 5145.13 – Response to Immigrant Enforcement, the Superintendent or designee shall not disclose student records to a person, agency, or organization for immigration enforcement purposes without parental consent, a court order, or a judicial subpoena/warrant. If a district employee receives such a request, the employee shall respond in accordance with Board Policy 5145.13 – Response to Immigrant Enforcement. The Superintendent shall report the request to the Board in a timely manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information. (Education Code 234.7)

(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

The district, or any district employee shall not compile a list, registry, or database based on students'

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national origin, ethnicity, or religious belief, practice or affiliation, or disclose student information to federal government authorities for the purpose of compiling such a list, registry, or database for purposes of immigration enforcement. This prohibition does not apply to information that is aggregated and is not personally identifiable. (Government Code 8310.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols to comply with a court's restraining order that prohibits a party from accessing specified records and information pertaining to a student. (Family Code 6323.5)

Student Records from Social Media

The Superintendent or designee may gather and maintain information from the social media of any district student, provided that the district first notifies students and parents/guardians about the proposed program, offers an opportunity for public comment at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, and gathers only information that directly pertains to school safety or student safety. (Education Code 49073.6)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

Retention, Disclosure, and Security of Student Records

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the confidentiality of student records as required by law and shall establish processes and procedures to safeguard data against damage, loss, or theft, including damage, loss, or theft, which may be caused by the use of technology, including artificial intelligence and breaches to the district's digital infrastructure, in the retention or disclosure of student records. Additionally, in accordance with Board Policy 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement, all district staff shall avoid the disclosure of information that may indicate a student's or family's citizenship or immigration status if the disclosure is not authorized by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees receive information and training about cybersecurity, including ways to protect student records from breaches to the district's digital infrastructure.

If the district experiences a cyberattack that impacts more than 500 students or personnel, the Superintendent or designee shall report the cyberattack to the California Cybersecurity Integration Center. (Education Code 35266)

The Superintendent or designee may enter into a contract with a third party for the digital storage, management, and retrieval of student records and/or to authorize a third party provider of digital software to access, store, and use student records, provided that the contract meets the requirements of Education Code 49073.1 and other applicable state and federal laws.

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

STUDENT RECORDS**Definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Directory information
2. Informal notes compiled by a school officer or employee which remain in the sole possession of the maker, are used only as a personal memory aid, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute employee
3. Records of the law enforcement unit of the district, subject to 34 CFR 99.8
4. Records created or received by the district after an individual is no longer a student and that are not directly related to the individual's attendance as a student
5. Grades on peer-graded papers before they are collected and recorded by a teacher

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

1. Parents/guardians of students younger than age 18 years, including the parent who is not the student's custodial parent (Education Code 49069.7; Family Code 3025)

However, the district shall not disclose student records to a party, including a parent/guardian, who is legally prohibited from accessing records and information of a student pursuant to a restraining order. (Family Code 6323.5)

2. An adult student, or a student under the age of 18 years who attends a postsecondary institution, in which case the student alone shall exercise rights related to the student's records and grant consent for the release of records (34 CFR 99.3, 99.5)
3. Parents/guardians of an adult student with exceptional needs who is age 18 years or older and has been declared incompetent under state law (Education Code 56041.5)

Access for Limited Purpose/Legitimate Educational Interest

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

1. Parents/guardians of a student 18 years of age or older who is a dependent child as defined in 26 USC 152 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)
2. Students who are age 16 or older or who have completed the 10th grade (Education Code 49076)
3. School officials and employees, consistent with the definition provided in the section "Definitions" above (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)
4. Members of a school attendance review board (SARB) appointed pursuant to Education Code 48321 who are authorized representatives of the district and any volunteer aide age 18 or older who has been investigated, selected, and trained by the SARB to provide follow-up services to a referred student (Education Code 49076)
5. Officials and employees of other public schools, school systems, or postsecondary institutions where the student intends or is directed to enroll, including local, county, or state correctional facilities where educational programs leading to high school graduation are provided, or where the student is already enrolled, as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31)

Unless the annual parent/guardian notification issued pursuant to Education Code 48980 includes a statement that the district may disclose students' personally identifiable information to officials of another school, school system, or postsecondary institution where the student seeks or intends to

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enroll, the Superintendent or designee shall, when such a disclosure is made, make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent/guardian or adult student at the last known address, provide a copy of the record that is disclosed, and give the parent/guardian or adult student an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the record. (34 CFR 99.34)

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

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

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

Students' social security numbers shall not be included in the submitted information unless the Student Aid Commission deems it necessary to complete the financial aid application and the Superintendent or designee obtains permission from the student's parent/guardian, or from the adult student, to submit the social security number. (Education Code 69432.9)

7. The California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) in accordance with a data sharing agreement pursuant to Education Code 60900, to provide data for use when planning for and applying to California public colleges and universities (Education Code 60900, 60900.5)
8. Federal, state, and local officials, as needed for an audit or evaluation of, or compliance with, a state or federally funded education program and in accordance with a written agreement developed pursuant to 34 CFR 99.35 (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.3, 99.31, 99.35)
9. Any county placing agency acting as an authorized representative of a state or local educational agency which is required to audit or evaluate a state or federally supported education program pursuant to Item #8 above (Education Code 49076)
10. Any person, agency, or organization authorized in compliance with a court order or lawfully issued subpoena (Education Code 49077; 5 CCR 435; 34 CFR 99.31)

Unless otherwise instructed by the court, the Superintendent or designee shall, prior to disclosing a record pursuant to a court order or subpoena, give the parent/guardian or adult student at least three days' notice of the name of the requesting agency and the specific record requested, if lawfully possible within the requirements of the judicial order. (Education Code 49077; 5 CCR 435; 34 CFR 99.31)

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

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

14. Any judge or probation officer for the purpose of conducting a truancy mediation program for a student or for the purpose of presenting evidence in a truancy petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 681 (Education Code 49076)

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

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

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

16. A student age 14 years or older who is an unaccompanied minor experiencing homelessness as defined in 42 USC 11434a (Education Code 49076)
17. An individual who completes items #1-4 of the Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit pursuant to Family Code 6552 and signs the affidavit for the purpose of enrolling a minor in school (Education Code 49076)
18. A caseworker or other representative of a state or local child welfare agency or tribal organization that has legal responsibility in accordance with state or tribal law for the care and protection of a student, provided that the individual is authorized by the agency or organization to receive the records and the information requested is directly related to providing assistance to address the student's educational needs (Education Code 49076; 20 USC 1232g)

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19. Appropriate law enforcement authorities, in circumstances where Education Code 48902 requires that the district provide special education and disciplinary records of a student with exceptional needs who is suspended or expelled for committing an act violating Penal Code 245 (Education Code 48902, 49076)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Discretionary Access

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

1. Appropriate persons, including parents/guardians of a student, in connection with an emergency if the knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons. (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.31, 99.32, 99.36)

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

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

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

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

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

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

De-identification of Records

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

Process for Providing Access to Records

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

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

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

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

Within five business days following the date of request, the authorized person shall be granted access to inspect, review, and obtain copies of student records during regular school hours. (Education Code 49069

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

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

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

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

Access Log

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

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

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

The log shall include requests for access to records by:

1. Parents/guardians or adult students
2. Students who are 16 years of age or older or who have completed the 10th grade
3. Parties obtaining district-approved directory information
4. Parties who provide written parental consent, in which case the consent notice shall be filed with the record pursuant to Education Code 49075
5. School officials and employees who have a legitimate educational interest
6. Law enforcement personnel seeking to enforce immigration laws

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

Duplication of Student Records

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

Changes to Student Records

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

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

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

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

Retention and Destruction of Student Records

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

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

1. Legal name of student
2. Date and place of birth and method of verifying birth date
3. Sex of student
4. Name and address of parent/guardian of minor student
 - a. Address of minor student if different from the above

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- b. Annual verification of parent/guardian's name and address and student's residence
- 5. Entrance and departure dates of each school year and for any summer session or other extra session
- 6. Subjects taken during each year, half-year, summer session, or quarter, and marks or credits given towards graduation
- 7. Verification of or exemption from required immunizations
- 8. Date of high school graduation or equivalent

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

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

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

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

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

Transfer of Student Records

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

When a student transfers into this district from another district, the Superintendent or designee shall request that the student's previous district provide any records, either maintained by that district in the ordinary course of business or received from a law enforcement agency, regarding acts committed by the transferring student that resulted in the student's suspension or expulsion. (Education Code 48201)

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

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

Additionally, when a student in foster care is enrolling in a district school, the district's liaison for foster youth shall contact, within two business days of the student's request for enrollment, the school last attended by the student to obtain all academic and other records. (Education Code 48853.5)

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

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

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

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

Notification of Parents/Guardians

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

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

1. The types of student records kept by the district and the information contained therein
2. The title(s) of the official(s) responsible for maintaining each type of record
3. The location of the log identifying those who request information from the records
4. District criteria for defining school officials and employees and for determining legitimate educational interest
5. District policies for reviewing and expunging student records
6. The right to inspect and review student records and the procedures for doing so
7. The right to challenge and the procedures for challenging the content of a student record that the parent/guardian or student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights
8. The cost, if any, charged for duplicating copies of records
9. The categories of information defined as directory information pursuant to Education Code 49073
10. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's records except when disclosure without consent is authorized by law
11. Availability of the curriculum prospectus developed pursuant to Education Code 49091.14 containing the titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by the school

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12. The sharing with CCGI of specified district data and data collected by the California Department of Education for the purposes of college admissions, academic placement, and eligibility for student financial aid (Education Code 60900)
13. Any other rights and requirements set forth in Education Code 49060-49085, and the right of parents/guardians to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the district to comply with 20 USC 1232g
14. A statement that the district forwards education records to other agencies or institutions that request the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment

In addition, the annual parental notification shall include a statement that a student's citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin will not be released without parental consent or a court order.

Student Records from Social Media

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

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

The notification shall also include, but is not limited to, an explanation of the process by which a student or the student's parent/guardian may access the student's records for examination of the information gathered or maintained and the process by which removal of the information may be requested or corrections to the information may be made. The notification may be provided as part of the annual parental notification required pursuant to Education Code 48980.

5. If the district contracts with a third party to gather information on a student from social media, ensure that the contract:

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

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

Updating Name and/or Gender of Former Students

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

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

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

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

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)**State Description**

5 CCR 16020-16027 Destruction of records of school districts
 5 CCR 430-438 Individual student records
 Bus. Code 22580-22582 Privacy Rights for California Minors in the Digital World
 Bus. Code 22584-22585 Student Online Personal Information Protection Act
 Bus. Code 22586-22587 Early Learning Personal Information Protection Act
 CCP. 1985.3 Subpoena duces tecum
 Ed. Code 17604 Delegation of powers to agents
 Ed. Code 234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status
 Ed. Code 48201 Student records for transfer students who have been suspended/expelled
 Ed. Code 48853.5 Foster youth; placement, immunizations
 Ed. Code 48902 Notification of law enforcement of specified violations
 Ed. Code 48904-48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts
 Ed. Code 48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures
 Ed. Code 48980 Parental notifications
 Ed. Code 48985 Notices in parent/guardian's primary language
 Ed. Code 49060-49079 Student records
 Ed. Code 49091.14 Parental review of curriculum
 Ed. Code 51747 Independent study
 Ed. Code 56041.5 Rights of students with disabilities
 Ed. Code 56050 Surrogate parents
 Ed. Code 56055 Foster parents
 Ed. Code 69432.9 Cal Grant program; notification of grade point average
 Fam. Code 3025 Access to records by noncustodial parents
 Fam. Code 6552 Caregiver's authorization affidavit
 Gov. Code 6252-6260 Inspection of public records
 H&S Code 120440 Immunizations; disclosure of information
 Pen. Code 245 Assault with deadly weapon
 W&I Code 16010 Health and education records of a minor
 W&I Code 681 Truancy petitions
 W&I Code 701 Juvenile court law

Federal Description

16 CFR Part 312 Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule
 20 USC 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
 20 USC 1232h Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment
 26 USC 152 Definition of dependent child
 34 CFR 300.501 Opportunity to examine records for parents of student with disability
 34 CFR 99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
 42 USC 11434a McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)**Management Resources Description**

CA Office of the Attorney General Publication *Promoting Safe & Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance & Model Policies to Assist CA K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, 4/2018*

CSBA Publication *Legal Guidance on Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status, February 2017*

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U.S. Department of Education Publication *Balancing Student Privacy and School Safety: A Guide to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act for Elementary and Secondary Schools, Oct 2007*

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U.S. Department of Education Publication *IDEA and FERPA Confidentiality Provisions, 2014*

Website National School Boards Association

Website U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office

Website California Department of Education

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of directory information and therefore authorizes the release of such information only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may release student directory information to representatives of the news media or nonprofit organizations in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

The Superintendent or designee may limit or deny the release of specific categories of directory information to any public or private nonprofit organization based a determination of the best interests of district students. (Education Code 49073)

A student's directory information shall only be included in the minutes of the Board's meeting in accordance with Board Bylaw 9324 – Minutes and Recordings.

Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall have access to a student's name, address, email address and telephone number, unless the student's parent/guardian, or the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older, has specified that the information not be released (10 USC 503; 20 USC 7908)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Under no circumstances shall directory information be disclosed to a private profit-making entity, except for representatives of the news media and prospective employers, in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Private schools and colleges may be given the names and addresses of 12th-grade students and students who are no longer enrolled provided that they use this information only for purposes directly related to the institution's academic or professional goals. (Education Code 49073)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49061 Definitions

49063 Notification of parents of their rights

49073 Release of directory information

49073.5 Directory information; military representatives; telephone numbers

49603 Public high schools; military recruiting

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10

503 Military recruiter access to directory information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Access to High School Students and Information on Students by Military Recruiters, 2002

WEB SITES

U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/index.html>

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION**Definition**

Directory information means information contained in a student record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Such student information includes: (Education Code 49061; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.3)

1. Name
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
5. Date of birth
6. Major field of study
7. Participation record in officially recognized activities and sports
8. Weight and height of athletic team members
9. Dates of attendance
10. Degrees and awards received
11. Most recent previous school attended

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

Directory information does not include a student's social security number or student identification number. However, for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems, directory information may include a student identification number, user identification, or other personal identifier used by the student provided that the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with a personal identification number, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user. (34 CFR 99.3)

Directory information does not include the citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin of a student or the student's family member.

Notification to Parents/Guardians

AR 5125.1(b)

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION (continued)

At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians shall be notified as to the categories of directory information the district plans to release and the recipients of the information. The notification shall also inform parents/guardians of their right to refuse to let the district designate any or all types of information as directory information, how to refuse release, and the period of time within which a parent/guardian must notify the district in writing that the parent/guardian does not want a certain category of information designated as directory information. (Education Code 49063, 49073; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.37)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Additionally, the annual parental notification shall include a statement that directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin and that the district will not release such information without parent/guardian consent or a court order.

(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that they may request that the district not release the name, address, email address, and telephone number of their child to military recruiters, employers, or institutions of higher education without prior written consent. (10 USC 503; 20 USC 7908)

Parent/Guardian Consent

A student's directory information shall not be released if the student's parent/guardian has notified the district in writing that such information shall not be disclosed. (Education Code 49073; 20 USC 1232g, 7908)

The directory information of a student identified as a student experiencing homelessness shall not be released unless the student's parent/guardian, or the student if 18 years of age or older, has provided written consent that directory information may be release. (Education Code 49073; 20 USC 1232g, 7908)

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

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

For a former student, the district shall continue to honor any valid request to opt out of the disclosure of directory information made while the student was in attendance at the district, unless the opt-out request has been rescinded. (34 CFR 99.37)

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION**PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTICE
RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the district may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the district to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school and/or district publications. Examples include:

- * a playbill, showing your child's role in a drama production
- * the annual yearbook
- * honor roll or other recognition lists
- * graduation programs
- * sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent/guardian's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require districts receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, to provide military recruiters, upon request, with students' names, addresses, and telephone listings, unless parents/guardians have advised the district that they do not want their child's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want the district to disclose any or all of the information designated below as directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing by SEPTEMBER 1st. The district has designated the following information as directory information:

1. Student's Name
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
5. Date of birth

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6. Major field of study
7. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
8. Weight and height of athletic team members
9. Dates of attendance
10. Degrees and awards received
11. Most recent previous school attended

Additionally, the district may disclose your child's student identification number, user identification, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

In addition, the district may disclose a student identification number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student identification badge, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

The district may not disclose a student's Social Security number. Directory information does not include your child's citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin.

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

WITHHOLDING GRADES, DIPLOMA OR TRANSCRIPTS

When a minor student willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures real or personal property of the district or willfully does not return district property that has been loaned to the student, the student's parents/guardians may be required to pay the costs of all damages within the limits established pursuant to Education Code 48904. Until the student's parents/guardians have paid for the damages or the student has completed voluntary work or other nonmonetary alternative offered by the district in lieu of monetary damages, the Superintendent or designee may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts. (Education Code 48904, 49014)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)
(cf. 6161.2 - Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials)

This administrative regulation shall not apply to a student who is a current or former homeless or foster youth. (Education Code 49014)

Before withholding a student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the student's parents/guardians in writing of the student's alleged misconduct. (Education Code 48904)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The student shall be afforded due process consistent with procedures established for the expulsion of students. (Education Code 48904)

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

When a student who is transferring into the district has had grades, a diploma, and/or transcripts withheld by the previous district, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until notified by the previous district that the decision to withhold has been rescinded. (Education Code 48904.3)

Upon receiving notice that a student whose grades, diploma, and/or transcripts have been withheld by this district has transferred to another district in California, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student's records to the new district and notify the new district that the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts are being withheld from the student and parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 48904.

The Superintendent or designee shall also notify the student's parents/guardians in writing that the decision to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts will be enforced by the new district. (Education Code 48904.3)

Legal Reference on next page

WITHHOLDING GRADES, DIPLOMA OR TRANSCRIPTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48904 Liability of parent

48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury; transfer of pupils to new school districts; notice to rescind decision to withhold

48911 Suspension by principal, designee or superintendent

49014 Public School Fair Debt Collection Act

49069 Absolute right to access

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

CHALLENGING STUDENT RECORDS

At the beginning of each school year or, for a student enrolled after the beginning of the school year, at the time of enrollment, parents/guardians shall be notified of the availability of the following procedures for challenging the contents of student records. Any student who is 18 years of age or attends a postsecondary institution shall have the sole right to challenge the contents of his/her records in accordance with the following procedures. (Education Code 49061, 49063)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Procedures for Challenging Records

The custodial parent/guardian of any student may submit to the Superintendent or designee a written request to correct or remove from his/her child's records any information concerning the child which he/she alleges to be any of the following: (Education Code 49070; 34 CFR 99.20)

1. Inaccurate
2. An unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference
3. A conclusion or inference outside of the observer's area of competence
4. Not based on the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted
5. Misleading
6. In violation of the privacy or other rights of the student

Within 30 days of receiving a request to correct or remove any information from a record, the Superintendent or designee shall meet with the parent/guardian and the district employee who recorded that information, if he/she is presently employed by the district. (Education Code 49070)

If the challenge involves a student's grade, the teacher who gave the grade shall be given an opportunity to state, orally and/or in writing, the reasons for which the grade was given. Insofar as practicable, the teacher shall be included in all discussions related to any grade change. In the absence of clerical or mechanical error, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency, a student's grade as determined by the teacher shall be final. (Education Code 49066)

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

CHALLENGING STUDENT RECORDS (continued)**Resolution of Challenge/Appeals**

After considering all relevant information, the Superintendent or designee shall sustain or deny the parent/guardian's allegations. (Education Code 49070)

If the parent/guardian's allegations are sustained, the Superintendent or designee shall order the correction or removal and destruction of the information. (Education Code 49070)

If the Superintendent or designee denies the allegations, the parent/guardian may, within 30 days, appeal the decision in writing to the Governing Board. Within 30 days of receiving the written appeal, the Board shall meet in closed session with the parent/guardian and the district employee who recorded the information, if he/she is presently employed by the district. The Board shall then decide whether to sustain or deny the allegations. The decision of the Board shall be final. (Education Code 49070)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

If the Board sustains any or all of the allegations, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately order the correction or removal and destruction of the pertinent information from the student's records and shall inform the parent/guardian in writing that the information has been corrected or destroyed. (Education Code 49070)

If the parent/guardian does not file an appeal, or if the appeal is denied by the Board, the parent/guardian shall be informed of his/her right to submit a written objection to the information. Any statement submitted by the parent/guardian shall be maintained with the contested part of the record for as long as the record is maintained and shall be disclosed whenever the related part of the record is disclosed. (Education Code 49070; 34 CFR 99.21)

Hearing Panel

The Superintendent or designee and/or the Board may appoint a hearing panel to assist in making determinations regarding a challenge to student records or an appeal, as applicable, provided that the parent/guardian gives written consent to releasing relevant student record information to the panel members. Such a hearing panel shall consist of the following persons: (Education Code 49071)

1. A chairperson who is a principal of a public school other than the school at which the record is on file
2. A certificated employee appointed by the district's certificated employee union
3. A parent/guardian appointed by the Superintendent or designee or the Board, whoever convenes the panel

CHALLENGING STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

If possible, the members of the hearing panel shall not be acquainted with the student, his/her parent/guardian, or the employee who recorded the information, except when the parent/guardian appoints the certificated employee pursuant to item #2 above. (Education Code 49071)

The panel shall be provided with verbatim copies of the information that is the subject of the controversy. The panel shall, in closed session, hear the parent/guardian's objections to the student record and, if the employee is presently employed by the district, the employee's testimony. The proceedings of the hearing shall not be disclosed or discussed by panel members except in their official capacities. The panel shall submit, to the Superintendent or designee or the Board as applicable, its written findings setting forth the facts and decisions of the panel. (Education Code 49071)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*49061 Definitions**49063 Notification of parents of their rights**49066 Grades; change of grade; physical education grade**49070 Challenging content of records**49071 Hearing panel*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20*1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act**1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34*99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy, especially:**99.20-99.22 Procedures for amending educational records**(2/95 2/96) 10/16*

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Trustees encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievement in academic, artistic, extracurricular, athletic, and community service activities.

No fee or other cost shall be charged to any student in relation to any requirements in qualifying for or receiving any district achievement awards.

(cf. [5121](#) - *Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement*)

(cf. [5127](#) - *Graduation Ceremonies and Activities*)

(cf. [6142.4](#) - *Service Learning/Community Service Classes*)

District/School Awards

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or monetary gift. The Board shall establish a budget for this purpose. (Education Code 44015)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for the selection of student award recipients.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

At graduation from high school, students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas have been outstanding shall receive special recognition.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify graduating high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. (Education Code [51454](#))

(cf. [6162.51](#) - *State Academic Achievement Tests*)

State Seal of Biliteracy

The district shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating high school student who has attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code [51460-51464](#))

(cf. [6142.2](#) - *World Language Instruction*)

(cf. [6174](#) - *Education for English Learners*)

District Awards for Biliteracy

In order to affirm the value of bilingualism and encourage students' enrollment in world language programs, the Superintendent or designee may present awards at appropriate grade levels to recognize the pursuit and/or attainment of grade-level proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent or designee may also present awards to English learners who are reclassified as fluent English proficient to recognize proficiency in both English and the student's native language.

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**State Seal of Civic Engagement**

The Superintendent or designee shall present the State Seal of Civic Engagement to each 11th or 12th grade student who demonstrates excellence in civics education and participation and has demonstrated an understanding of the U.S. Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government. (Education Code [51470-51474](#))

All district students shall be afforded the opportunity to earn the State Seal of Civic Engagement, regardless of their background, communities, or experiences. No student shall be denied such opportunity based on academic ability, alternative school setting, or unique or unconventional expression of civic engagement.

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

(cf. [0415](#) - *Equity*)

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

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

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

(cf. [6172](#) - *Gifted and Talented Student Program*)

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

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

(cf. [6184](#) - *Continuation Education*)

Scholarship and Loan Fund

The Board shall establish and maintain a scholarship and loan fund which shall be used to provide interest-free loans for educational advancement, scholarship, and/or grants-in-aid to bona fide organizations, students, or graduates of district schools. (Education Code [35310](#), [35315](#))

(cf. [1260](#) - *Educational Foundation*)

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

The district's scholarship and loan fund shall be administered by a district committee composed of Board members, the Superintendent, and such other community, staff, administrative, and/or student representatives as determined by the Board. (Education Code [35310](#))

The Board shall select its own representatives to the committee. Staff, community, and/or student representatives shall be selected by the Superintendent. Members of this committee shall serve two-year terms.

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

(cf. [9140](#) - *Board Representatives*)

The committee may accept gifts, donations, and bequests made for the purposes of the fund and may prescribe conditions or restrictions on these gifts and bequests. If the donor imposes any conditions, the committee shall review the conditions and make a recommendation to the Board as to the compatibility of such conditions with the intent and purpose of the fund. The Board may prohibit the committee from accepting any donation under conditions it finds incompatible with the fund's intents and purposes as specified in Board Policy 3290 – Gifts, Grants, and Requests. (Education Code [35313](#))

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board at least annually regarding the status and activity of the fund. (Education Code [35319](#))

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE[220](#) Nondiscrimination[35160](#) Authority of governing boards[35310-35319](#) Scholarship and loan funds[44015](#) Awards to employees and students[51243-51245](#) Credit for private school foreign language instruction[51450-51455](#) Golden State Seal Merit Diploma[51460-51464](#) State Seal of Biliteracy[51470-51474](#) State Seal of Civic Engagement[52164.1](#) Assessment of English language skills of English learnersGOVERNMENT CODE[54950-54963](#) Brown Act open meeting lawsCODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5[876](#) Golden State Seal Merit Diploma[1632](#) Credit for private school foreign language instruction[11517.6-11519.5](#) English Language Proficiency Assessments for California*Management Resources:*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT**District/School Awards**

The Superintendent or designee may appoint an awards committee at each school which may consist of school administrators, staff members, parents/guardians, community members, and student representatives. The committee shall submit recommendations for student awards to the Superintendent or designee for approval.

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

Individual awards in excess of \$200 must be expressly approved by the Governing Board. (Education Code [44015](#))

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

To be eligible to receive the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma upon graduation from high school, a student shall complete all requirements for a high school diploma and shall demonstrate mastery of the curriculum in mathematics, English language arts, science, U.S. history, and two other subject matter areas selected by the student by meeting at least one of the following criteria for each subject: (Education Code [51451](#), [51452](#); 5 CCR [876](#))

1. Mathematics and English language arts
 - a. A grade of at least B+ or the numerical equivalent in a single course each semester completed in grade 9, 10, or 11
 - b. An achievement level of "Standard Met" or above for the high school Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
2. Science
 - a. A grade of at least B+ or the numerical equivalent in a single course each semester completed in grade 9, 10, or 11
 - b. An achievement level of "Standard Met" or above for the high school California Science Test taken in grade 10 or 11
3. U.S. history
 - a. A grade of at least B or the numerical equivalent in the required U.S. history course each semester
 - b. A qualifying score that demonstrates mastery of the subject as determined by the district for an exam produced by a private provider or the district

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4. Two additional subject areas of the student's choosing
 - a. Any additional qualifying grade or score listed above, earned for the subject of English language arts, mathematics, science, or U.S. history not already used to meet eligibility
 - b. A grade of at least B or the numerical equivalent upon completion of high school courses in other subjects
 - c. A qualifying score that demonstrates mastery of other subjects, as determined by the district, for an exam produced by a private provider or the district

(cf. [6143](#) - *Courses of Study*)

(cf. [6146.1](#) - *High School Graduation Requirements*)

(cf. [6146.11](#) - *Alternative Credits Toward Graduation*)

(cf. [6162.51](#) - *State Academic Achievement Tests*)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have earned the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma and shall affix an insignia to the high school diploma and transcript of each such student. (Education Code [51454](#))

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

The Superintendent or designee shall submit an insignia request form to the California Department of Education in sufficient time to allow for processing of the request prior to the high school graduation ceremony.

State Seal of Biliteracy

To be eligible to receive the State Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation, a student shall demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and at least one other language, which may include American Sign Language. (Education Code [51461](#))

Proficiency in English shall be demonstrated by meeting one of the following state-established criteria: (Education Code 51461)

1. Completion of all English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 in those classes or completion of one or more English language arts courses at a public higher education institution or an independent institution of higher education, as described in Education Code 66010, with a grade equivalent to a grade point average of 3.0 or above
2. Passage of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress for English language arts or any successor test administered in grade 11 at or above the "Standard Met" achievement level
3. Passage of an English Advance Placement (AP) exam with a score of 3 or higher or an English International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a score of a 4 or higher
4. Achievement of a score of 480 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

Proficiency in one or more languages other than English shall be demonstrated through one of the following requirements: (Education Code 51461)

1. Passage of a world language AP exam with a score of 3 or higher, a world language IB exam with a score of 4 or higher, or a world language American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with scores of Intermediate Mid or higher
2. Successful completion of a four-year course of study of content in a world language at a high school or higher level, attaining an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 in that course of study, and oral proficiency in the language comparable to that required in Item #1 above, successful completion of high school level courses completed in another country in a language other than English with the equivalent of an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above, as verified through a transcript, or completion of one or more world language courses at a public higher education institution or an independent institution of higher education as described in Education Code 66010, with a grade equivalent to a grade point average of at least 3.0 and oral proficiency in the language comparable to that specified in Item #1 above, as verified through a transcript
3. If no AP exam or off-the-shelf language test exists, passage of a district language exam that can be certified to meet the rigor of a four-year high school course of study in a given language and that, at a minimum, assesses speaking, reading, and writing in a language other than English at the proficient level or higher
4. If a language is not characterized by listening, speaking, or reading, or for which there is no written system, passage of an assessment on the modalities that characterize communication in that language at the proficient level or higher

(cf. [6141.4](#) - International Baccalaureate Program)

(cf. [6141.5](#) - Advanced Placement)

(cf. [6142.2](#) - World Language Instruction)

To be eligible to receive the State Seal of Biliteracy, a student who is an English Learner shall, in addition to demonstrating proficiency in English and one or more languages other than English through one of the accomplishments specified above, attain an Oral Language composite score of level 4 on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, or any successor English oral language proficiency assessment. (Education Code [51461](#))

(cf. [6174](#) - Education for English Learners)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain appropriate records to identify high school students who have earned the State Seal of Biliteracy and shall affix the insignia to the high school diploma or transcript of each such student. (Education Code [51463](#))

State Seal of Civic Engagement

To be eligible to receive the State Seal of Civic Engagement, a student shall meet district requirements for all of the following state-established criteria:

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

1. Be engaged in academic work in a productive way
2. Demonstrate a competent understanding of U.S. and California Constitutions, functions and governance of local governments, tribal government structures and organizations, the role of the citizen in a constitutional democracy, and democratic principles, concepts, and processes
3. Participate in one or more informed civic engagement project(s) that address real-world problems and require students to identify and inquire into civic needs or problems, consider varied responses, take action, and reflect on efforts
4. Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions through self-reflection
5. Exhibit character traits that reflect civic-mindedness and a commitment to positively impact the classroom, school, community and/or society

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have earned the State Seal of Civic Engagement and shall affix the insignia to the high school diploma or transcript of each such student. (Education Code [51473](#))

Scholarship and Loan Fund

The Superintendent shall serve as chief executive officer of the scholarship and loan fund and as chairperson of the district committee established to administer the fund. The committee shall meet at least once each fiscal year and at other such times as it may be called into session by the Superintendent. (Education Code [35311](#), [35312](#))

Scholarship and loan funds shall be deposited, administered, and audited in accordance with Education Code [35314](#) and [35318](#).

(cf. [3400](#) - *Management of District Assets/Accounts*)
(cf. [3460](#) - *Financial Reports and Accountability*)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria, procedures, and deadlines for student applications for scholarships and/or loans from the fund. As applicable, the Superintendent or designee may require the student to submit letters of recommendation or other supplementary materials providing evidence of the student's accomplishments and/or need.

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

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute information about eligibility requirements for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma, State Seal of Biliteracy, State Seal of Civic Engagement, and/or any district awards programs to students at the applicable grade levels.

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES

High school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have earned a diploma by successfully completing the required course of study, satisfying district standards, and passing any required assessments. The Governing Board believes that these students deserve the privilege of a public celebration that recognizes the significance of their achievement and encourages them to continue the pursuit of learning throughout their lives.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, a student who will complete graduation requirements during the summer may be allowed to participate in graduation exercises without receiving a diploma. When the requirements have been satisfied, a diploma shall be sent to the student.

High school students who have passed a high school equivalency test or the California High School Proficiency Examination must also meet district graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation ceremonies.

(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

Invocations, prayers, or benedictions shall not be included in graduation ceremonies. The school or district shall not sponsor other ceremonies or programs for graduates that include prayer.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Honors and Awards

To honor superior academic achievement, graduation ceremonies shall include recognition of valedictorian(s) and salutatorian(s). Valedictorian(s) and salutatorian(s) shall be selected based on established criteria and procedures that use multiple measures of academic performance.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall identify other school-sponsored awards which may be given during graduation exercises. A separate awards program may be held to recognize graduating students receiving other school and non-school awards.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Graduation Attire

The Superintendent or designee may require graduating students to wear ceremonial attire, such as cap and gown, at the ceremony.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

Any graduating student who has completed basic training and is an active member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces may, at the student's option, wear a military dress uniform at the ceremony. (Education Code 35183.3)

Students shall be permitted to wear tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance as an adornment to the customary ceremonial attire, as long as the adornment does not cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the graduation ceremony. (Education Code 35183.1)

Students who desire to wear such adornments shall seek permission from the Superintendent or designee at least 14 days before the graduation ceremony.

Disciplinary Considerations

Students are expected to comply with district and school policies, regulations, and rules throughout the school session, including during graduation and related events. Students shall not be denied the privilege of participating in graduation ceremonies and activities except as discipline in cases of serious misconduct. In no event shall a student be denied participation in graduation ceremonies unless the principal or designee has informed the student and the student's parents/guardians of the misconduct and has given them an opportunity to respond.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

During the graduation ceremony, a student may be removed from the ceremony for conduct that is disruptive or that poses a risk to safety.

High school seniors shall be notified of this policy in advance, through the student handbook or other means, and shall be required to acknowledge receiving it.

Legal Reference: See next page

GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CONDUCT

The Board of Trustees believes that all students have the right to be educated in a safe and positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, going to or coming from school, at school activities, or using district transportation.

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

(cf. [5131.1](#) - *Bus Conduct*)

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with Board policies and administrative regulations. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of district and school rules related to conduct.

Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, possession of a firearm or other weapon, and terrorist threats

(cf. [5131.7](#) - *Weapons and Dangerous Instruments*)

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

2. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students or staff, including sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, cyberbullying, hazing or initiation activity, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause violence, bodily harm, or substantial disruption to the school program

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

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

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

(cf. [5145.9](#) - *Hate-Motivated Behavior*)

3. Conduct that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment

(cf. [5131.4](#) - *Student Disturbances*)

4. Willful defiance of staff's authority

5. Damage to or theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district

(cf. [3515.4](#) - *Recovery for Property Loss or Damage*)

(cf. [5131.5](#) - *Vandalism and Graffiti*)

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6. Obscene acts or use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language

(cf. [5145.2](#) - *Freedom of Speech/Expression*)

7. Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited substances

(cf. [5131.6](#) - *Alcohol and Other Drugs*)

(cf. [5131.62](#) - *Tobacco*)

(cf. [5131.63](#) - *Steroids*)

8. Possession or use of a laser pointer, unless for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose with prior permission of the principal or designee (Penal Code [417.27](#))

9. Use of a smartphone or other mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner

(cf. [5131.8](#) - *Mobile Communication Devices*)

(cf. [6163.4](#) - *Student Use of Technology*)

10. Plagiarism or dishonesty on school work or tests

(cf. [5131.9](#) - *Academic Honesty*)

(cf. [6162.54](#) - *Test Integrity/Test Preparation*)

(cf. [6162.6](#) - *Use of Copyrighted Materials*)

11. Wearing of any attire that violates district or school dress codes, including gang-related apparel

(cf. [5132](#) - *Dress and Grooming*)

(cf. [5136](#) - *Gangs*)

12. Tardiness or unexcused absence from school

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

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

(cf. [5113.11](#) - *Attendance Supervision*)

(cf. [5113.12](#) - *District School Attendance Review Board*)

13. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules

(cf. [5112.5](#) - *Open/Closed Campus*)

14. Other conduct prohibited by Education Code 48900-48915-48915

Employees are expected to enforce standards of conduct and, when they observe or receive a report of a violation of these standards, to appropriately intervene or seek assistance. As necessary, the employee shall refer the matter to a supervisor or the principal or designee.

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When a school employee suspects that a search of a student or a student's belongings will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure.

(cf. [5145.12](#) - Search and Seizure)

When a student uses any prohibited device, or uses a permitted device in an unauthorized manner, a district employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

Students who violate district or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, referral to a student success team or counseling services, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

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

(cf. [5020](#) - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. [5127](#) - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. [5138](#) - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. [5144](#) - Discipline)

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(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

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

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

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

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

(cf. [6184](#) - Continuation Education)

(cf. [6185](#) - Community Day School)

Students also may be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, for any off-campus conduct during nonschool hours which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property, or substantially disrupts school activities.

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[200-262.4](#) Prohibition of discrimination

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[48900-48925](#) Suspension and expulsion

[51512](#) Prohibition against electronic listening or recording device in classroom without permission

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[1714.1](#) Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor

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288.2 Harmful matter with intent to seduce

313 Harmful matter

417.25-417.27 Laser scope or laser pointer

647 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor

653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

BUS CONDUCT

In order to help ensure the safety and well-being of students, bus drivers, and others, the Board of Trustees expects students to exhibit appropriate and orderly conduct at all times when using school transportation, including while preparing to ride, riding, or leaving the bus.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations related to student conduct on buses, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. He/she shall make these rules available to parents/guardians, students, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 14103)

(cf. 3452 - School Bus Drivers)

Students found to be in violation of the district's bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

The Superintendent or designee may deny a student the privilege of using school transportation upon the student's continued disorderly conduct or his/her persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver. (5 CCR 14103)

Bus Surveillance Systems

The Board believes that the use of surveillance systems on school buses will help to deter misconduct and improve discipline, ensure the safety of students and bus drivers, and prevent vandalism. Therefore, surveillance systems may be installed and used on school buses to monitor student behavior while traveling to and from school and school activities.

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, and staff that surveillance may occur on any school bus and that the contents of a recording may be a student record and, as such, may be used in student disciplinary proceedings or referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate. In addition, a prominent notice shall be placed in each bus stating that the bus is equipped with a surveillance monitoring system.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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BUS CONDUCT

Bus Rider Rules

The following rules apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including when on school activity trips:

1. Riders shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

2. Riders should arrive at their designated bus stop on time and stand in a safe place at the stop to wait quietly for the bus.

(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)

3. Riders shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and go directly to their seats.
4. Riders shall sit down and fasten any passenger restraint systems. Riders shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
5. Riders shall not block the aisle or emergency exit with their body or personal belongings. Riders may bring large or bulky items, such as class projects or musical instruments, on the bus only if the item does not displace any other rider or obstruct the driver's vision.
6. Riders should be courteous to the driver, pedestrians, motorists and to fellow passengers. Vulgarity, rude, or abusive behavior is prohibited.
7. Any noise or behavior that could distract the driver, such as loud talking, scuffling or fighting, throwing objects, or standing or changing seats, is prohibited and may lead to suspension of riding privileges.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

8. Riders shall not use tobacco products, eat, or drink while riding the bus.

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

9. Riders may bring electronic devices onto the bus only if such devices are permitted at school. If the use of cellular telephones or similar devices disrupts the safe operation of the school bus, the bus driver may direct the student to no longer use the device on the bus.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

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10. Riders shall not put any part of the body out of the window nor throw any item from the bus.
11. Riders shall help keep the bus and the area around the bus stop clean. Riders shall not damage or deface the bus or tamper with bus equipment.
12. Service animals are permitted on school transportation services; all other animals are prohibited. (Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

13. Upon reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and upon the signal from the driver, unfasten any restraint system, enter the aisle, and go directly to the exit.
14. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus and shall follow the district's transportation safety plan when crossing the road and exiting the bus.

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

The driver or any passenger shall report any violation of the district's bus rules to the principal or designee. The principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the misbehavior, determine the severity of the misconduct, and take action accordingly. In instances of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time determined appropriate by the principal or designee.

Bus drivers shall not deny transportation services except as directed by the principal or designee.

Bus Surveillance Systems

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the use and maintenance of the district's bus surveillance system. Students are prohibited from tampering with the bus surveillance system. Any student found tampering with the system shall be subject to discipline and shall be responsible for the costs of any necessary repairs or replacement.

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

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

Camera supports may be installed in all buses. Cameras may be rotated among the buses and activated at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

The content of any recording is a student record and may only be accessed in accordance with the district's policy and administrative regulation concerning student records.

BUS CONDUCT (continued)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

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This policy shall apply to all acts constituting bullying related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school, and to all acts of the Governing Board and the Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning, and school attendance and desires to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment that protects students from physical, mental, and emotional harm. No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, visual, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel, or retaliate against them for filing a complaint or participating in the complaint resolution process.

(cf. [5131](#) - Conduct)

(cf. [5136](#) - Gangs)

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

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

(cf. [5145.9](#) - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for addressing bullying in district schools with the involvement of students, parents/guardians, and staff. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with social services, mental health services, law enforcement, courts, and other agencies and community organizations in the development and implementation of effective strategies to promote safety in schools and the community.

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

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

(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

Such strategies shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan and, to the extent possible, into the local control and accountability plan and other applicable district and school plans.

(cf. [0420](#) - School Plans/Site Councils)

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

(cf. [0460](#) - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

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

If the Superintendent or designee believes it is in the best interest of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying, as defined in Education Code [48900](#), the Superintendent or designee shall advise the student's parents/guardians that the student may transfer to another school. If the parents/guardians of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying

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requests a transfer for the student pursuant to Education Code [46600](#), the Superintendent or designee shall allow the transfer in accordance with law and district policy on intradistrict or interdistrict transfer, as applicable.

(cf. [5116.1](#) - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. [5117](#) - Interdistrict Attendance)

District families are encouraged to model respectful behavior, contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment, and monitor potential causes of bullying.

Any employee who permits or engages in bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. [4118](#) - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. [4119.21/4219.21/4319.21](#) - Professional Standards)

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

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[32283.5](#) Bullying; online training

[35181](#) Governing board policy on responsibilities of students

[35291-35291.5](#) Rules

[46600](#) Student transfers

[48900-48925](#) Suspension or expulsion

[48985](#) Translation of notices

[52060-52077](#) Local control and accountability plan

PENAL CODE

[422.55](#) Definition of hate crime

[647](#) Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor

[647.7](#) Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; punishment

[653.2](#) Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

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[106.8](#) Designation of responsible employee for Title IX

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

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Examples of Prohibited Conduct

Bullying is an aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived imbalance of power between individuals with the intent to cause emotional or physical harm. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social/relational and may involve a single severe act or repetition or potential repetition of a deliberate act. Bullying includes, but is not limited to, any act described in Education Code [48900\(r\)](#).

Cyberbullying includes the electronic creation or transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images, which may be shared, sent, or posted publicly. Cyberbullying may include, but is not limited to, personal or private information that causes humiliation, false or negative information to discredit or disparage, or threats of physical harm. Cyberbullying may also include breaking into another person's electronic account or assuming that person's online identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

(cf. [5145.2](#) - *Freedom of Speech/Expression*)

(cf. [6163.4](#) - *Student Use of Technology*)

Examples of the types of conduct that may constitute bullying and are prohibited by the district include, but are not limited to:

1. *Physical bullying*: An act that inflicts harm upon a person's body or possessions, such as hitting, kicking, pinching, spitting, tripping, pushing, taking or breaking someone's possessions, or making cruel or rude hand gestures
2. *Verbal bullying*: An act that includes saying or writing hurtful things, such as teasing, name-calling, inappropriate sexual comments, taunting, or threats to cause harm
3. *Social/relational bullying*: An act that harms a person's reputation or relationships, such as leaving a person out of an activity on purpose, influencing others not to be friends with someone, spreading rumors, or embarrassing someone in public
4. *Cyberbullying*: An act that occurs on electronic devices such as computers, tablets, or cell phones, such as sending demeaning or hateful text messages, direct messages or public posts on social media apps, gaming forums, or emails, spreading rumors by email or by posting on social networking sites, shaming or humiliating by allowing others to view, participate in, or share disparaging or harmful content, or posting or sharing embarrassing photos, videos, website, or fake profiles.

Measures to Prevent Bullying

The Superintendent or designee shall implement measures to prevent bullying in district schools, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Developing a strategic plan for school connectedness and social skills with benchmark tracking, which may include providing regular opportunities and spaces for students to develop social skills and strengthen relationships and promoting adult support from family and school staff, peer-led programs, and partnerships with key community groups, implementing socially based educational

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techniques such as cooperative learning projects that can improve educational outcomes as well as peer relations, creating a supportive school environment that fosters belonging through equitable classroom management, mentoring, and peer support groups that allow students to lean on each other and learn from each other's experiences, and building social connection into health education courses including information on the consequences of social connection on physical and mental health, key risk and protective factors, and strategies for increasing social connection

2. Ensuring that each school establishes clear rules for student and staff conduct and implements strategies to promote a positive, supportive, and collaborative school climate
3. Providing information to students, through student handbooks, district and school websites and social media, and other age-appropriate means, about district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for engaging in bullying
4. Encouraging students to notify school staff when they are being bullied or when they suspect that another student is being bullied, and providing means by which students may report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously
5. Conducting an assessment of bullying incidents at each school and, if necessary, increasing supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as playgrounds, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias
6. Annually notifying district employees that, pursuant to Education Code [234.1](#), any school staff who witnesses an act of bullying against a student has a responsibility to immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so

Staff Development

The Superintendent or designee shall annually make available to all certificated staff and to other employees who have regular interaction with students the California Department of Education (CDE) online training module on the dynamics of bullying and cyberbullying, including the identification of bullying and cyberbullying and the implementation of strategies to address bullying. (Education Code [32283.5](#))

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to teachers and other school staff to raise their awareness about the legal obligation of the district and its employees to prevent discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of district students. Such training shall be designed to provide staff with the skills to:

1. Discuss the diversity of the student body and school community, including their varying immigration experiences

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2. Discuss bullying prevention strategies with students, and teach students to recognize the behavior and characteristics of bullying perpetrators and victims
3. Identify the signs of bullying or harassing behavior
4. Take immediate corrective action when bullying is observed
5. Report incidents to the appropriate authorities, including law enforcement in instances of criminal behavior

Information and Resources

The Superintendent or designee shall post on the district's website, in a prominent location and in a manner that is easily accessible to students and parents/guardians, information on bullying and harassment prevention which includes the following: (Education Code 234.6)

1. The district's policy on student suicide prevention, including a reference to the policy's age appropriateness for students in grades K-6

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

2. The definition of sex discrimination and harassment as described in Education Code [230](#), including the rights set forth in Education Code [221.8](#)
3. Title IX information included on the district's website pursuant to Education Code [221.61](#), and a link to the Title IX information included on CDE's website pursuant to Education Code [221.6](#)
4. District policies on student sexual harassment, prevention and response to hate violence, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying

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

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

(cf. [5145.9](#) - *Hate-Motivated Behavior*)

5. A section on social media bullying that includes all of the references described in Education Code 234.6 as possible forums for social media
6. A link to statewide resources, including community-based organizations, compiled by CDE pursuant to Education Code [234.5](#).
7. Any additional information the Superintendent or designee deems important for preventing bullying and harassment

(cf. [1113](#) - *District and School Web Sites*)

Student Instruction

As appropriate, the district shall provide students with instruction, in the classroom or other educational settings, that promotes social-emotional learning, effective communication and conflict resolution skills,

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character development, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, digital and media literacy skills, and appropriate online behavior.

(cf. [6142.8](#) - *Comprehensive Health Education*)
(cf. [6142.94](#) - *History-Social Science Instruction*)

The district shall also educate students about the negative impact of bullying, discrimination, intimidation, and harassment based on actual or perceived immigration status, religious beliefs and customs, or any other individual bias or prejudice.

Students should be taught the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors, how to advocate for themselves, how to help another student who is being bullied, and when to seek assistance from a trusted adult. As role models for students, staff are responsible for teaching and modeling respectful behavior and building safe and supportive learning environments, and are expected to demonstrate effective problem-solving and anger management skills.

To discourage cyberbullying, teachers may advise students to be cautious about sharing passwords, personal data, or private photos online and to consider the consequences of making negative comments about others online.

Reporting and Filing of Complaints

Any student, parent/guardian, or other individual who believes that a student has been subjected to bullying or who has witnessed bullying may report the incident to a teacher, the principal, a compliance officer, or any other available school employee.

When a report of bullying is submitted, the principal or a district compliance officer shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. The student who is the alleged victim of the bullying shall be given an opportunity to describe the incident, identify witnesses who may have relevant information, and provide other evidence of bullying.

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

Within one business day of receiving such a report, a staff member shall notify the principal of the report, regardless of whether a uniform complaint is filed. In addition, any school employee who observes an incident of bullying involving a student shall, within one business day, report such observation to the principal or a district compliance officer, regardless of whether the alleged victim files a complaint.

Within two business days of receiving a report of bullying, the principal shall notify the district compliance officer identified in AR 1312.3.

Any individuals with information about cyberbullying activity shall save and print any electronic or digital messages that they feel constitute cyberbullying and shall notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated. When an investigation concludes that a student used a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Superintendent or designee may report the cyberbullying to the social media platform and may request the material be removed.

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Discipline/Corrective Actions

Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code [48900](#), may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.

(cf. [5116.2](#) - Involuntary Student Transfers)

(cf. [5138](#) - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. [5144](#) - Discipline)

(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)

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)

When appropriate based on the severity or pervasiveness of the bullying, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators and may contact law enforcement.

Support Services

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may refer a victim, witness, perpetrator, or other student affected by an act of bullying to a school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, school nurse, or other school support service personnel for case management, counseling, and/or participation in a restorative justice program as appropriate. (Education Code [48900.9](#))

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

If any student involved in bullying exhibits warning signs of suicidal thought or intention or of intent to harm another person, the Superintendent or designee shall, as appropriate, implement district intervention protocols which may include, but are not limited to, referral to district or community mental health services, other health professionals, and/or law enforcement, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention.

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STUDENT DISTURBANCES

The Board of Trustees desires to provide orderly campuses that create a positive school environment and are conducive to learning. When students initiate or are involved in a campus disturbance that has the potential to threaten the safety of students or staff, the Superintendent or designee may request law enforcement assistance.

The Superintendent or designee and the principal of each school shall establish a school disturbance response plan that is intended to curb disruptions which may lead to riots, violence, or vandalism at school or at school-sponsored events. In developing each school's plan, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with local law enforcement authorities to create guidelines for law enforcement support and intervention.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

Staff are encouraged to be alert to conditions at school that may lead to a disturbance, such as racial or cultural conflict, student protests, or gang intimidation and confrontations. Staff who believe that a disturbance is imminent, or who see a disturbance occurring, shall immediately contact the principal and invoke the school disturbance response plan.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Students who participate in a campus disturbance shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

Legal Reference: (see next page)

STUDENT DISTURBANCES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32210 *Willful disturbance of public school or meeting*
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44810 *Willful interference with classroom conduct*
44811 *Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities*
48900 *Grounds for suspension or expulsion*
48907 *Student exercise of free expression*
51512 *Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device*

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243.5 *Assault or battery on school property*
403-420 *Crimes against the public peace, especially:*
415 *Fighting; noise; offensive words*
415.5 *Disturbance of peace of school*
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USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT

District staff shall enforce standards of appropriate student conduct in order to provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff on campus, but are prohibited from using seclusion and behavioral restraint to control student behavior except as authorized by law when the behavior poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the student, other students, or others on campus, and that cannot be immediately prevented by a less restrictive response.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

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

Definitions

Behavioral restraint includes mechanical restraint or physical restraint used as an intervention when a student presents an immediate danger to self or to others. Behavioral restraint does not include postural restraints or devices used to improve a student's mobility and independent functioning rather than to restrict movement. (Education Code 49005.1)

Mechanical restraint means the use of a device or equipment to restrict a student's freedom of movement. Mechanical restraint does not include the use of devices as prescribed by an appropriate medical or related services professional, including, but not limited to, adaptive devices or mechanical supports used to achieve proper body position, balance, or alignment; vehicle safety restraints during the transport of a student; restraints for medical immobilization; or orthopedically prescribed devices which permit a student to participate in activities without risk of harm. Mechanical restraint also does not include the use of devices by peace officers or security personnel for detention or for public safety purposes. (Education Code 49005.1)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Physical restraint means a personal restriction that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to move the torso, arms, legs, or head freely. Physical restraint does not include a physical escort in which a staff member temporarily touches or holds the student's hand, wrist, arm, shoulder, or back for the purpose of inducing a student who is acting out to walk to a safe location. Physical restraint also does not include the use of force by peace officers or security personnel for detention or for public safety purposes. (Education Code 49005.1)

Seclusion means the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room or an area from which the student is physically prevented from leaving. Seclusion does not include a timeout involving the monitored separation of the student in an unlocked setting, which is implemented for the purpose of calming the student. (Education Code 49005.1)

Prohibitions

Seclusion and behavioral restraint of students shall not be used in any form as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation. (Education Code 49005.8)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Additionally, staff shall not take any of the following actions: (Education Code 49005.2, 49005.8)

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1. Administer a drug that is not a standard treatment for a student's medical or psychiatric condition in order to control the student's behavior or restrict the student's freedom of movement
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use as a locked room
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a student's respiratory airway or impairs a student's breathing or respiratory capacity, including a technique in which a staff member places pressure on the student's back or places the staff member's body weight against the student's torso or back
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, the use of a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a student's face
5. Use a prone restraint, defined as the application of a behavioral restraint on a student in a facedown position for any period of time and includes prone containment (Education Code 49005.1)
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the student or others

Limited Use of Seclusion or Restraint

Staff shall avoid the use of seclusion and behavioral restraint of students whenever possible. Seclusion or behavioral restraint may be used only to control student behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the student or others, which cannot be immediately prevented by a response that is less restrictive. (Education Code 49005.4, 49005.6, 49005.8)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

When used, seclusion or restraint shall not be applied for longer than is necessary to contain the dangerous behavior. For any situation that requires a prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff shall seek the assistance of the principal or law enforcement agency, as applicable to the situation. (Education Code 56521.1)

If a student is put in seclusion, the student shall be under constant, direct observation of a staff member. Such observation may be through a window or another barrier through which the staff member is able to make direct eye contact with the student, but shall not be made through indirect means such as a security camera or closed-circuit television. (Education Code 49005.8)

If a student is restrained, staff shall afford the student the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the student and others. (Education Code 49005.8)

Seclusion or restraint may only be applied to a student with disabilities in accordance with rules specified in AR 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions For Special Education Students. Staff may not apply seclusion or restraint to students with disabilities based on assumptions or stereotypes about disabilities or students with disabilities or for behavior that would not result in restraint or seclusion for students without disabilities

USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT

The superintendent or designee shall provide training to staff in the safe and effective use of seclusion and restraint as appropriate.

Documentation of Seclusion and Restraint

Parents/guardians and, if appropriate, residential care providers shall be notified within one school day whenever an emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. (Education Code 56521.1)

A behavior emergency report shall be completed and forwarded to the Superintendent or designee for review. This report shall include: (Education Code 56521.1)

1. The name and age of the student
2. The setting and location of the incident
3. The name of the staff or other persons involved
4. A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used
5. A statement of whether the student is currently engaged in a systematic behavior intervention plan
6. Details of any injuries sustained by the student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident

Reports

The Superintendent or designee shall annually collect data on the number of times that seclusion, mechanical restraint, and physical restraint were used on students and the number of students subjected to such techniques. The data shall be disaggregated by race/ethnicity and gender, and reported for students with a Section 504 plan, students with an individualized education program, and all other students. This report shall be posted on the district's website and submitted to the California Department of Education no later than three months after the end of each school year, and shall be available as a public record pursuant to Government Code 7920.000-7930.215. (Education Code 49006)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Students

AR 5131.41(d)

USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT

Management Resources

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Restraint and Seclusion: Resource Document, May 2012

WEB SITES

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

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

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

STUDENT DISTURBANCES

Prohibited Activities

A student involved or attempting to be involved in any of the following prohibited activities shall be subject to discipline:

1. Disturbing the peace, including, but not limited to, causing or attempting to cause a riot, burning or destroying property, fighting, challenging another to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke a fight

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

2. Disrupting school operations, including, but not limited to, exercising free expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous or so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school (Education Code 48907)

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Other examples of activities that may be considered disrupting school operations include, but are not limited to:

- a. Organizing or participating in unauthorized assemblies on school premises
- b. Participating in sit-ins or stand-ins which deny students or employees normal access to school premises
- c. Interfering with or unauthorized use of the district's computer system

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

3. Refusing to disperse, including, but not limited to, assembling for the purpose of causing a disruption and refusing to disperse upon the direction of school personnel
4. Boycotting school, including, but not limited to, participating in any protest that involves nonattendance where attendance is required at school, class, or at a school activity

Any student who participates in a boycott shall be given an unexcused absence and may be classified as truant, regardless of any parent/guardian approval of the absence.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

STUDENT DISTURBANCES (continued)

Extension of Class Period and/or Dismissal of School

During any disturbance in which additional students might become involved while changing classes, the principal or designee may notify all staff that any class currently in session will be extended until further notice. Upon receiving this notification, staff shall ensure that all students in their charge remain in one location under their supervision and shall ask all students who are in the halls to return to their classes immediately.

The principal may also request that the Superintendent dismiss school in accordance with the school disturbance response plan.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI

The Board of Trustees desires to enhance student learning by striving to provide an environment where students and staff can feel safe and secure and can take pride in their school. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for preventing graffiti and vandalism on school grounds, including collaborating with local law enforcement and city and county officials, as appropriate, to help develop a coordinated response to graffiti and vandalism in the community.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 5131.7 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Students and staff are encouraged to report any graffiti or vandalism to the principal or designee for investigation. The principal or designee shall determine whether the incident necessitates an investigation pursuant to the district's sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, or nondiscrimination grievance procedure.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

As appropriate, the principal or designee may contact local law enforcement in instances when the graffiti is repetitive, identifies particular targets or groups, identifies the perpetrator, and/or contains incitements to violence, threats, or intimidation. Photographs or other evidence of the vandalism or graffiti shall be preserved as necessary for investigation by the district or law enforcement and as evidence in any district disciplinary proceedings.

The principal or designee shall ensure that graffiti on school grounds is removed and covered as soon as possible, and if practicable before the beginning of the school day.

A student who commits an act of vandalism or graffiti on school grounds shall be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. If reparation for damages is not made, the district also may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts in accordance with law.

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48900 *Grounds for suspension or expulsion*

48904 *Willful misconduct, limit of liability of parent or guardian*

48904.3 *Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury*

CIVIL CODE

51.7 *Right to be free from violence*

52.1 *Discrimination liability*

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

GOVERNMENT CODE

53069.5 *Reward for information*

PENAL CODE

594 *Vandalism*

594.1 *Aerosol containers of paint*

594.2 *Intent to commit vandalism or graffiti*

594.6 *Vandalism or graffiti, community service*

640.5 *Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity*

640.6 *Graffiti*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

305 *Student responsible for care of property*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The Board of Trustees believes that the use of alcohol or other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences. The Superintendent or designee shall develop comprehensive programs and activities to foster safe, healthy, and drug-free environments that support academic achievement.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

The district's alcohol and drug prevention and intervention programs shall be coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs and shall promote the involvement of parents/guardians. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with the county office of education, community-based organizations, health providers, law enforcement agencies, local child welfare agencies, postsecondary institutions, businesses, and other public and private entities in program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Prevention and intervention programs and activities may include, but are not limited to: (20 USC 7118)

1. Evidence-based drug and violence prevention activities and programs that educate students against the use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, smokeless tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

2. Professional development and training for school staff, specialized instructional support personnel, and interested community members on drug prevention, education, early identification, intervention mentoring, recovery support services, and, where appropriate, rehabilitation referral

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

3. School-based mental health services, including early identification of drug use and referrals to counseling services, and/or partnerships with public or private health care entities that have qualified mental and behavioral health professionals

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (continued)

4. Programs and activities that provide mentoring and school counseling to all students, including students who are at risk of drug use and abuse

Instruction and Notification

The district shall provide science-based preventative instruction, consistent with law, the accompanying administrative regulation, and Board Policy 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention, which has been proven effective in helping students avoid the use of alcohol and other drugs.

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

All instruction and related materials shall consistently state that unlawful use of alcohol or other drugs is prohibited. Instruction shall not include any message on responsible use of drugs or alcohol when such use is illegal. (Health and Safety Code 11999.2)

The district shall offer staff development activities for staff who implement the comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention and intervention program.

The district shall annually inform parents/guardians at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school year about the dangers associated with the use of synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician, such as fentanyl, the possibility that dangerous drugs can be found in counterfeit pills, and the risks of social media being used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs. Additionally, the district, and each school that maintains its own website, shall post such information on its website. (Education Code 48985.5)

Intervention, Referral, and Student Assistance Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff, students, and parents/guardians about early warning signs which may indicate alcohol and other drug use and about appropriate agencies offering intervention programs, counseling, referral, and other student assistance programs.

The Board strongly encourages any student who is using alcohol or drugs to discuss the matter with the student's parent/guardian or with any staff member. Students who disclose their use of alcohol or other drugs when seeking help from an intervention or recovery program shall not be disciplined for such use, including that, in accordance with Education Code 48900, students who voluntarily disclose their use of a tobacco product, controlled substance, alcohol, or an intoxicant of any kind in order to seek help through services or supports shall not be suspended.

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

Opioid Antagonists

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (continued)

Students in middle school, junior high school, high school, or adult school, may carry fentanyl test strips or a federally approved opioid antagonist for the emergency treatment of persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose, while on a school site or participating in a school activity. (Education Code 49414.6)

Additionally, students 12 years of age or older, while on a school site or participating in school activities, may carry and administer a naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray or any other opioid overdose reversal medication that is federally approved for over-the counter nonprescription use for the purpose of providing emergency treatment to persons who are suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. (Education Code 49414.35)

Enforcement/Discipline

Unless otherwise authorized by law, students shall not possess, use, or sell alcohol or other drugs and related paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3513.4 - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

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

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

The Superintendent or designee shall clearly communicate to all students, staff, and parents/guardians the district's policies, regulations, and school rules related to the use of alcohol and other drugs.

Any student found by the Board to be selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058 shall be recommended for expulsion in accordance with BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. A student found to have committed another drug or alcohol offense, including possession or intoxication, shall be referred to appropriate behavioral interventions or student assistance programs, and may be subject to discipline on a case-by-case basis.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

The district may use alternatives to the referral of a student to a law enforcement agency in response to an incident involving the student's misuse of an opioid, to the extent any alternative utilized is not in conflict with any law requiring that referral. (Education Code 49414.4)

Program Evaluation

The Board and Superintendent shall agree upon performance measures that will be used to monitor and determine the effectiveness of district programs in reducing drug and alcohol use.

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The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the effectiveness of district activities in achieving identified objectives and outcomes. (20 USC 7116)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44049 *Known or suspected alcohol or drug abuse by student*
44645 *In-service training anabolic steroids*
48900 *Suspension or expulsion (grounds)*
48900.5 *Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception*
48901 *Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited*
48901.5 *Prohibition of electronic signaling devices*
48902 *Notification of law enforcement authorities; civil or criminal immunity*
48909 *Narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs*
48915 *Expulsion; particular circumstances*
49602 *Confidentiality of pupil information*
51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*
51203 *Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs*
51210 *Areas of study*
51220 *Areas of study, grades 7 to 12*
51260-51269 *Drug education*
60041 *Instructional materials*
60110-60115 *Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 *Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 *Narcotics, restricted dangerous drugs and marijuana*
11053-11058 *Standards and schedules*
11353.6 *Juvenile Drug Trafficking and Schoolyard Act*
11357 *Unauthorized possession of marijuana; possession in school or on school grounds*
11361.5 *Destruction of arrest or conviction records*
11372.7 *Drug program fund; uses*
11802 *Joint school-community alcohol abuse primary education and prevention program*
11999-11999.3 *Alcohol and drug program funding; no unlawful use*
124175-124200 *Adolescent family life program*

PENAL CODE

13860-13864 *Suppression of drug abuse in schools*

VEHICLE CODE

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

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

828 *Disclosure of information re minors*
828.1 *Disclosure of criminal records; protection of vulnerable staff & students*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

5812 *National education goals*
7101-7122 *Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant*

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ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**Instruction**

The curriculum of all elementary and secondary schools shall include instruction on the effects upon the human body, as determined by science, of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs as defined in Health and Safety Code 11032, and other dangerous substances. Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. (Education Code 51203, 51260)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

Instruction on the nature and effects of alcohol shall include information about excessive alcohol use and the short- and long-term health risks of excessive alcohol use, including information about excessive drinking, the immediate effects of alcohol that increase the risks of harmful health conditions, and how excessive alcohol use can lead to the development of chronic diseases and other serious problems, including alcohol-related deaths and mental health problems. (Education Code 51203)

In grades 1-6, instruction in drug education should be given in health courses required by Education Code 51210. (Education Code 51260)

In grades 7-12, instruction in drug education shall be conducted in health courses and in any other appropriate area of study required by Education Code 51220. (Education Code 51260)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Secondary school instruction shall also include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development. (Education Code 51203)

Additionally, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, courses in health education required for graduation from high school shall include instruction in the dangers associated with fentanyl use in accordance with Education Code 51225.38.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Instruction shall be provided by appropriately trained instructors who have demonstrated competencies, as determined by the principal or designee, in the following areas: (Education Code 51260)

1. The ability to interact with students in a positive way
2. Knowledge of the properties and effects of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, and shared drug apparatus

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3. Effective teaching skills and competency in helping students to express opinions responsibly and to become aware of their values as they affect drug-use decisions

Intervention

District staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction. Staff members who have a reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall immediately notify the principal or designee.

If the principal or designee observes or suspects that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the principal or designee may notify the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 44049)

School staff shall not disclose confidential information provided during counseling by a student 12 years of age or older. A school counselor may report such information to the principal or parent/guardian only when the counselor believes that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety or welfare of the student or other persons living in the school community. The school counselor shall not disclose such information to the parent/guardian if the counselor believes that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the student's health, safety or welfare. (Education Code 44049, 49602)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

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

Prohibition Against Tobacco Use

Students shall not possess, smoke, or use tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees. (Education Code 48900, 48901)

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

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

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

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

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3. Any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately

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

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

Prevention Instruction

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

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Intervention/Cessation Services

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

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Program Planning

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

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

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Councils)

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

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

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

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

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

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

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

Program Evaluation

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

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 6162.8 - Research)

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8900 Suspension or expulsion (grounds)

48900.5 Suspension, limitation on imposition; exception

48901 Smoking or use of tobacco prohibited

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

60041 Instructional materials, portrayal of effects of tobacco use

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

22950.5 Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement Act; definitions

Legal Reference: continued on next page

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Legal Reference: Continued

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

104350-104495 Tobacco-use prevention education

104559 Tobacco use prohibition

119405 Unlawful to sell or furnish electronic cigarettes to minors

PENAL CODE

308 Minimum age for tobacco possession

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6800 Definition, health assessment

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7111-7122 Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21

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

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

TUPE Acceptance of Funds Guidance

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

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

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

WEST ED PUBLICATIONS

Guidebook for the California Healthy Kids Survey

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Tobacco-Use Prevention Education:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program

The district's tobacco-use prevention program shall provide students in grades 6-12 instruction which addresses the following topics: (Health and Safety Code 104420)

1. Immediate and long-term undesirable physiologic, cosmetic, and social consequences of tobacco use
2. Reasons that adolescents say they smoke or use tobacco
3. Peer norms and social influences that promote tobacco use
4. Refusal skills for resisting social influences that promote tobacco use

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

As appropriate, the district shall provide or refer students in grades 7-12 to tobacco-use intervention and cessation activities. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

These services shall be directed toward current users and shall be voluntary for students who desire assistance in ceasing the use of tobacco.

In addition to targeting students who currently use tobacco, the district's program shall target students most at risk for beginning to use tobacco as identified through a local needs assessment.

The district shall provide or refer every pregnant and parenting minor enrolled in the district to tobacco-use prevention services. Such services may be integrated with existing programs for pregnant and parenting minors and shall include: (Health and Safety Code 104460)

1. Referral to perinatal and related support services
2. Outreach services and assessment of smoking status
3. Individualized counseling and advocacy services
4. Motivational messages
5. Cessation services, if appropriate

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6. Incentives to maintain a healthy lifestyle
7. Follow-up assessment
8. Maintenance and relapse prevention services

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

STEROIDS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing supplements presents a serious health and safety hazard. As part of the district's drug prevention and intervention efforts, the Superintendent or designee and staff shall make every reasonable effort to prevent students from using steroids or other performance-enhancing supplements.

Students in grades 7-12 shall receive a lesson on the effects of steroids as part of their health, physical education, or drug education program.

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Students participating in interscholastic athletics are prohibited from using steroids and dietary supplements banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency as well as the substance synephrine. (Education Code 49030)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Before participating in interscholastic athletics, a student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign a statement that the student athlete pledges not to use androgenic/anabolic steroids and dietary supplements banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the substance synephrine, unless the student has a written prescription from a licensed health care practitioner to treat a medical condition.

A student who is found to have violated the agreement or this policy shall be restricted from participating in athletics and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

Coaches shall educate students about the district's prohibition and the dangers of using steroids and other performance-enhancing supplements.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district schools do not accept sponsorships or donations from supplement manufacturers that offer muscle-building supplements to students.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49030-49034 *Performance-enhancing supplements*

51260-51269 *Drug education, especially:*

51262 *Use of anabolic steroids; legislative finding and declaration*

CIVIL CODE

1812.97 *Warning statement; posting in athletic facilities*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

110423.2 *Dietary supplements*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION BYLAWS

California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws 2005-06

U.S. ANTI-DOPING AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Guide to Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping

WEB SITES

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

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

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

National Center for Drug Free Sport: <http://www.drugfreesport.com>

National Institute on Drug Abuse: <http://www.nida.nih.gov>

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency: <http://www.usantidoping.org>

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The district shall not accept a sponsorship from any manufacturer or distributor whose name appears on the label of a dietary supplement that contains substances banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the substance synephrine. Such supplements shall not be sold, distributed, or marketed at a school-related event. (Education Code 49031)

Marketing includes, but is not limited to, direct product advertising, provision of educational materials, product promotion by a district employee or volunteer, product placement, clothing or equipment giveaways, or scholarships. Marketing shall not include the inadvertent display of a product name or advertising by a person who is not a manufacturer or distributor. (Education Code 49031)

School personnel and coaches may provide only nonmuscle-building nutritional supplements to student athletes for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes, provided that they do not contain any dietary supplements prohibited by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the substance synephrine. Permissible nonmuscle-building nutritional supplements are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, and vitamins and minerals.

School personnel, including coaches, shall follow the manufacturer's recommendations when discussing the use of any drug or food supplement with a student athlete. In order to minimize the health and safety risks to student athletes, school personnel shall not supply or recommend any drug, medication, or food supplement to enhance an athlete's performance.

Notice

The principal or designee shall ensure that the following warning, reproduced in 10-point bold type, is posted in every locker room of schools with classes in grades 7-12 and contained in any contracts for the lease or rental of the school's athletic facilities: (Civil Code 1812.97)

Warning: Use of steroids to increase strength or growth can cause serious health problems. Steroids can keep teenagers from growing to their full height; they can also cause heart disease, stroke, and damaged liver function.

Men and women using steroids may develop fertility problems, personality changes, and acne. Men can also experience premature balding and development of breast tissue. These health hazards are in addition to the civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized sale, use, or exchange of anabolic steroids.

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus free from physical and psychological harm and desires to protect them from the dangers presented by firearms and other weapons.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Possession of Weapons

The Board prohibits any student from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or other dangerous instruments, as defined in law and administrative regulation, in school buildings, on school grounds, when using district provided transportation, at school-related or school-sponsored activities away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

If a student is in possession of a prohibited weapon, imitation firearm, or dangerous instrument which creates a threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act, any employee or other school official who is alerted to or observes such threat shall immediately report the threat to law enforcement.

Under the power granted to the Board to protect the safety of students, staff, and others on district property and to maintain order and discipline in the schools, any school employee is authorized to confiscate any prohibited weapon, imitation firearm, or dangerous instrument from any student on school grounds.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

Unless a student has obtained prior written permission as specified below, a student possessing or threatening others with any weapon, dangerous instrument, or imitation firearm shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other prohibited weapon or dangerous instrument without permission, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10; 20 USC 7151)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS (continued)

All staff shall be made aware of their responsibilities regarding the reporting of potential homicidal act to law enforcement, and receive training in the assessment and reporting of such threats.

Advance Permission for Possession of a Weapon for Educational Purposes

The parent/guardian of a student who desires to possess a firearm, imitation firearm, or other prohibited weapon on school grounds for an educational purpose shall submit a written request to the principal, at least five school days in advance of the planned possession which explains the planned use of the weapon and the duration, together with a written explanation from the staff person responsible for the school-sponsored activity or class.

The principal may grant permission for such possession when it is determined that possession of a firearm, imitation firearm, or other prohibited weapon on school grounds is necessary for a school-sponsored activity or class or as part of the educational program. Factors that shall be considered include, but are not limited to, the planned use of the weapon, the duration and location of the planned use, whether an audience is expected, and any perceived adverse effects to the safety and well-being of students or staff. If the principal grants such permission, the student and staff person shall be provided with a written explanation regarding any limitations and the permissible duration of the student's possession.

When the principal or designee grants permission, all necessary precautions shall be taken to ensure the safety of all persons on school grounds and the safe keeping of the weapon, including, but not limited to, inspecting a firearm to verify that no live ammunition is present. Any permitted weapon shall be stored in a locked vehicle or in an appropriate, locked container before and after its authorized use.

Any student granted permission to possess a weapon may be suspended and/or expelled if the weapon is possessed or used inappropriately.

Possession of Pepper Spray

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

Reporting of Dangerous Objects

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects, or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The Superintendent or designee also shall inform staff, students, and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*35291 Governing board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools**48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion**48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities**48915 Required recommendation for expulsions**48916 Readmission**49330-49335 Injurious objects*PENAL CODE*245 Assault with deadly weapon**417.4 Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting**626.9 Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995**626.10 Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school**653k Switchblade knife**16100-17350 Definitions**22810-23025 Tear gas weapon (pepper spray)**25200-25225 Firearms, access to children**30310 Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20*6301-7941 No Child Left Behind Act, especially:**7151 Gun-Free Schools Act**Management Resources:*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMUNICATIONS*0401.01 Protecting Student Identification in Reporting Injurious Objects*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*Guidance Concerning State and Local Responsibilities Under the Gun-Free Schools Act, January 2004*WEB SITES*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>**California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lss>**National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>**National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>**U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools:**<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>*

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

Prohibited weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to: (Education Code 48915, 49330; Penal Code 626.10, 16100-17350, 30310)

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, machine guns, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, cane guns, camouflaging firearms, and any other device from which is expelled through a barrel and capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion
2. Ammunition or reloaded ammunition
3. Knives, razor blades, and box cutters: any dirks, daggers (or concealed dirks or daggers), cane swords, ice picks, or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 3-1/2 inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, switchblade knives, and razors with an unguarded blade
4. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, rockets or rocket propelled projectile launchers, cap guns, bullets containing or carrying an explosive agent, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices or concealed explosive substances
5. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure, or spring action, or any spot marker gun
6. Any other dangerous device, instrument, or weapon, including those defined in Penal Code 16000-34370, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon
7. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm

Any employee may take any weapon or dangerous instrument from the personal possession of a student while the student is on school premises or under the authority of the district. (Education Code 49331, 49332)

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

In determining whether to take possession of the weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall use the employee's own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall take one of the following actions:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS (continued)

2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the principal

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515.3 - District/Police Security Department)

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

When informing the principal about the possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of the possession.

The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

The employee shall retain possession of the instrument until the risk of its use as a weapon has dissipated or, upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, until the parent/guardian appears and personally takes possession. (Education Code 49331, 49332)

MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that student use of smartphones and other mobile communication devices on campus may be beneficial to student learning and well-being, and could be harmful and disruptive of the instructional program in some circumstances. When on campus or when under the supervision of district employees, students may use smartphones and other mobile communication devices only as permitted under this policy.

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

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

(cf. [5131.4](#) - *Student Disturbances*)

(cf. [5131.9](#) - *Academic Honesty*)

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

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

(cf. [6163.4](#) - *Student Use of Technology*)

Students may use smartphones or other mobile communication devices on campus during noninstructional time as long as the device is utilized in accordance with law and any applicable school rules.

Mobile communication devices shall be turned off during instructional time.

However, a student shall not be prohibited from possessing or using a mobile communication device under any of the following circumstances: (Education Code [48901.5](#), 48901.7)

1. In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger
2. When a teacher or administrator grants permission to the student to possess or use a mobile communication device, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by that teacher or administrator
3. When a licensed physician or surgeon determines that the possession or use is necessary for the student's health and well-being
4. When the possession or use is required by the student's individualized education program

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

The Superintendent or designee may undertake measures or strategies in accordance with law, to limit student access to smartphones and other mobile communication devices on campus. (Education Code 89017)

Smartphones and other mobile communication devices shall not be used in any manner which infringes on the privacy rights of any other person.

MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES *(continued)*

A student's personal electronic device shall not be searched without the consent of the student's parent/guardian except pursuant to a lawfully issued warrant when a school official, in good faith, believes that an emergency involving danger of death or serious physical injury to the student or others requires access to the electronic device information, or when the search is otherwise permitted pursuant to Penal Code 1546.1

When a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner while at a school site or under the supervision and control of a district employee, the student may be disciplined and a district employee may temporarily confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

A student may also be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, for off-campus use of a mobile communication device which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property or substantially disrupts school activities.

The district will not be responsible or liable for a student's mobile communication device which is brought on campus or to a school activity and is lost, stolen, or damaged.

The Board shall review and, as necessary, update this policy at least once every five years. Any such review or update shall include significant stakeholder participation to ensure that the policy is responsive to the unique needs and desires of the school community.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE[200-262.4](#) *Prohibition of discrimination*[32280-32289](#) *Comprehensive safety plan*[35181](#) *Governing board authority to set policy on responsibilities of students*[35291-35291.5](#) *Rules*[44807](#) *Duty concerning conduct of students*[48900-48925](#) *Suspension and expulsion, especially:*[48901.5](#) *Regulation of possession or use of electronic signaling devices*[48901.7](#) *Limitation or prohibition of student use of cell phones*[51512](#) *Prohibition against electronic listening or recording device in classroom without permission*CIVIL CODE[1714.1](#) *Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor*PENAL CODE[288.2](#) *Harmful matter with intent to seduce*[313](#) *Harmful matter*[647](#) *Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor*[653.2](#) *Electronic communication devices, threats to safety*VEHICLE CODE[23123-23124](#) *Prohibitions against use of electronic devices while driving*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5[300-307](#) *Duties of students*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20[1681-1688](#) *Discrimination based on sex or blindness*COURT DECISIONS*J.C. v. Beverly Hills Unified School District (2010) 711 F.Supp.2d 1094**New Jersey v. T.L.O. (1985) 469 U.S. 325**Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969) 393 U.S. 503*

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ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Board of Trustees believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

Students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school-site discipline rules.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

The Superintendent or designee may establish a committee comprised of students, parents/guardians, staff, administrators and members of the public to develop standards of academic honesty, measures of preventing dishonesty, and specific consequences for acts of dishonesty. Any recommendations for discipline shall be incorporated into the school's site level discipline rules.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committee)

Prohibited and Permitted Technology Use

As the district's standards for academic achievement are designed to challenge all students to reach their full potential in acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for success in postsecondary education, employment, and responsible citizenship, any use of technology that prevents or inhibits a student from achieving these standards is prohibited. Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to, using technology primarily or solely for the completion of coursework as a student's original work and generating answers to mathematical, scientific, or analytical problems.

Permitted uses of technology include, but are not limited to, conducting research, correcting grammar and spelling, and learning from educational applications such as tutoring systems and language learning applications.

Additionally, consistent with the limitations expressed in this policy and with teacher consent, students may also use technology to assist with assessments, homework, and/or makeup work or other uses approved by the teacher.

However, a student with a disability shall be permitted to use technology for any purpose identified in the student's individualized education program as a tool to support the student's learning.

If an employee suspects that a student has used technology in violation of this policy, the student shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate that the use of technology was in accordance with this policy.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Any information acquired from an employee's use of technology in determining whether a student has committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be shared with the student, and the student's parent/guardian as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee may provide training to staff regarding the use of technology to improve education, including the detection of plagiarism and sensitivity to potential discrimination from algorithmic bias.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
35291-35291.5 Rules

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to wear clothing that is suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students shall not wear clothing that presents a health or safety hazard or causes a substantial disruption to the educational program.

(cf. [4119.22/4219.22/4319.22](#) - *Dress and Grooming*)

District and school rules pertaining to student attire shall be included in student handbooks, may be posted in school offices and classrooms, and may be periodically reviewed with all students as necessary.

Students shall not be prohibited from dressing in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression or with their religious or cultural observance.

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

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

In addition, the dress code shall not discriminate against students based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists. (Education Code [212.1](#))

The principal or designee is authorized to enforce this policy and shall inform any student who does not reasonably conform to the dress code. The dress code shall not be enforced in a manner that discriminates against a particular viewpoint or results in a disproportionate application of the dress code based on students' gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, household income, or body type or size.

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

(cf. [0415](#) - *Equity*)

(cf. [5145.2](#) - *Freedom of Speech/Expression*)

School administrators, teachers, and other staff shall be notified of appropriate and equitable enforcement of the dress code.

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

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

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

When practical, students shall not be directed to correct a dress code violation during instructional time or in front of other students.

Repeated violations or refusal to comply with the district's dress code may result in disciplinary action.

(cf. [5144](#) - *Discipline*)

DRESS AND GROOMING Continued**Gang-Related Apparel**

The principal, staff, and parents/guardians at a school may establish a reasonable dress code that prohibits students from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. Such a proposed dress code shall be presented to the Board, which shall approve the plan upon determining that it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the school environment. The dress code policy may be included in the school's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code [35183](#))

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

(cf. [5136](#) - *Gangs*)

When determining specific items of clothing that may be defined as gang apparel, the school shall ensure that the determination is free from bias based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or other protected characteristics.

Uniforms

The Board may approve a school-initiated dress code requiring students at the school to wear a school uniform whenever the Board determines that such a dress code will promote student achievement, a positive school climate, and/or student safety.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby parents/guardians may choose to have their children exempted from the school uniform policy. Students shall not be penalized academically, otherwise discriminated against, or denied attendance to school if their parents/guardians so decide. (Education Code [35183](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that resources are identified to assist economically disadvantaged students in obtaining uniforms. (Education Code [35183](#))

Legal Reference: (See next page)

DRESS AND GROOMING Continued

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[212.1](#) *Nondiscrimination based on race or ethnicity*

[220](#) *Nondiscrimination*

[32281](#) *School safety plans*

[35183](#) *School dress codes; uniforms*

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Biggs, California

DRESS AND GROOMING**Student Dress and Appearance**Dress Code Philosophy

Biggs Unified School District's student dress code supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

Our values are:

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school and engage in the educational environment without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self-expression.
- Student dress code enforcement should not result in unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- School staff should be trained and able to use student/body-positive language to explain the code and to address code violations.
- Teachers should focus on teaching without the additional and often uncomfortable burden of dress code enforcement.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent and/or inequitable discipline should be minimized whenever possible.

Our student dress code is designed to accomplish several goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body protection), dance (bare feet, tights/leotards), PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses their self-identified gender.

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)

- Allow student to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display or reference alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that will interfere with the operation of the school, disrupt the educational process, invade the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that reasonably can be construed as being or including content that is racist, lewd, vulgar or obscene, or that reasonably can be construed as containing fighting words, speech that incites others to imminent lawless action, defamatory speech, or threats to others.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

Dress Code

Biggs Unified School District expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or for any school sponsored event. Student dress choices should respect the District's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities. The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). The school district is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student, and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size. Any restrictions to the way a student dresses must be necessary to support the overall educational goals of the school and must be explained within this dress code.

1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times

Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric. However, cleavage should not have coverage requirements. All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)**2. Students Must Wear***, while following the basic principle of Section 1 above:

- **A Shirt** (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), **AND**
- **Pants/jeans or the equivalent** (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts), **AND**
- **Shoes.**

**Courses that include attire as part of the curriculum (for example, professionalism, public speaking, and job readiness) may include assignment-specific dress, but should not focus on covering bodies in a particular way or promoting culturally-specific attire. Activity-specific shoes requirements are permitted (for example, athletic shoes for PE).*

3. Students May Wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:

- Hats facing straight forward. Hats must allow the face to be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff. Hats are not to be worn inside buildings.
- Religious headwear
- Hoodie sweatshirt hoods are not to be worn over the head inside buildings.
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and “skinny jeans”
- Pajamas
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed.
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps; halter tops
- Athletic attire
- Visible waistbands on undergarments or visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing (as long as this is done in a way that does not violate Section 1 above).
- Sunglasses, but not in the classroom.

4. Students Cannot Wear:

- Violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity).
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (visible waistbands and visible straps are allowed)
- Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance).

DRESS AND GROOMING (continued)**5. Dress Code Enforcement**

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently using the requirements below. School administration and staff shall not have discretion to vary the requirements in ways that lead to discriminatory enforcement.

- Students will only be removed from spaces, hallways, or classrooms as a result of a dress code violation as outlined in Sections 1 and 4 above. Students in violation of Section 1 and/or 4 will be provided three (3) options to be dressed more to code during the school day:
 - Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
 - Students will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
 - If necessary, students' parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.
- No student should be affected by dress code enforcement because of racial identity, sex assigned at birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.
- School staff shall not enforce the school's dress code more strictly against transgender and gender nonconforming students than other students.
- Students should not be shamed or required to display their body in front of others (students, parents, or staff) in school. "Shaming" includes, but is not limited to:
 - kneeling or bending over to check attire fit;
 - measuring straps or skirt length;
 - asking students to account for their attire in the classroom or in hallways in front of others;
 - calling out students in spaces, in hallways, or in classrooms about perceived dress code violations in front of others; in particular, directing students to correct sagged pants that do not expose the entire undergarment, or confronting students about visible bra straps, since visible waistbands and straps on undergarments are permitted; and
 - accusing students of "distracting" other students with their clothing.

These dress code guidelines shall apply to regular school days and summer school days, as well as any school-related events and activities, such as graduation ceremonies, dances and prom.

Students who feel they have been subject to discriminatory enforcement of the dress code should contact their Principal.

GANGS

The Board of Trustees desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which exhibit drug use, violence or disruptive behavior. The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to deter gang intimidation of students and staff and confrontations between members of different gangs. He/she shall exchange information and establish mutually supportive efforts with local law enforcement authorities.

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide inservice training which helps staff to identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Staff shall be informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources.

The Board realizes that students become involved in gangs for many reasons, such as peer pressure, the need for a sense of belonging, and lack of refusal skills. Age-appropriate gang violence prevention education shall start with students in the early elementary grades and may start in kindergarten.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct and any school dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel are enforced consistently. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent/guardian.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

GANGS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32282 *School safety plans*

35183 *Gang-related apparel*

41510-41514 *School Safety Consolidated Competitive Grant*

48907 *Student exercise of free expression*

51264 *Educational inservice training; CDE guidelines*

51265 *Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice training*

51266-51266.5 *Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum*

PENAL CODE

186.22 *Participation in criminal street gang*

13826-13826.7 *Gang violence suppression*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101-7184 *Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act*

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POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

The Board of Trustees desires to enhance student learning by providing an orderly, caring, and nurturing educational and social environment in which all students can feel safe and take pride in their school and their achievements. The school environment should be characterized by positive interpersonal relationships among students and between students and staff.

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

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

All staff are expected to serve as role models for students by demonstrating positive, professional attitudes and respect toward each student and other staff members. Teachers shall use effective classroom management techniques based on clear expectations for student behavior.

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

Staff shall consistently enforce Board policies and regulations which establish rules for appropriate student conduct, including prohibitions against bullying, cyberbullying, harassment of students, hazing, other violence or threats of violence against students and staff, and drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Drugs)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

The district's curriculum shall include age-appropriate character education which includes, but is not limited to, the principles of equality, human dignity, mutual respect, fairness, honesty, and citizenship. Teachers are encouraged to employ cooperative learning strategies that foster positive interactions in the classroom among students from diverse backgrounds.

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE (continued)

(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6142.94 - History/Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

The Superintendent or designee may develop other strategies to enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools, such as campus beautification projects, graffiti removal, development of extracurricular activities and after-school programs, pairing of adult mentors with individual students, recognition of student achievement, and encouragement of strong family and community involvement in the schools.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Students shall have opportunities to voice their concerns about school policies and practices and to share responsibility for solving problems that affect their school.

The schools shall promote nonviolent conflict resolution techniques in order to encourage attitudes and behaviors that foster harmonious relations. As part of this effort, students shall be taught the skills necessary to reduce violence, including communication skills, anger management, bias reduction, and mediation skills.

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Staff shall receive professional development designed to improve classroom management, conflict resolution techniques, and communications with students and parents/guardians including persons of diverse backgrounds.

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

Legal Reference: (see next page)

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233-233.8 *Hate violence prevention*

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

32295.5 *Teen court programs*

35181 *Governing board policy on responsibilities of students*

35291-35291.5 *Rules*

44807 *Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students*

48900-48925 *Suspension and expulsion*

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Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007

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

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Bullying at School, 2003

Creating Safe and Drug-Free Schools: An Action Guide, 1996

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Preventing Bullying: A Manual for Schools and Communities, 1998

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Learning Support: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS>

CONFLICT RESOLUTION/PEER MEDIATION

To promote student safety and contribute to the maintenance of a positive school climate, the Board of Trustees encourages the development of school-based conflict resolution programs designed to help students learn constructive ways of handling conflict. The Board believes that such programs can reduce violence and promote communication, personal responsibility and problem-solving skills among students.

Conflict resolution strategies shall be considered as part of each school's comprehensive safety plan and incorporated into other district discipline procedures as appropriate. Conflict resolution programs shall not supplant the authority of staff to take appropriate action as necessary to prevent violence, ensure student safety, maintain order in the school, and institute disciplinary measures.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(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)

Schoolwide programs may include curriculum in conflict resolution, including, but not limited to, instruction in effective communication and listening, critical thinking, problem-solving processes and the use of negotiation to find mutually acceptable solutions. In addition, the curriculum may address students' ethical and social development, respect for diversity, and interpersonal and behavioral skills.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Conflict resolution programs may incorporate peer mediation strategies in which selected students are specially trained to work with their peers in resolving conflicts.

Students' participation in any peer mediation program shall be voluntary and kept confidential by all parties involved.

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

In developing a conflict resolution and/or peer mediation program, school-site teams shall address, as appropriate:

1. The grade levels and courses in which the conflict resolution curriculum shall be delivered

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

2. Staff development related to the implementation of the curriculum and modeling of appropriate behaviors and communication skills

CONFLICT RESOLUTION/PEER MEDIATION (continued)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

3. The selection of peer mediators involving, to the extent possible, a cross-section of students in terms of grade, gender, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, and including some students who exhibit negative leadership among peers
4. Training and support for peer mediators, including training in mediation processes and in the skills related to understanding conflict, communicating effectively and listening
5. The process for identifying and referring students to the peer mediation program
6. The types of conflicts suitable for peer mediation

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

7. Scheduling and location of peer mediation sessions
8. Methods of obtaining and recording agreement from all disputants
9. The appropriate involvement of parents/guardians, the community and staff, including counseling/guidance and security staff

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

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

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

10. Communications to students, parents/guardians and staff regarding the availability of the program
11. Methods of following up with students to determine the effectiveness of the process
12. Development of assessment tools to periodically evaluate the success of the program including, but not limited to, measurements of whether there has been a reduction in violence at the school and whether the school's suspension rates have fallen since the program has been introduced

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CONFLICT RESOLUTION/PEER MEDIATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 *School safety plans*

32295.5 *Teen court programs*

35291-35291.5 *Rules*

44807 *Duty concerning conduct of students*

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Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to safe schools

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CDE PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action, 1995

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Creating Safe and Drug-Free Schools: An Action Guide, 1996

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