

Regulation 3440: Inventories

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In order to provide for the proper tracking and control of district property, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain an inventory of equipment in accordance with law for the following:

1. All equipment items currently valued in excess of \$1,500 (Education Code 35168)
2. All equipment items purchased with state and/or federal categorical funds that have a useful life of more than one year with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more per unit

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may maintain a list of specific items which shall be inventoried for internal control purposes regardless of their initial cost or current value.

The inventory shall contain a record of the following information: (Education Code 35168; 5 CCR 3946; 2 CFR 200.313)

1. Model/name and type/description of the property
2. Serial/identification number
3. Original cost of the item of equipment or a reasonable estimate if the original cost is unknown
4. Date of acquisition
5. Location of use
6. The date and method of disposal

In addition to the information specified in Items #1-6 above, the following information shall be recorded for equipment acquired with state and/or federal categorical funds unless otherwise specified in law: (5 CCR 3946; 2 CFR 200.313)

1. Source of the property (funding source), including any applicable federal award identification number
2. Titleholder
3. Percentage of federal participation in the cost of the property for the federal award under which the property was acquired
4. Use and current condition of property
5. Transfer, replacement, or disposition of obsolete or unusable equipment
6. Any ultimate disposition data, including the sale price of the property upon disposition and method used to determine current fair market value

At the time of purchase, the Superintendent or designee shall affix a label to the equipment containing the identification number and the district name. Equipment items purchased with categorical program funds shall also be labeled with the name of the project in accordance with 5 CCR 3946.

Whenever an equipment item is moved to a new location or the equipment is used for a new purpose, the new location or purpose shall be recorded in the inventory.

A copy of the inventory shall be kept at the district office and at the appropriate school site.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit an inventory listing of federally owned property in its custody to the federal agency that granted the award. (2 CFR 200.312)

Physical Inventory

At least once every two years, a physical inventory of equipment shall be conducted and the results reconciled with the property records. (2 CFR 200.313)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for conducting the physical inventory which shall include, but not be limited to, designation of person(s) responsible for coordinating and conducting the inventory, preparation and distribution of count sheets, procedures for implementing the inventory, and procedures for conducting a recount to substantiate the validity of the inventory.

The Superintendent or designee shall investigate any differences between the quantities determined by the physical inspection and those in the accounting records.

Policy 4119.21: Professional Standards

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Exhibit 4119.21-E(1): Professional Standards

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CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS

Preamble

The National Education Association (NEA) believes that the education profession consists of one education workforce serving the needs of all students and that the term 'educator' includes education support professionals.

The educator, believing in the worth and dignity of each human being, recognizes the supreme importance of the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, and the nurturing of democratic principles. Essential to these goals is the protection of freedom to learn and to teach and the guarantee of equal educational opportunity for all. The educator accepts the responsibility to adhere to the highest ethical standards.

The educator recognizes the magnitude of the responsibility inherent in the teaching process. The desire for the respect and confidence of one's colleagues, of students, of parents/guardians, and of the members of the community provides the incentive to attain and maintain the highest possible degree of ethical conduct. The Code of Ethics for Educators indicates the aspiration of all educators and provides standards by which to judge conduct.

The remedies specified by the NEA and/or its affiliates for the violation of any provision of this Code shall be exclusive and no such provision shall be enforceable in any form other than the one specifically designated by the NEA or its affiliates.

The following exhibit reproduces the Code of Ethics for Educators adopted by the National Education Association in 1975. The Code was revised in 2020 to use the broader term "educator." This code is used by the California Teachers Association and is distributed to teachers in the CTA Handbook.

The educator strives to help each student realize the student's potential as a worthy and effective member of society. The educator therefore works to stimulate the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding, and the thoughtful formulation of worthy goals.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the student, the educator:

1. Shall not unreasonably restrain the student from independent action in the pursuit of learning
2. Shall not unreasonably deny the student access to varying points of view
3. Shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter relevant to the student's progress
4. Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning or to health and safety
5. Shall not intentionally expose the student to embarrassment or disparagement
6. Shall not on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, family, social, or cultural background, or sexual orientation, unfairly:
 - a. Exclude any student from participation in any program
 - b. Deny benefits to any student
 - c. Grant any advantage to any student
7. Shall not use professional relationships with students for private advantage
8. Shall not disclose information in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law

Principle II. Commitment to the Profession

The education profession is vested by the public with a trust and responsibility requiring the highest ideals of professional service.

In the belief that the quality of the services of the education profession directly influences the nation and its citizens, the educator shall exert every effort to raise professional standards, to promote a climate that encourages the exercise of professional judgment, to achieve conditions that attract persons worthy of the trust to careers in education, and to assist in preventing the practice of the profession by unqualified persons.

In fulfillment of the obligation of the profession, the educator:

1. Shall not in any application for a professional position deliberately make a false statement or fail to disclose a material fact related to competency and qualifications
2. Shall not misrepresent the educator's professional qualifications
3. Shall not assist any entry into the profession of a person known to be unqualified in respect to character, education, or other relevant attribute
4. Shall not knowingly make a false statement concerning the qualifications of a candidate for a professional position
5. Shall not assist a noneducator in the unauthorized practice of teaching
6. Shall not disclose information about colleagues obtained in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law
7. Shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about a colleague
8. Shall not accept any gratuity, gift, or favor that might impair or appear to influence professional decisions or action

Source: National Education Association, 2020

Policy 4119.24: Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

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Policy 4156.3: Employee Property Reimbursement

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**CODE OF ETHICS
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES**

School employees who are in daily contact with many phases of educational work should be persons whose conduct is beyond reproach and who sincerely believe in the advancement of education and the betterment of working conditions; therefore, the California School Employees' Association (CSEA) proposes this Code of Ethics as a standard for its members.

AS A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE I WILL:

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9. Always bear in mind that the purpose of CSEA is to promote the efficiency and raise the standards of all school employees and that I shall be equally obligated to assist all my fellow workers

SOURCE: CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

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An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of or suspects child abuse or neglect shall file a report pursuant to the district's child abuse reporting procedures as detailed in Administrative Regulation 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

Any reports of employee misconduct shall be promptly investigated by the Superintendent or designee. Any employee who is found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct in violation of law or Board policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and, in the case of a certificated employee, may be subject to a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

An employee who has knowledge of but fails to report inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.

The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

Notifications

The section(s) of the district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district websites. (Education Code 44050)

Exhibit 4319.21-E(1): Professional Standards

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CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

Standard 1. Development and Implementation of a Shared Vision: Education leaders facilitate the development and implementation of a shared vision of learning and growth of all students

1A. Student-Centered Vision: Leaders shape a collective vision that uses multiple measures of data and focuses on equitable access, opportunities, and outcomes for all students

1B. Developing Shared Vision: Leaders engage others in a collaborative process to develop a vision of teaching and learning that is shared and supported by all stakeholders

1C. Vision Planning and Implementation: Leaders guide and monitor decisions, actions, and outcomes using the shared vision and goals

Standard 2. Instructional Leadership: Education leaders shape a collaborative culture of teaching and learning informed by professional standards and focused on student and professional growth

2A. Professional Learning Culture: Leaders promote a culture in which staff engages in individual and collective professional learning that results in their continuous improvement and high performance

2B. Curriculum and Instruction: Leaders guide and support the implementation of standards-based curriculum, instruction, and assessments that address student expectations and outcomes

2C. Assessment and Accountability: Leaders develop and use assessment and accountability systems to monitor, improve, and extend educator practice, program outcomes, and student learning

Standard 3. Management and Learning Environment: Education leaders manage the organization to cultivate a safe and productive learning and working environment

3A. Operations and Facilities: Leaders provide and oversee a functional, safe, and clean learning environment

3B. Plans and Procedures: Leaders establish structures and employ policies and processes that support students to graduate ready for college and career

3C. Climate: Leaders facilitate safe, fair, and respectful environments that meet the intellectual, linguistic, cultural, social-emotional, and physical needs of each learner

3D. Fiscal and Human Resources: Leaders align fiscal and human resources and manage policies and contractual agreements that build a productive learning environment

Standard 4. Family and Community Engagement: Education leaders collaborate with families and other stakeholders to address diverse student and community interests and mobilize community resources

4A. Parent and Family Engagement: Leaders meaningfully involve all parents/guardians and families, including underrepresented communities, in student learning and support programs

4B. Community Partnerships: Leaders establish community partnerships that promote and support students to meet performance and content expectations and graduate ready for college and career

4C. Community Resources and Services: Leaders leverage and integrate community resources and services to meet the varied needs of all students

Standard 5. Ethics and Integrity: Education leaders make decisions, model, and behave in ways that demonstrate professionalism, ethics, integrity, justice, and equity and hold staff to the same standard

5A. Reflective Practice: Leaders act upon a personal code of ethics that requires continuous reflection and learning

5B. Ethical Decision-Making: Leaders guide and support personal and collective actions that use relevant evidence and available research to make fair and ethical decisions

5C. Ethical Action: Leaders recognize and use their professional influence with staff and the community to develop a climate of trust, mutual respect, and honest communication necessary to consistently make fair and equitable decisions on behalf of all students

Standard 6. External Context and Policy: Education leaders influence political, social, economic, legal, and cultural contexts affecting education to improve education policies and practices

6A. Understanding and Communicating Policy: Leaders actively structure and participate in opportunities that develop greater public understanding of the education policy environment

6B. Professional Influence: Leaders use their understanding of social, cultural, economic, legal, and political contexts to shape policies that lead all students to graduate ready for college and career

6C. Policy Engagement: Leaders engage with policymakers and stakeholders to collaborate on education policies focused on improving education for all students

SOURCE: COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

Policy 4319.24: Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

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For purposes of this policy employees include interns, volunteers, contractors, and other persons with an employment relationship with the district.

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe and positive school environment that promotes the learning, engagement, safety, and well-being of district students. The Board expects all adults with whom students may interact at school or in school-related activities, to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in their interactions with students both within and outside the educational setting, in accordance with this policy and Board Policy 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards. Such adults shall not engage in threatening, unsafe, unlawful, or inappropriate interactions with students and shall avoid boundary-blurring behaviors that undermine trust in the adult-student relationship and lead to the appearance of impropriety.

Adults shall not intrude on a student's physical or emotional boundaries unless necessary in an emergency or to serve a legitimate purpose related to instruction, counseling, student health, or student or staff safety.

The district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district websites. (Education Code 44050)

Inappropriate Conduct

Employees shall remain vigilant of their position of authority and not abuse it when relating with students.

The Board prohibits inappropriate conduct between employees and students. (Education Code 32100)

Inappropriate employee conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Initiating inappropriate physical contact
2. Attempting to form a romantic or sexual relationship with any student or engaging in sexual harassment of a student, including sexual advances, flirtations, requests for sexual favors, inappropriate comments about a student's body or appearance, or other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature
3. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student
4. Being alone with a student outside of the view of others
5. Visiting a student's home or inviting a student to visit the employee's home without parent/guardian consent
6. Maintaining personal contact with a student during or outside the school day that has no legitimate educational purpose, by phone, letter, text message, social media internet platforms, electronic communications, or other means of communication, without including the student's parent/guardian

In accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 4040 - Employee Use of Technology, employees shall use district equipment or technological resources, when available, when communicating electronically with students. Employees shall not communicate with students through any medium that is designed to eliminate records of the communications. The Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technology at any time without advance notice or consent.

7. Creating or participating in social networking sites for communication with students, other than those created by the district, without the prior written approval of the principal or designee
8. Inviting or accepting requests from students, or former students who are minors, to connect on personal social networking sites (e.g., "friending" or "following" on social media), unless the site is dedicated to school business

9. Singling out a particular student for personal attention and friendship, including giving gifts and/or nicknames to individual students
10. Addressing a student in an overly familiar manner, such as by using a term of endearment
11. Socializing or spending time with students outside of school-sponsored events, except as participants in community activities
12. Sending or accompanying students on personal errands unrelated to any legitimate educational purpose
13. Transporting a student in a personal vehicle without prior authorization
14. Encouraging students to confide personal or family problems and/or relationships
15. Disclosing personal, family, or other private matters to students or sharing personal secrets with students
16. Engaging in any conduct that endangers or threatens to endanger students, including, but not limited to, physical violence or threats of violence
17. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed
18. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child
19. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students

Violations of Policy

Any employee who observes or has knowledge of another employee's violation of this policy shall report the information to the Superintendent or designee or appropriate agency for investigation pursuant to the applicable complaint procedures. Other adults with knowledge of any violation of this policy are encouraged to report the violation to the Superintendent or designee. The Board prohibits retaliation against anyone who reports a violation of this policy. Immediate intervention shall be implemented when necessary to protect student safety or the integrity of the investigation.

Employees who engage in any conduct in violation of this policy, including retaliation against a person who reports the violation or participates in the complaint process, shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. Any other adult who violates this policy may be barred from school grounds and activities in accordance with law. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may also notify law enforcement as appropriate.

Policy 4356.3: Employee Property Reimbursement

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To the extent that the full cost of repair or replacement is not covered by another source, such as an employee's private insurance, the Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to pay the remaining cost of replacing or repairing employee personal property, except cash, which has been stolen or intentionally destroyed or damaged while being used for work-related purposes.

The Board may establish a maximum value of reimbursement which shall be paid. (Education Code 35213)

No reimbursement shall be made for accidental damage or for any loss due to lack of personal supervision or failure to keep property in a secured area.

The maximum payment shall be the amount specified by the district's insurance carrier for such loss or the amount specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, whichever is less.

Reimbursement for personal items used for work-related purposes shall be made only if: (Education Code 35213)

1. Use of the personal property was approved by the principal, site supervisor or designee before the property was brought to school or district premises
 2. At that time, the employee and district representative agreed on the value of the property
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Policy 5144.1: Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process

Status: DRAFT

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

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

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

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

Off campus behavior may result in discipline when it disrupts district programs and activities or as otherwise prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation.

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

Appropriate Use of Suspension Authority

Except when a student's act violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e), as listed in Items #1-5 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" of the accompanying administrative regulation, or when the student's presence causes a danger to others, suspension shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6)

A student's parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible when there is an escalating pattern of misbehavior that could lead to on-campus or off-campus suspension.

No student may be suspended for disruption or willful defiance, except by a teacher pursuant to Education Code 48910. (Education Code 48900)

Students shall not be suspended or expelled based solely on a student's truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities. (Education Code 48900)

On-Campus Suspension

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

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

Authority to Expel

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

As required by law, the Superintendent or principal shall recommend expulsion and the Board shall expel any student found to have committed any of the following "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds: (Education Code 48915)

1. Possessing a firearm which is not an imitation firearm, as verified by a certificated employee, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence
2. Selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm
3. Brandishing a knife at another person
4. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
5. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 287, 288, or 289, or former 288a, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
6. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

For all other violations listed in the accompanying administrative regulation, the Superintendent or principal shall have the discretion to recommend expulsion of a student. If expulsion is recommended, the Board shall order the student expelled only if it makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

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

On a case-by-case basis, a student Board member(s) may make restorative justice recommendations to the Board regarding specific expulsion matters, in accordance with Board Bylaw 9150 - Student Board Members.

A vote to expel a student shall be taken in an open session of a Board meeting. (Education Code 48918(j))

The Board may vote to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order pursuant to the requirements of law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48917)

No student shall be expelled for disruption or willful defiance. (Education Code 48900)

No child enrolled in a preschool program shall be expelled or unenrolled except under limited circumstances in accordance with Education Code 8489.1 and as specified in Administrative Regulation 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education.

Due Process

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

Plan for Rehabilitation

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation.

Maintenance and Monitoring of Outcome Data

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain outcome data related to student suspensions and expulsions , including, but not limited to: (Education Code 48900.8, 48916.1)

1. The number of students recommended for expulsion
2. The grounds for each recommended expulsion
3. The actions taken by the Board, including whether the student was subsequently expelled and whether the expulsion order was suspended
4. The types of referral made after each expulsion
5. The disposition of the students after the expulsion period, including the completion of a rehabilitation plan or the successful readmission of the student, or both
6. The average length of expulsion terms, including any extensions

For any expulsion that involves the possession of a firearm, such data shall include the name of the school and the type of firearm involved, as required pursuant to 20 USC 7961. Suspension and expulsion data shall be reported to the Board at least annually and to the California Department of Education when so required.

In presenting the report to the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall disaggregate data on suspensions and expulsions by school and by numerically significant student subgroups, including, but not limited to, ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, long-term English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and students experiencing homelessness. Based on the data, the Board shall address any identified disparities in the imposition of student discipline and shall determine whether and how the district is meeting its goals for improving school climate as specified in its local control and accountability plan, which may include monitoring intervention effectiveness.

Regulation 5144.1: Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process

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Definitions

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

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

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

Notice of Regulations

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

Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12

Acts for which a student, including a student with disabilities, may be suspended or expelled shall be only those specified as follows and in "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," below:

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense; or committed as an aider or abettor, as adjudged by a juvenile court, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury (Education Code 48900(a) and (t))
2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence (Education Code 48900(b))
3. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11059, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind (Education Code 48900(c))
4. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11059, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the same as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant (Education Code 48900(d))
5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion (Education Code 48900(e))
6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property (Education Code 48900(f))
7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property (Education Code 48900(g))
8. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel, except that this restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing prescription products (Education

Code 48900(h))

9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity (Education Code 48900(i))
10. Unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11014.5 (Education Code 48900(j))
11. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property (Education Code 48900(l))
12. Possessed an imitation firearm (Education Code 48900(m))

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

13. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 287, 288, 289, or former 288a, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4 (Education Code 48900(n))

No student may be disciplined prior to a finding being made pursuant to the grievance process established by 34 CFR 106.45, in accordance with Administrative Regulation 5145.71 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. However, a district may conduct a non-discipline removal of a student in emergency situations where there is an immediate threat to the health or safety of any student or other individual.

14. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness (Education Code 48900(o))
15. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma (Education Code 48900(p))
16. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing (Education Code 48900(q))

Hazing means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, regardless of whether the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student. Hazing does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events. (Education Code 48900(q))

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

Bullying means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, directed toward one or more students that has or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student(s) in fear of harm to self or property; cause the student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on physical or mental health; or cause the student to experience substantial interferences with academic performance or ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school. (Education Code 48900(r))

Bullying includes any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation, as defined in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 and below in "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.

Bullying also includes an act of cyber sexual bullying by a student through the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording that depicts a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of an identifiable minor, when such dissemination is to another student or to school personnel by means of an electronic act and has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects of bullying described above. Cyber sexual bullying does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.

Electronic act means the creation or transmission originated on or off the school site by means of an electronic

device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication including, but not limited to: (Education Code 48900(r))

- a. A message, text, sound, video, or image
- b. A post on a social network internet website, including, but not limited to, posting to or creating a burn page or creating a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above

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

Burn page means an internet website created for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above. (Education Code 48900(r))

Credible impersonation means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a student for the purpose of bullying the student and such that the student would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the student was or is the student who was impersonated. (Education Code 48900(r))

False profile means a profile of a fictitious student or profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual student other than the student who created the false profile. (Education Code 48900(r))

An *electronic act* is not considered pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted to the internet or is currently posted on the internet. (Education Code 48900(r))

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 may, as appropriate, engage both the victim and perpetrator in a restorative justice practice suitable to the needs of the students. Additionally, the principal or designee may 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)

18. Aided or abetted the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person, as defined in Penal Code 31 (Education Code 48900(t))
19. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property (Education Code 48900.7)

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

However, students who voluntarily disclose their use of a controlled substance, alcohol, an intoxicant of any kind, or tobacco in order to seek help through services or supports may not be suspended solely for that disclosure. (Education Code 48900)

A student may not be suspended or expelled for disruption or willful defiance. (Education Code 48900)

Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12

A student in grades 4-12 shall be subject to suspension or recommendation for expulsion when it is determined that the student:

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

Sexual harassment means conduct which, when considered from the perspective of a reasonable person of the

same gender as the victim, is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. (Education Code 212.5, 48900.2)

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

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

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

Suspension from Class by a Teacher

A teacher may suspend a student from class for the remainder of the day and the following day for any of the acts specified in Education Code 48900 and listed as Items #1-19 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above or for disruption or willful defiance at any grade level. (Education Code 48910)

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

As soon as possible after the teacher has suspended the student, the teacher shall ask the student's parent/guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. A counselor or psychologist may attend the conference if it is practicable, and a school administrator shall attend if requested by the parent/guardian or teacher. (Education Code 48910)

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

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

Additionally, a teacher may refer a student, for any of the acts specified above in Education Code 48900, to the principal or designee for consideration of a suspension from school. (Education Code 48910)

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

Suspension by Superintendent, Principal, or Principal's Designee

To implement disciplinary procedures at a school site, the principal may, in writing, designate as the principal's designee another administrator or, if the principal is the only administrator at the school site, a certificated employee. As necessary, the principal may, in writing, also designate another administrator or certificated employee as the secondary designee to assist with disciplinary procedures when the principal and the principal's primary designee are absent from the school site.

The Superintendent, principal, or designee shall immediately suspend any student found at school or at a school activity away from school to have committed any of the acts listed in the accompanying Board policy under "Authority to Expel" for which a recommendation of expulsion is required. (Education Code 48915(c))

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may impose a suspension for a first offense if it is determined that the student violated any of Items #1-5 listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above or if the student's presence causes a danger to persons. (Education Code 48900.5)

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

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

Length of Suspension

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may suspend a student from school for not more than five consecutive school days. (Education Code 48911)

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

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

Due Process Procedures for Suspension

Suspensions shall be imposed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Informal Conference:** Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Superintendent, principal, or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the student to the principal

At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action, including the other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension as required pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, and the evidence against the student, and shall be given the opportunity to present the student's version and evidence in the student's defense. (Education Code 48911)

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

2. **Administrative Actions:** All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee

A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48911)

3. **Notice to Parents/Guardians:** At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian, or if the student is a foster youth, the foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or if the student is an Indian child, the Indian child's tribal social worker, and, if applicable, the county social worker, in person, by email, or by telephone

Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian, or, if applicable, the foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or the Indian child's tribal social worker and, if applicable, the

county social worker, shall also be notified in writing of the suspension. (Education Code 48911)

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

Additionally, the notice shall state the date and time when the student may return to school.

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

If school officials request to meet with the parent/guardian, a foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or an Indian child's tribal social worker, and, if applicable, the county social worker, the notice may state that the law requires such individuals to respond to the request without delay. However, the student shall not be penalized for the failure of the parent/guardian, a foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or an Indian child's tribal social worker, and, if applicable, the county social worker, to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied reinstatement solely because such individuals failed to attend the conference. (Education Code 48911)

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

- a. The extension of the original period of suspension is preceded by notice of such extension with an offer to hold a conference concerning the extension, giving the student an opportunity to be heard

This conference may be held in conjunction with a meeting requested by the student or parent/guardian to challenge the original suspension.

- b. The Superintendent or designee determines, following a meeting in which the student and the student's parent/guardian were invited to participate, that the student's presence at the school or at an alternative school would endanger persons or property or threaten to disrupt the instructional process
- c. If the student involved is a foster youth or Indian child, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district's educational liaison of the need to invite the foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney and county social worker, or the Indian child's tribal social worker or, if applicable, the county social worker, to attend the meeting (Education Code 48853.5, 48911, 48918.1)
- d. If the student involved is a child or youth experiencing homelessness, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for homeless students (Education Code 48918.1)
- e. In lieu of or in addition to suspending a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee may provide services or require the student to participate in an alternative disciplinary program designed to correct the behavior and keep the student in school

Suspension by the Board

The Board may suspend a student for any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12," and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," above and within the limits specified under "Suspension by Superintendent, Principal, or Designee," above. (Education Code 48912)

The Board may suspend a student enrolled in a continuation school or class for a period not longer than the remainder of the semester. The suspension shall meet the requirements of Education Code 48915. (Education Code 48912.5)

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

The Board shall provide the student and parent/guardian with written notice of the closed session by registered or certified mail or personal service. Upon receiving this notice, the student or parent/guardian may request a public

meeting, and this request shall be granted if made in writing within 48 hours after receipt of the Board's notice. However, any discussion that conflicts with any other student's right to privacy still shall be held in closed session. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

On-Campus Suspension

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

1. The on-campus suspension classroom shall be staffed in accordance with law
2. The student shall have access to appropriate counseling services
3. The on-campus suspension classroom shall promote completion of schoolwork and tests missed by the student during the suspension
4. The student shall be responsible for contacting the student's teacher(s) to receive assignments to be completed in the supervised suspension classroom and the teacher(s) shall provide all assignments and tests that the student will miss while suspended

If no such work is assigned, the person supervising the suspension classroom shall assign schoolwork.

At the time a student is assigned to an on-campus suspension classroom, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian, or if the student is a foster youth, the foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or, if the student is an Indian child, the Indian child's tribal social worker and, if applicable, county social worker, in person, by email, or by telephone. When the assignment is for longer than one class period, this notification shall be made in writing. (Education Code 48911.1)

Superintendent or Principal's Authority to Recommend Expulsion

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

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense
2. Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance as listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11059, except for:
 - a. The first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis
 - b. The student's possession of over-the-counter medication for use by the student for medical purposes
 - c. Medication prescribed for the student by a physician
4. Robbery or extortion
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee

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

Student's Right to Expulsion Hearing

Any student recommended for expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that the student has committed the act(s) that form the basis for the expulsion recommendation. (Education Code

48918(a))

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

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

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

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

Stipulated Expulsion

After a determination that a student has committed an offense for which the student may be expelled, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall offer the student, the student's parent/guardian, or, when applicable, other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, the option to waive a hearing and stipulate to the expulsion or to a suspension of the expulsion under certain conditions. The offer shall be made only after written notice of the expulsion hearing pursuant to Education Code 48918 has been given.

The stipulation agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the student, the student's parent/guardian, or, when applicable, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student. The stipulation agreement shall include notice of all the rights that the student is waiving, including the waiving of the right to have a full hearing, to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education, and to consult legal counsel.

A stipulated expulsion agreed to by the student, the student's parent/guardian, or, when applicable, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, shall be effective upon approval by the Board.

Rights of Complaining Witness

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

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

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

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

Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth, Students Experiencing Homelessness, and Indian Children

If the student facing expulsion is a foster student or Indian child, the Superintendent or designee shall also send notice of the hearing to the foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, or the Indian child's tribal social worker and, if applicable, county social worker, at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing. (Education Code 48918.1)

If the student facing expulsion is a student experiencing homelessness, the Superintendent or designee shall also send notice of the hearing to the district liaison for homeless students at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing. (Education Code 48918.1)

Any notice for these purposes may be provided by the most cost-effective method possible, including by email or a telephone call. (Education Code 48918.1)

Conduct of Expulsion Hearing

1. Closed Session: Notwithstanding Education Code 35145, the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting

If such a request is made, the meeting shall be public to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated. (Education Code 48918)

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session to deliberate and determine whether the student should be expelled. If the Board admits any other person to this closed session, the parent/guardian, the student, and the counsel of the student also shall be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code 48918(c))

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

2. Record of Hearing: A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made (Education Code 48918(g))
3. Subpoenas: Before commencing a student expulsion hearing, the Board may issue subpoenas, at the request of either the student or the Superintendent or designee, for the personal appearance at the hearing of any person who actually witnessed the action that gave rise to the recommendation for expulsion

After the hearing has commenced, the Board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may issue such subpoenas at the request of the student or the County Superintendent of Schools or designee. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1985.2 and enforced in accordance with Government Code 11455.20. (Education Code 48918(i))

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

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

4. Presentation of Evidence: Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the expulsion hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs

The decision of the Board to expel shall be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts pursuant to Education Code 48900 and listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12," and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," above. (Education Code 48918(h))

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. Although no finding shall be based solely on hearsay, sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses whose disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm. (Education Code 48918(f))

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

5. Testimony by Complaining Witnesses: The following procedures shall be observed when a hearing involves allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code 48918, 48918.5)
 - a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify
 - b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during the testimony
 - c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential
 - d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person who is disrupting the hearing

- e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Penal Code 868.5
- f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard

Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.

- g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a nonthreatening environment
 - i. The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony
 - ii. At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which the complaining witness may leave the hearing room
 - iii. The person conducting the hearing may:
 - a. Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness
 - b. Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to normal school hours, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours
 - c. Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand

- 6. Decision: The Board's decision as to whether to expel a student shall be made within 40 school days after the student is removed from school, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed (Education Code 48918(a))

Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or Administrative Panel

Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the Board may contract with the county hearing officer or with the Office of Administrative Hearings of the State of California for a hearing officer. Additionally, the Board may appoint an impartial administrative panel composed of three or more certificated personnel, none of whom shall be members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. (Education Code 48918)

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

The hearing officer or administrative panel shall, within three school days after the hearing, determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If expulsion is not recommended, the expulsion proceeding shall be terminated and the student shall be immediately reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made, unless another placement is requested in writing by the student's parent/guardian. Before the student's placement decision is made by the student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the parent/guardian and district staff, including the student's teachers, regarding other placement options for the student in addition to the option to return to the classroom instructional program from which the student's expulsion referral was made. The decision to not recommend expulsion shall be final. (Education Code 48918(e))

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

In accordance with Board policy, the hearing officer or administrative panel may recommend that the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion. If the hearing officer or administrative panel recommends that the Board expel a student but suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall not be reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made until the Board has ruled on the recommendation. (Education Code 48917, 48918)

Final Action by the Board

Whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in closed or open session by the Board, a hearing officer, or an administrative panel or is waived through the signing of a stipulated expulsion agreement, the final action to expel shall be taken by the Board in public. (Education Code 48918(j))

The Board's decision is final. If the decision is to not expel, the student shall be reinstated immediately. If the decision is to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall be reinstated under the conditions of the suspended expulsion.

Upon ordering an expulsion, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to a school within the district. For a student expelled for any "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" act listed in "Authority to Expel" in the accompanying Board policy, this date shall be one year from the date the expulsion occurred, except that the Board may set an earlier date on a case-by-case basis. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. If an expulsion is ordered during summer session or the intersession period of a year-round program, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission not later than the last day of the semester following the summer session or intersession period in which the expulsion occurred. (Education Code 48916)

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, which shall include, but not be limited to, periodic review and a preliminary assessment for readmission at least 45 days before the end of the expulsion term. The plan shall be tailored to the student's needs and address the behavior that led to the expulsion. The plan may be developed in consultation with district staff who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student and include recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service, or other rehabilitative programs. (Education Code 48916)

The Board shall assist the student in locating accessible opportunities that are necessary to complete the requirements of the student's plan for rehabilitation, including, but not limited to, opportunities for counseling and community service. (Education Code 48916)

The Board shall not require the student or the student's parents/guardians to pay for any costs or services the Board determines to be necessary for the student to complete the student's plan of rehabilitation. (Education Code 48916)

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

Written Notice to Expel

The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of the decision to expel to the student, or if the student is under 18 years of age, to the student's parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:

1. The specific offense committed by the student for any of the causes for suspension or expulsion listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" (Education Code 48900.8)

2. A description of readmission procedures (Education Code 48916)
3. Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board (Education Code 48918)
4. Notice of the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the time of expulsion (Education Code 48918)
5. Notice of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1 (Education Code 48918)

Decision to Suspend Expulsion Order

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

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

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

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class, or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation

This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program. (Education Code 48917)

2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status (Education Code 48917)
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above, or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct (Education Code 48917)
4. When the suspension of enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order (Education Code 48917)
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school

Upon reinstatement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings. (Education Code 48917)

6. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian

The notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board, the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the period of expulsion, and the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1(b). (Education Code 48918(j))

7. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with the County Board (Education Code 48917)

Appeal

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

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

Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities

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

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

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

Placement During Expulsion

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

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

When the placement described above is not available and when the County Superintendent so certifies, students expelled for only acts described in Items #6-12 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and Items #1-3 under "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above may be referred to a program of study that is provided at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at an elementary school. (Education Code 48915)

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

The Board shall receive notification from the County Superintendent of Schools, if at any time during the expulsion term and for any reason the County Superintendent is unable to serve the students expelled by the district. Upon notification, the Board shall ensure that another educational program is provided to the student for the duration of the expulsion order which may include entering into an agreement with a County Superintendent in another county to provide education services for the district's expelled students. (Education Code 48916.1)

Upon the change of a student's eligibility for an educational program or at the request of the student's parent/guardian, the Board shall review with the student and the student's parent/guardian the educational options for expelled students as outlined in the plan to provide education services to expelled students pursuant to Education Code 48926. (Education Code 48916.1)

Readmission After Expulsion

Prior to the date set by the Board for the student's readmission:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the student's parent/guardian, or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, and the student

At the conference, the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and the student's parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.

As part of the review process, the Board shall, upon being informed by the Superintendent or designee, indicate whether the student had access to the necessary resources to complete the student's rehabilitation plan. A rehabilitation plan that is not completed due to financial or transportation barriers or a lack of viable opportunities to complete a term of the rehabilitation plan shall not be a basis to deny the readmission of a student. (Education Code 48916)

2. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board a recommendation regarding readmission

The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session. If a written request for open session is received from the student's parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, or adult student, it shall be honored to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated.

3. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and the student's parent/guardian, or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission

4. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student either: (Education Code 48916)

- a. Has not substantially satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan despite having access to the necessary resources and viable opportunities to complete their rehabilitation plan
- b. That the student continues to exhibit documented behaviors that the student was expelled for or is documented to have committed one or more new acts during the expulsion term that would make the student eligible for another expulsion

5. If Board denies the readmission of a student pursuant to Item #4, the expulsion term may be extended for one semester at a time, at which point the student shall be reassessed for readmission pursuant to Item #1

6. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school

7. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and the student's parent/guardian, or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program

This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district.

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

Maintenance of Records

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days, honor any other district's request for information about an expulsion from this district. (Education Code 48915.1)

Policy 5145.2: Freedom Of Speech/Expression

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The Governing Board believes that free inquiry and exchange of ideas are essential parts of a democratic education. The Board respects students' rights to express ideas and opinions, take stands on issues, and support causes, even when such speech is controversial or unpopular. Additionally, the Board is committed to providing a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment that protects students from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, or other types of expression prohibited by law.

Students shall have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards; the use of official district or school websites or social media accounts identified and made available for such purposes; the distribution of printed materials or petitions; the wearing of buttons, badges, and other insignia; and the right of expression in official school publications. (Education Code 48907)

Students' freedom of expression shall be restricted only as established by this Board policy, the accompanying administration regulation, Education Code 234.1, 48907, and 48950, and other applicable state and federal laws. Such restrictions include, but are not limited to, prohibitions against students making any expressions or distributing or posting any materials that:

1. Are obscene, libelous, or slanderous
2. Are discriminatory, harassing, intimidating, or bullying
3. Are likely to immediately incite action on district property or during district-sponsored programs or activities that is unlawful or that violates Board policies, administrative regulations, or other district or school rules
4. Substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the district

Additionally, the use of "fighting words" or epithets is prohibited where they are abusive and insulting, rather than merely offensive or provocative, and they are likely to create an actual danger that will cause a breach of the peace.

District staff shall not prohibit or prevent the distribution of, or otherwise censor, material prepared for official school publications except insofar as the content of the material violates this Board policy and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48907)

Off-campus student expression, such as electronic expression via a personal device or online expression via a personal social media account, may subject a student to discipline when such expression poses a threat to the safety of other district students, staff, or property, or does or is likely to substantially disrupt the district's educational program. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall document the actual or expected impact of the expression.

Student expression that violates this Board policy or the accompanying administrative regulation may be subject to discipline in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5144 - Discipline, Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, and Administrative Regulation 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities).

Regulation 5145.2: Freedom Of Speech/Expression

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Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions for Student Expression

Each principal or designee may annually identify physical or electronic locations, such as school courtyards, bulletin boards, or social media accounts, on which students and student organizations may hold a public rally, express and debate issues, or post information of general interest. Additionally, students may distribute handbills, leaflets, and other printed or electronic material, whether produced within or outside of the school. In addition, students may collect signatures on petitions concerning school or nonschool issues. All such expression in a given year shall be limited to the locations identified by the principal or designee for that year.

Materials or petitions may be distributed only:

1. Before or after school or during lunch time
2. For printed materials or petitions, in locations that do not obstruct the normal flow of traffic within the school or at entrances

No student shall use coercion to induce any other student or person to accept materials or to sign a petition. No funds shall be collected for any material distributed.

At the principal or designee's discretion, any materials or petitions may be required to include a disclaimer indicating that views, ideas, and opinions expressed in the materials or petitions are not sponsored by and do not necessarily reflect those of the school or district.

Permissible buttons, badges, armbands, and clothing bearing slogans or sayings may be worn at all times. No employee shall interfere with such expression solely on the grounds that the message may be controversial or unpopular with students or faculty. (Education Code 234.1, 48907)

Official School Publications

Official school publications are materials produced by students in journalism or yearbook courses or programs, student clubs or organizations, student newspapers or other student publications, or writing classes, and distributed to the public or to the student body either for a fee or free. (Education Code 48907)

Each principal may develop a school publications code outlining the responsibility of the students who produce or support the production of content for official student publications and the staff who serve as advisors of official student publications.

All official student publications shall be held to professional standards of language and journalism. (Education Code 48907)

If a staff advisor to an official student publication or other school staff with similar responsibility determines that material intended for inclusion in an official student publication violates the accompanying Board policy or this regulation, the staff advisor or other school staff shall first consider any feasible alternative options to limiting the material. If no other option is feasible, the staff advisor or other school staff shall notify the official student publication, via the student editor-in-chief or similar position, and the student authors of the material without undue delay and shall provide specific reasons for why the submitted material may not be published. Absent extraordinary circumstances, such notice shall be given in sufficient time to allow the official student publication or the student authors to either modify the material or request review by the Superintendent or designee.

At the principal's discretion, all official student publications may be required to include a disclaimer indicating that views, ideas, and opinions expressed in official student publications do not necessarily reflect those of the school or

district.

Student Participation in Civic or Political Events

Upon providing advanced notice and in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5113 - Absences and Excuses, a student in middle or high school shall be permitted one excused absence per school year in order to participate in a civic or political event such as voting, poll working, strikes, public commenting, or attending candidate speeches, political or civic forums, or town halls. (Education Code 48205)

Policy 6142.7: Physical Education And Activity

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The Governing Board recognizes the positive benefits of physical activity on student health, well-being, and academic achievement. The district shall provide all students the opportunity to be physically active on a regular basis through high-quality physical education instruction and may provide additional opportunities for physical activity throughout the school day. The district's physical education and activity programs shall support the district's coordinated student wellness program and encourage students' lifelong health and fitness.

Physical education classes shall be conducted in a coeducational, inclusive manner in accordance with law. The district shall provide instruction in physical education that provides equal access and equal opportunities for participation for all students in grades 1-12 regardless of gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, and mental or physical disability, or any other protected status in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. (Education Code 220, 221.5, 33352; 5 CCR 4900, 4930, 4931, 4940, 4960; 34 CFR 106.33, 106.34, 300.108)

The district's physical education program shall provide a developmentally appropriate sequence of instruction aligned with the state's model content standards and curriculum framework.

The district's physical education program shall engage students in age-appropriate moderate to vigorous physical activity, as defined in the accompanying administrative regulation, including aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and bone-strengthening activities. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to monitor the amount of moderate to vigorous physical activity that takes place in the physical education instructional program.

For grades 9-12, the overall course of study shall include the effects of physical activity upon dynamic health, the mechanics of body movement, aquatics, gymnastics and tumbling, individual and dual sports, rhythms and dance, team sports, and combatives. (Education Code 33352; 5 CCR 10060)

The Board shall approve the courses in grades 9-12 for which physical education credit may be granted.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to supplement physical education instruction with additional opportunities for students to be physically active before, during, and after the school day.

Students with disabilities shall be provided instruction in physical education in accordance with their individualized education program or Section 504 accommodation plan.

Upon written notification from a student's parent/guardian, or from the student if age 18 years of age or older, stating that the student is participating in religious fasting, the principal or designee shall grant a student an accommodation in connection with any physical activity component of a physical education course during the period of religious fasting. The student shall be provided alternative assignments or activities for the period the student is granted an accommodation. (Education Code 51240.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, adopt, and implement weather protocols that incorporate the standardized guidelines compiled by the California Department of Education and that include specific measures to be taken during extreme weather conditions. The adopted weather protocols shall be annually reviewed, evaluated, and if necessary, updated in accordance with law. (Education Code 33355)

During air pollution episodes, extreme weather, or other inclement conditions, physical education staff shall make appropriate adjustments to the program in accordance with the district's extreme weather protocols and/or shall seek alternative indoor space to enable students to participate in active physical education.

The Superintendent or designee may offer an alternate term schedule for grades 6-12 physical education courses in accordance with Education Code 51222 as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Staffing

Physical education instruction shall be delivered by appropriately credentialed teachers who may be assisted by instructional aides, paraprofessionals, and/or volunteers.

The district shall provide physical education teachers with continuing professional development, including classroom management and instructional strategies designed to keep students engaged and active and to enhance the quality of physical education instruction and assessment.

Physical Fitness Testing

The Superintendent or designee shall annually administer the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education (FITNESSGRAM) to students in grades 5, 7, and 9. (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1041)

Temporary Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a temporary exemption from physical education under either of the following conditions: (Education Code 51241)

1. The student is ill or injured and a modified program to meet the student's needs cannot be provided
2. The student is enrolled for one-half time or less

Two-Year Exemptions

With the student's consent, the Superintendent or designee may exempt a student from physical education courses for any two years during grades 10-12 provided that the student has satisfactorily met at least five of the six standards of the FITNESSGRAM in grade 9. (Education Code 51241)

Upon request by students and/or their parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee may administer the FITNESSGRAM to students in grades 10-12 who need to pass the test in order to qualify for a two-year exemption from physical education courses.

Students in grades 10-12 who have been granted a two-year exemption shall be offered a variety of elective physical education courses of not less than 400 minutes each 10 school days. (Education Code 33352, 51222)

Such students shall not be permitted to attend fewer total hours of courses and classes than they would have attended if enrolled in a physical education course. (Education Code 51241)

Permanent Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a permanent exemption from physical education under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 51241)

1. The student is age 16 years or older and has been enrolled in grade 10 for one or more academic years

However, such a student shall not be permitted to attend fewer total hours of courses and classes than the student would have attended if enrolled in a physical education course.

2. The student is enrolled as a postgraduate student
3. The student is enrolled in a juvenile home, ranch, camp, or forestry camp school with scheduled recreation and exercise

Students who have been granted a permanent exemption shall be offered a variety of elective physical education courses of not less than 400 minutes each 10 school days. (Education Code 33352)

Other Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student an exemption from physical education under the following special circumstances:

1. When the student is in any of grades 10-12 and is excused for up to 24 clock hours in order to participate in automobile driver training

However, any such student shall attend a minimum of 7,000 minutes of physical education instruction during the school year. (Education Code 51222)

2. When the student is in any of grades 10-12, attends a regional occupational center or program, and, because of the travel time involved, would experience hardship to attend physical education courses

Any such student shall have a minimum school day of 180 minutes. (Education Code 52316)

3. When the student is in high school and is engaged in a regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours (Education Code 51242)

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board each school's FITNESSGRAM results for each applicable grade level. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding the number of instructional minutes offered in physical education for each grade level, the number of two-year and permanent exemptions granted pursuant to Education Code 51241, and any other data agreed upon by the Board and the Superintendent or designee to evaluate program quality and the effectiveness of the district's program in meeting goals for physical activity and student well-being.

Regulation 6142.7: Physical Education And Activity

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Definitions

Extreme weather conditions are occurrences of unusually severe weather conditions, including, but not limited to, periods of extreme heat, excessive precipitation, and floods, that may pose significant harm to students. (Education Code 33355)

Moderate physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, walking briskly, dancing, swimming, or bicycling on level terrain. A person should feel some exertion but should be able to carry on a conversation comfortably during the activity.

Physical activity is bodily movement that is produced by the contraction of skeletal muscle and that substantially increases energy expenditure, including exercise, sport, dance, and other movement forms.

Physical education is a sequential educational program that teaches students to understand and participate in regular physical activity that assists in developing and maintaining physical fitness throughout their lifetime, understand and improve their motor skills, enjoy using their skills and knowledge to establish a healthy lifestyle, and understand how their bodies work.

Vigorous physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, jogging, participating in high-impact aerobic dancing, swimming continuous laps, or bicycling uphill. Vigorous physical activity may be intense enough to result in a significant increase in heart and respiration rate.

Instructional Time

Instruction in physical education shall be provided for at least the following minimum period of time: (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223)

1. For students in grades 1-6, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recess and the lunch period
2. For students in grades 7-8 attending an elementary school, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recess and the lunch period
3. For students in grades 7-8 attending a middle school or junior high school, 400 minutes each 10 school days
4. For students in grades 9-12, 400 minutes each 10 school days

An alternate term schedule may be provided for physical education courses in grades 6-12, if the following conditions are met: (Education Code 51222)

1. For students in grade 6 to receive no less than 400 minutes of instruction each 10 school days for a semester of not fewer than 18 weeks during the regular school year, for a total of 3,600 instructional minutes for the school year
2. For students in grades 7-12 to receive no less than 800 minutes of instruction every 10 school days for a semester of not fewer than 18 weeks during the regular school year, for a total of 7,200 instructional minutes for the school year
3. The physical education program is aligned with the physical education framework adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) in that it provides a sequential, articulated, age-appropriate program
4. The physical education program complies with the course of study requirements of high school physical education programs, as applicable

5. Students are prepared for, and participate in, the physical performance testing as specified in Education Code 60800

If the instructional minute requirement cannot be met during any 10-day period due to inclement weather, a school assembly, field trip, student assessment, or other circumstance, the school shall make up those minutes on another day in order to satisfy the instructional minute requirement.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine a method to document compliance with the required number of instructional minutes. Such documentation may include, but not be limited to, a master schedule, bell schedule, weekly schedule for each teacher providing physical education instruction, district calendar, teacher roster, or log for staff or students to record the number of physical education minutes completed.

Any complaint alleging noncompliance with the instructional minute requirement may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE). If the district or CDE finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians. (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223; 5 CCR 4600-4670)

Monitoring Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity

To monitor the amount of time students are engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity, the Superintendent or designee may:

1. Develop methods to estimate the amount of time students spend in moderate to vigorous physical activity and the amount of time students are inactive during physical education classes
2. Provide physical education teachers with staff development, self-monitoring tools, stopwatches, and/or heart rate monitors to assist them in planning and assessing the level of activity in their classes

Physical Fitness Testing

During the annual assessment window between the months of February through May, students in grades 5, 7, and 9 shall be administered the physical fitness test designated by SBE (FITNESSGRAM). (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1041)

The Superintendent or designee may provide a make-up date for students who are unable to take the test based on absence or temporary physical restriction or limitations, such as students recovering from illness or injury. (5 CCR 1043)

On or before November 1 of each school year, the Superintendent may designate an employee to serve as the district's physical fitness test coordinator and so notify the test contractor. The test coordinator shall serve as the liaison between the district and CDE for all matters related to the physical fitness test. The duties of the test coordinator shall include, but are not limited to: (5 CCR 1043.4)

1. Responding to correspondence and inquiries from the contractor in a timely manner and as provided in the contractor's instructions
2. Determining district and school site test and test material needs
3. Overseeing the administration of the physical fitness test to students
4. Ensuring that all test data are received from school test sites in sufficient time to satisfy the reporting requirements

Students shall be provided with their individual results after completing the FITNESSGRAM. The test results may be provided in writing or orally as the student completes the testing, and shall be included in the student's cumulative record. (Education Code 49062, 60800; 5 CCR 1043.10)

Each student's test results shall also be provided to the student's parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall report the aggregate results of the FITNESSGRAM in the annual school accountability report card required by Education Code 33126 and 35256. (Education Code 60800)

Testing Variations

All students may be administered the FITNESSGRAM with the following test variations: (5 CCR 1047)

1. Extra time within a testing day
2. Test directions that are simplified or clarified

All students may have the following test variations if they are regularly used in the classroom: (5 CCR 1047)

1. Audio amplification equipment
2. Separate testing for individual students provided that the student(s) are directly supervised by the test examiner
3. Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present directions for test administration

Students with a physical disability and students who are physically unable to take all of the test shall undergo as much of the test as their physical condition will permit. (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1047)

Students with disabilities may be provided the following accommodations if specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan: (5 CCR 1047)

1. Administration of the test at the most beneficial time of day to the student after consultation with the test contractor
2. Administration of the test by a test examiner to the student at home or in the hospital
3. Any other accommodation specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan for the physical fitness test

Identified English learners may be allowed the following additional test variations if regularly used in the classroom: (5 CCR 1048)

1. Separate testing with other English learners, provided that the student(s) are directly supervised by the test examiner
2. Test directions translated into their primary language, and the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the test directions in their primary language

Additional Opportunities for Physical Activity

The Superintendent or designee may implement strategies for increasing opportunities for physical activity outside the physical education program, which may include, but not be limited to:

1. Training recess, lunch, and before- and after-school supervisors on methods to engage students in moderate to vigorous physical activity
2. Encouraging teachers to incorporate physical activity into the classroom
3. Establishing extracurricular activities that promote physical activity, such as school clubs, intramural athletic programs, dance performances, community service, special events, and competitions
4. Incorporating opportunities for physical activity into before- or after-school programs and/or child care and development programs
5. Exploring opportunities for joint use of facilities or grounds in order to provide adequate space for students

and community members to engage in recreational activities

6. Developing business partnerships to maximize resources for physical activity equipment and programs
 7. Developing programs to encourage and facilitate walking, bicycling, or other active transport to and from school
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Policy 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements

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The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to successfully complete the high school course of study and obtain a diploma that represents their educational achievement and increases their opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

District students shall complete graduation course requirements as specified in Education Code 51225.3. Additionally, unless exempted as provided in "Exemptions from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements for Highly Mobile Students" below, or in Board Policy 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities, district students shall complete other course requirements adopted by the Board. Students who are exempted from district-adopted graduation requirements shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and school activity related to graduation in which other students are eligible to participate.

Course Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

1. Three courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)
2. Two courses in mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

Students shall complete at least one mathematics course that meets the state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Students may complete such coursework prior to grade 9 provided that they also complete two mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

Successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category C" course based on the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) "A-G" admission requirements shall be counted toward the satisfaction of additional graduation requirements in mathematics. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)

3. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)
4. Three courses in social studies, including United States (US) history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics (Education Code 51225.3)
5. One course in visual or performing arts, world language, or career technical education (CTE)

For purposes of this requirement, a course in American Sign Language shall be deemed a course in world language. (Education Code 51225.3)

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education. (Education Code 51225.3)

6. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)
7. Contingent on funding, beginning with the 2029-30 school year, a one-semester course in ethnic studies (Education Code 51225.3)
8. Beginning with the 2030-31 school year, a separate, stand-alone one-semester course in personal finance, that is not combined with any other course (Education Code 51225.3)

A student who completes a separate stand-alone one-semester course in personal finance may be exempted from the requirement to complete a one-semester course in economics. (Education Code 51225.3)

Additionally, to obtain a high school diploma, students in grades 9-12 shall complete the following Board-adopted courses or requirements:

9. Community Service – 40 Hours Community and 10 hours of School Service.

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee may exempt a student from any graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to the statewide course requirements. Before exempting a student from such requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student and the educational rights holder for the student regarding any impact of not fulfilling district-adopted coursework on the student's ability to gain admission to an institution of higher education. (Education Code 51225.3)

Exemptions from District-Adopted Graduation Requirements for Highly Mobile Students

Highly mobile student means a foster youth, student experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, student who is migratory, or a student participating in a newcomer program as specified in Education Code 51225.1.

A highly mobile student who transfers into the district or between district schools any time after completing the second year of high school or, if a newcomer student, who is in the third or fourth year of high school, shall be exempted from any graduation requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to statewide course requirements. This exemption shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school.

To determine whether a highly mobile student is in the third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits the student has earned as of the date of the transfer, the length of school enrollment, or, for a student with significant gaps in school attendance, the student's age as compared to the average age of students in the third or fourth year of high school, whichever qualifies the student for the exemption. Additionally, for a newcomer student, enrollment in grade 11 or 12 based on the average age of students in the third or fourth year of high school may be used to determine whether the student is in the student's third or fourth year of high school. (Education Code 51225.1)

Within 30 days of the transfer into a school by a highly mobile student, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any eligible student, and others as required by law, of the availability of the exemption from local graduation requirements and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a highly mobile student who is eligible for an exemption from district-established graduation requirements was not properly notified of the exemption, declined the exemption, or was not previously exempted, the student or the student's educational rights holder may request the exemption and the Superintendent or designee shall exempt the student within 30 days of the request. Any such student who at one time qualified for the exemption may request the exemption even if the student is no longer eligible. (Education Code 51225.1)

When a highly mobile student is not exempted from district-established graduation requirements based on the Superintendent's or designee's determination that the student is reasonably able to complete such requirements by the end of the student's fourth year of high school, within 30 calendar days of the following academic year the student shall be reevaluated based on the student's course completion status at the time to determine if the student continues to be reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate by the end of the student's fourth year of high school. Written notice as to whether the student then qualifies for exemption shall be provided to the student, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, and if applicable, to the student's social worker or probation officer. (Education Code 51225.1)

If, upon reevaluation, it is determined that the highly mobile student is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student with the option to receive an exemption from district-established graduation requirements or stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements upon agreement with the student, or if under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, and provide notifications in accordance with Education Code 51225.1. (Education Code 51225.1)

When a highly mobile student is exempted from district-established graduation requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the

student regarding the following: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Discussion of how any requirements that are waived may affect the student's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Discussion and information about other options available to the student, including, but not limited to, a fifth year of high school, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Consideration of the student's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption

The district shall not require or request a highly mobile student to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption and shall not grant any request made by an eligible student, or the student's parent/guardian, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, the student's social worker, the student's probation officer, or the district liaison on behalf of the student, as applicable, for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require a highly mobile student who is eligible for an exemption from district-established graduation requirements and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the student is otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of higher education, regardless of whether such courses are required for statewide graduation requirements. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a highly mobile student is exempted from district-established graduation requirements, the exemption shall not be revoked. Additionally, the exemption shall continue to apply while the student is enrolled in the school or transfers to another school, including a charter school, or school district, including after the student has ceased to meet the definition of a highly mobile student. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall not require or request a highly mobile student who is exempted from district-established graduation requirements and who completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of the fourth year of high school, and would otherwise be entitled to remain in school, to graduate before the end of the student's fourth year of high school. (Education Code 51225.1)

Upon making a finding that a highly mobile student is reasonably able to complete district-established graduation requirements within the fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Consult with the student and, if under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, of the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements and how that will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Consult with and provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Upon agreement with the student or with the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student if under 18 years of age, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district-established graduation requirements
4. For a foster youth or a student who is experiencing homelessness, consult with the student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student of the option to remain in the student's school of origin

When a highly mobile student who is eligible for an exemption from district-established graduation requirements is not reasonably able to complete the district-established graduation requirements within the student's fifth year of high school but is reasonably able to complete the statewide coursework requirements within the fifth year of high school, the student shall be exempted from all district-established graduation requirements and be provided with the option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide requirements. In such situations, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, regarding the following: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. The student's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete statewide coursework requirements

2. The effect of waiving the district-established requirements and remaining in school for a fifth year on the student's postsecondary education or vocation plans, including the ability to gain admission to an institution of higher education
3. Other options available to the student, including, but not limited to, possible credit recovery, and any transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
4. The student's academic data and any other information relevant to making an informed decision on whether to accept the exemption and option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the statewide coursework requirements.

Information regarding the educational rights of highly mobile students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 51225.2)

Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of highly mobile students, as specified in Education Code 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education, in accordance with Education Code 51225.1, the number of student's graduating from the fourth or fifth year of high school who, for the prior school year, graduated with an exemption from district-established graduation requirements that are in addition to statewide coursework requirements.

Retroactive Diplomas

Any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 51413)

Additionally, the district may retroactively grant high school diplomas to former students who: (Education Code 48204.4, 51430, 51440)

1. Departed California against their will while in grade 12 and did not receive a diploma because the departure interrupted their education, provided that they were in good academic standing at the time of the departure

Persons may be considered to have departed California against their will if they were in custody of a government agency and were transferred to another state, were subject to a lawful order from a court or government agency that authorized their removal from California, were subject to a lawful order and were permitted to depart California before being removed from California pursuant to the lawful order, were removed or were permitted to depart voluntarily pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or departed due to other circumstances determined by the district that are consistent with the purposes of Education Code 48204.4.

In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any coursework that may have been completed outside of the U.S. or through online or virtual courses.

2. Were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that they were enrolled in a district high school immediately preceding the internment or military service and did not receive a diploma because their education was interrupted due to the internment or military service in those wars

Deceased former students who satisfy these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by their next of kin.

3. Are veterans who entered the military service of the U.S. while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school
4. Are former members of the military, a resident of California, and received an honorable discharge, or, are current members of the military, a resident of California, and a resident of California when entering the military

In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall evaluate classes completed in any high school, community college, or state college, grant credit toward graduation for military service and training received while in the military, and if satisfied that the person has completed the equivalent of the requirements for graduation from high school, grant the person a diploma of graduation.

5. Were in their senior year of high school during the 2019-20 school year, were in good academic standing and on track to graduate at the end of the 2019-20 school year as of March 1, 2020, and were unable to complete the statewide graduation requirements as a result of the COVID-19 crisis

Honorary Diplomas

The Board may grant an honorary high school diploma to: (Education Code 51225.5)

1. An international exchange student who has not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation and who is returning to the student's home country following the completion of one academic school year in the district
2. A student who is terminally ill

The honorary diploma shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation awarded by the district. (Education Code 51225.5)

Policy 6146.3: Reciprocity Of Academic Credit

Status: DRAFT

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The Governing Board intends that, to the extent possible, all students, including students who transfer into the district, complete the district's academic program timely and graduate with their peers.

To determine whether students transferring into the district have met district course requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to evaluate the comparability of courses and/or students' understanding of course content. Such procedures shall include methods for determining the number of years of school attendance, the specific courses completed by the student, and the value of credits earned.

The district shall accept for credit full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed by students while attending a public school, a juvenile court school, or nonpublic nonsectarian school or agency. (Education Code 48645.5)

Pending evaluation of the transferring student's academic performance, the student shall be placed at the grade level reached prior to enrollment in the district. Within 30 days of enrollment, the principal or designee shall complete the evaluation and determine the student's appropriate grade placement.

Regulation 6146.3: Reciprocity Of Academic Credit

Status: DRAFT

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Students in grades K-8 who transfer into the district without proof of having met the grade level proficiency standards in reading, mathematics, and writing may be required to take the appropriate standardized tests of these basic skills to facilitate proper placement.

In determining equivalency, the principal and/or designated certificated staff representative may consider one or more of the following:

1. A review of the description of academic content and time requirements of the coursework completed by the student compared to academic content and time requirements at the enrolling school
2. An examination of the student's portfolio of work, papers, completed projects, graded tests or other documents demonstrating the student's level of skill and knowledge
3. An opportunity for the student to demonstrate skill via performance on appropriate course-challenging examinations, comprehensive final examinations and/or other culminating exercises used at the enrolling school
4. Verification by teacher observation, once the student has been placed in a course, that the student has reached a level of preparation consistent with the student's placement in that course

Appeals/Due Process

If a student's parent/guardian disagrees with the school site staff's judgment on grade-level placement, course placement and/or equivalency of academic credit, the parent/guardian may appeal to the Superintendent or designee.

Within 10 working days of notification of placement or credit determination, the parent/guardian may request, in writing, a conference with the Superintendent or designee to review the school site staff's decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within 10 working days of the parent/guardian's request. This meeting may include the principal or designee, representatives of the school's certificated staff, and the student's parents/guardian. It shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to present evidence that the facts do not support the school staff's decision on the student's placement and/or transferability of prior credits.

The Superintendent or designee's decision shall be final.

Transfer of Coursework and Credits for Highly Mobile Students

Highly mobile student means a foster youth, student experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, student who is migratory, or a student participating in a newcomer program as specified in Education Code 51225.1.

When a highly mobile student transfers into a district school, the district will receive an official transcript from the transferring school or district which reflects full and partial credits and grades earned by the highly mobile student and includes: (Education Code 51225.2)

1. A determination of the days of enrollment and/or seat time, if applicable for all full and partial credits earned based on any measure of full or partial coursework being satisfactorily completed

Partial coursework satisfactorily completed includes any portion of an individual course, even if the student did not complete the entire course

2. Separate listings for credits and grades earned at each school and local educational agency so it is clear where credits and grades were earned

3. A complete record of the student's seat time, including both period attendance and days of enrollment

The district shall transfer the credits and grades from the transferring school's transcript onto an official district transcript in the same manner as described in Item #2, above. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the Principal or designee has knowledge that the transcript from the transferring school may not include certain credits or grades, the Principal or designee shall contact the prior school within two business days to request that the full or partial credits be issued, which shall then be issued and provided by the prior school within two business days of the request. (Education Code 51225.2)

The district shall accept and issue full or partial credit for any coursework that the highly mobile student has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, as applicable. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the entire course was completed, the district shall not require the highly mobile student to retake the course. (Education Code 51225.2)

If the entire course was not completed at the previous school, the highly mobile student shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall be required to take the uncompleted portion of the course. However, the district may require the highly mobile student to retake the portion of the course completed if, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the highly mobile student, the district finds that the highly mobile student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a highly mobile student in any particular course, the highly mobile student shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, to enable the completion of the entire course. (Education Code 51225.2)

Partial credits shall be awarded on the basis of 0.5 credits for every seven class periods attended per subject. If the school is on a block schedule, each block schedule class period attended shall be equal to two regular class periods per subject.

In no event shall the district prevent a highly mobile student from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California. (Education Code 51225.2)

Notification and Complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of highly mobile students, as specified in Education Code 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 51225.2)

Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of highly mobile students, as specified in Education Code 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Policy 6146.4: Differential Graduation And Competency Standards For Students With Disabilities

Status: DRAFT

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The Governing Board recognizes that students with disabilities are entitled to a course of study that provides them with a free appropriate public education (FAPE) and that modifications to the district's regular course of study may be needed on an individualized basis to provide FAPE. In accordance with law, each student's individualized education program (IEP) team shall determine the appropriate goals, as well as any appropriate individual accommodations necessary for measuring the academic achievement and functional performance of the student on state and districtwide assessments.

Exemption from District-Established Graduation Requirements

District students shall complete all course requirements for high school graduation as required by law and in accordance with Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements. However, a student with disabilities who entered ninth grade in the 2022-23 school year or later shall be eligible to be exempted from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to the statewide course requirements for high school graduation if the student's IEP provides for both of the following: (Education Code 51225.31)

1. That the student is eligible to take the alternate assessment as described in Education Code 60640
2. That the student complete state standards aligned coursework to meet the statewide coursework specified in Education Code 51225.3

Additionally, a student with disabilities who entered grade 10 in the 2022-23 school year or later may be eligible for the same exemption, at the district's discretion, if the student's IEP provides for both of the requirements specified in Item #1 and 2 above (Education Code 51225.31)

Any such exempted student shall receive a diploma and be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and school activity related to graduation in which a student of similar age without a disability would be eligible to participate. (Education Code 51225.31)

The district's responsibility to provide FAPE shall not terminate when a student with a disability who is exempted from district-adopted graduation requirements participates in graduation activities unless the student's IEP team, which includes the parent/guardian and student, has determined that the student has completed the high school experience. (Education Code 51225.31)

Certificate of Educational Achievement or Completion

Instead of a high school diploma, a student with a disability may be awarded a certificate or document of educational achievement or completion if the student has met one of the following requirements: (Education Code 56390)

1. Satisfactorily completed a prescribed alternative course of study approved by the Board of the district in which the student attended school or the district with jurisdiction over the student as identified in the student's IEP
2. Satisfactorily met the student's IEP goals and objectives during high school as determined by the IEP team
3. Satisfactorily attended high school, participated in the instruction as prescribed in the student's IEP, and met the objectives of the statement of transition services

A student with a disability who meets any of the criteria specified above shall be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and any school activity related to graduation in which a graduating student of similar age without disabilities would be eligible to participate. (Education Code 56391)

Policy 6173: Education For Homeless Children

Status: DRAFT

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The Governing Board believes that the identification of students experiencing homelessness is critical to improving the educational outcomes of such students and ensuring that students experiencing homelessness have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students within the district. The district shall provide students experiencing homelessness with access to education and other services necessary for such students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

When there are at least 15 students experiencing homelessness in the district or a district school, the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of students experiencing homelessness. (Education Code 52052, 52060, 52064)

The Superintendent or designee shall review district policies at least once every three years and recommend updates to ensure removal of any barriers to the education of students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youth. Any such review shall address identification, enrollment, and retention of such students, including those barriers that are due to absences or outstanding fees or fines. (Education Code 48851.3, 42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall designate an appropriate staff person to serve as a liaison for homeless children and youths. The district liaison for homeless students shall fulfill the duties specified in 42 USC 11432 to assist in identifying and supporting students experiencing homelessness to succeed in school, and as specified in Education Code 48851.3 related to trainings for district staff providing assistance to students experiencing homelessness.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each district school identifies all students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youths enrolled at the school. (Education Code 48851)

To ensure easy identification of students experiencing homelessness, the Superintendent or designee shall annually provide and administer a housing questionnaire developed by the California Department of Education (CDE) to all parents/guardians of students and all unaccompanied youths. (Education Code 48851)

If the primary language of a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth is not English, either the housing questionnaire shall be made available in the primary language of the student's parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth pursuant to Education Code 48985, or an appropriate translation of the housing questionnaire shall be provided upon request of a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth. (Education Code 48851)

The Superintendent or designee shall report to CDE the number of students experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied youths, enrolled in the district as identified from the housing questionnaire described above. (Education Code 48851)

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district liaison's contact information and other information on homelessness, including, but not limited to, information regarding the educational rights and resources available to persons experiencing homelessness, are posted on the district and school websites as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48852.6)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for students experiencing homelessness are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

Each student experiencing homelessness shall be provided services that are comparable to services offered to other students in the school, including, but not limited to, transportation, educational programs for which the student meets the eligibility criteria (such as federal Title I services or similar state or local programs, programs for students with disabilities, and educational programs for English learners), career and technical education programs, programs for gifted and talented students, and school nutrition programs. (Education Code 48850; 42 USC 11432)

Students experiencing homelessness shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless and shall not be stigmatized in any way. However, the Superintendent or designee may separate students experiencing homelessness on school grounds as necessary for short periods of time for health and safety emergencies or to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet their unique needs. (42 USC 11432, 11433)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that information and/or materials for students experiencing homelessness are provided in a manner and form understandable to the student's parents/guardians and to unaccompanied youths.

Information about the living situation of a student experiencing homelessness shall be considered part of a student's educational record, subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, shall not be deemed to be directory information as defined in 20 USC 1232g, and shall not be released without written consent. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with other agencies and entities to ensure that students experiencing homelessness are promptly identified, ensure that students experiencing homelessness have access to and are in reasonable proximity to available education and related support services, and raise the awareness of school personnel and service providers of the effects of short-term stays in a shelter and other challenges associated with homelessness. Toward these ends, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local social services agencies, other agencies or entities providing services to students experiencing homelessness, and, if applicable, transitional housing facilities. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate transportation, transfer of school records, and other interdistrict activities with other local educational agencies. As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate, within the district and with other involved local educational agencies, services for students experiencing homelessness and services for students with disabilities. (42 USC 11432)

At least annually, the district liaison and other appropriate staff shall participate in professional development and other technical assistance activities to assist them in identifying and meeting the needs of students experiencing homelessness. Such professional development and technical assistance shall include, but are not limited to, training on the district's homeless education program policies, definitions of terms related to homelessness, recognition of signs that students are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness, the steps that should be taken once a potentially homeless student is identified, and how to connect students experiencing homelessness with appropriate housing and service providers. (Education Code 48851.3, 48852.5; 42 USC 11432)

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the identification of and outcomes for students experiencing homelessness, which may include, but are not limited to, the housing questionnaire responses, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, suspension/expulsion rates, and other outcomes related to any goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP. Based on the evaluation data, the district shall revise its strategies as needed to more effectively identify and support the education of students experiencing homelessness.

Regulation 6173: Education For Homeless Children

Status: DRAFT

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Definitions

Homeless students or students experiencing homelessness means students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes: (Education Code 48859; 42 USC 11434a)

1. Students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals
2. Students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
3. Students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in conditions described in Items #1-3 above

Unaccompanied youth includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. (Education Code 48859; 42 USC 11434a)

School of origin means the school that the student experiencing homelessness attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled, including a preschool. If the school the student experiencing homelessness attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which the student was last enrolled, or if there is some other school that the student attended within the preceding 15 months and with which the student is connected, the district liaison for homeless students, in consultation with and with the agreement of the student experiencing homelessness and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, shall determine which school is, in the best interests of the student experiencing homelessness, deemed the school of origin. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

Best interest means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a student experiencing homelessness, consideration is given to, among other factors, educational stability, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress, and the student's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students. (Education Code 48850, 48853; 42 USC 11432)

District Liaison

The Superintendent designates the following staff person as the district liaison for homeless students: (42 USC 11432)

School Counselor: Arena Elementary, 707-882-2131
Point Arena High, 707-882-2134

The district's liaison for homeless students shall: (Education Code 48851.3, 48851.5, 48852.5; 42 USC 11432)

1. Ensure that students experiencing homelessness are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies
2. Ensure that students experiencing homelessness are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, district schools
3. Ensure that families and students experiencing homelessness have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, including services through Head Start and Early Head Start programs, early intervention services under Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other

preschool programs administered by the district

4. Ensure that families and students experiencing homelessness receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services
5. Inform parents/guardians of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and ensure that they are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children
6. Disseminate public notice of the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness in locations frequented by parents/guardians of students experiencing homelessness and by unaccompanied youth, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and hunger relief agencies (soup kitchens)

The rights shall be presented in a manner and form understandable to the parents/guardians of homeless students and unaccompanied youth.

7. Mediate enrollment disputes in accordance with law and the section "Resolving Enrollment Disputes" below
8. Fully inform parents/guardians of students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youth of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and assist them in accessing transportation to the school of choice
9. Offer annual training related to the district's homeless education program policies to school personnel who provide services to students experiencing homelessness, including principals and other school leaders, attendance officers, teachers, enrollment personnel, and specialized instructional support personnel, to ensure that such employees are informed of available training, professional development, and other support, and the services provided by the district liaison for homeless students
10. Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school, have opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic standards established for other students, and are informed of their status as independent students under 20 USC 1087vv and that they may receive assistance from the district liaison to receive verification of their independent student status for purposes of applying for federal student aid pursuant to 20 USC 1090
11. Coordinate and collaborate with state coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to students experiencing homelessness, including the collection and provision of comprehensive data to the state coordinator as required by law

Additionally, when notified pursuant to Education Code 48918.1, the district liaison shall assist, facilitate, or represent a student experiencing homelessness who is undergoing a disciplinary proceeding that could result in the student's expulsion. When notified pursuant to Education Code 48915.5, the district liaison shall participate in an individualized education program (IEP) team meeting to make a manifestation determination regarding the behavior of a student with a disability.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students experiencing homelessness, their parents/guardians, school personnel, service providers, and advocates working with homeless families of the duties of the district's liaison. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the name and contact information of the district's liaison to the California Department of Education (CDE) for publishing on CDE's website. (42 USC 11432)

Enrollment

The district shall make placement decisions for students experiencing homelessness based on the student's best interest. (Education Code 48850; 42 USC 11432)

In determining a student's best interest, a student experiencing homelessness shall, to the extent feasible, be placed in the school of origin, unless the student's parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth requests otherwise. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

When determining the best interest of any student experiencing homelessness, the district shall give priority to the request of the student's parent/guardian, or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the request of the student. Additionally, the student's educational stability and opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress and other student-centered factors related to the student's best interest, including the impact of mobility on the student's achievement, education, health, and safety, shall be

considered. (Education Code 48850; 42 USC 11432)

Such factors may include, but are not limited to, the age of the student, the distance of the commute and the impact it may have on the student's education, personal safety issues, the student's need for special instruction, the length of anticipated stay in the temporary shelter or other temporary location, likely area of future housing, school placement of siblings, and the time remaining in the school year.

However, placement decisions shall not be based on whether a student experiencing homelessness lives with the student's homeless parent/guardian or has been temporarily placed elsewhere. (42 USC 11432)

In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the district liaison shall assist in placement or enrollment decisions, give priority to the views of the student, and provide notice to the student of the right to appeal. (42 USC 11432)

Once a placement decision has been made, the principal or designee shall immediately enroll the student in the school of choice. The student shall be enrolled even if the student: (Education Code 48850, 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and records of immunization and other required health records
4. Has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness

The principal or designee shall immediately contact the school last attended by the student to obtain the relevant records. If the student needs to obtain immunizations or does not possess immunization or other required health records, the principal or designee shall immediately refer the parent/guardian to the district liaison for homeless students. The district liaison shall assist the parent/guardian, or the student if the student is an unaccompanied youth, in obtaining the necessary immunizations, screenings, or records for the student. (42 USC 11432)

If the student is placed at a school other than the school of origin or the school requested by the student's parent/guardian or the student, if an unaccompanied youth, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian or the unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the reasons for the decision, including why placement in the student's school of origin or requested school is not in the student's best interest, along with a statement regarding the right to appeal the placement decision. The written explanation shall be in a manner and form understandable to such parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth. (42 USC 11432)

At the point of any change or subsequent change in the residence of a student experiencing homelessness, the student may continue attending the student's school of origin for the duration of the homelessness. (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

To ensure that the student experiencing homelessness has the benefit of matriculating with the student's peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns, the following shall apply: (Education Code 48852.7; 42 USC 11432)

1. If the student is transitioning between grade levels, the student shall be allowed to continue in the same attendance area
2. If the student is transitioning to a middle school or high school, and the school designated for matriculation is in another school district, the student shall be allowed to continue to the school designated for matriculation in that district

If the student's housing status changes before the end of the school year so that the student is no longer experiencing homelessness, the student shall be allowed to stay in the school of origin: (Education Code 48852.7)

1. Through the duration of the school year if the student is in grades K-8
2. Through graduation if the student is in high school

When the district offers an intersession program, priority access shall be given to students experiencing

homelessness. If a student experiencing homelessness will be moving during an intersession period, the student's parent/guardian, educational rights holder, or Indian custodian in the case of an Indian child, or, if there is no parent/guardian, educational rights holder, or Indian custodian, the unaccompanied homeless youth, shall determine which school the student attends for the intersession period. (Education Code 48850)

Resolving Enrollment Disputes

If a dispute arises over student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in a particular school, the matter shall be referred to the district liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible. (42 USC 11432)

The parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of any decisions related to eligibility, school selection, or enrollment and of the right of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth to appeal such decisions. (42 USC 11432)

The written explanation shall include:

1. A description of the action proposed or refused by the district
2. An explanation of why the action is proposed or refused
3. A description of any other options the district considered and the reasons that any other options were rejected
4. A description of any other factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility or best interest determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their sources
5. Appropriate timelines to ensure any relevant deadlines are not missed
6. Contact information for the district liaison and state coordinator, and a brief description of those roles

The written explanation shall be complete, as brief as possible, simply stated, and provided in language that the parent/guardian or student can understand.

The district liaison may use an informal process as an alternative to formal dispute resolution procedures, provided that the parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth have access to the more formal process if informal resolution is not successful in resolving the matter.

In working with a student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth to resolve an enrollment dispute, the district liaison shall:

1. Inform the student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth that written and/or oral documentation to support their position may be provided
2. Inform the student's parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth that they may seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or service providers in having the dispute resolved
3. Provide a simple form that they may use and turn in to the school to initiate the dispute resolution process
4. Provide a copy of the dispute form they submit for their records
5. Provide the outcome of the dispute for their records

When a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth involved in the enrollment dispute is an English learner, Items #1-5 shall be provided either in the native language of the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth or through an interpreter. Any additional support needed because of a disability of that parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be made available without a charge.

If a parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth disagrees with the district liaison's enrollment decision, the decision may be appealed to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall make a determination within five working days.

If the parent/guardian chooses to appeal the district's placement decision, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the liaison for homeless students at the county office of education.

Pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals, the student shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought and shall be allowed to attend classes and participate fully in school activities. (42 USC 11432, 11434a)

Transportation

The district shall provide transportation for a student experiencing homelessness to and from the student's school of origin when the student is residing within the district and the parent/guardian, or the district liaison in the case of an unaccompanied youth, requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of district boundaries, but continues to attend the student's school of origin within this district, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation. (42 USC 11432)

Any fees that the district charges for home-to-school transportation and other transportation as expressly provided by law shall be waived for students experiencing homelessness. (Education Code 39807.5)

The district shall not be obligated to provide transportation to students who continue attending their school of origin after they secure permanent housing, unless the formerly homeless student has an IEP that includes transportation as a necessary related service for the student. (Education Code 48852.7)

Transfer of Coursework and Credits

When a student experiencing homelessness transfers into a district school, the student's coursework and credits shall be transferred as specified in Education Code 51225.2 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit.

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

A student experiencing homelessness who transfers to a district school shall be expected to complete all courses and fulfill graduation requirements as specified in Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements, unless the student has completed the second year of high school and thereby exempted from such requirements in accordance with Education Code 51225.1.

Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

A student experiencing homelessness who enrolls in any district school shall have access to extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all students in the school, including but not limited to, interscholastic sports administered by the California Interscholastic Federation. (Education Code 48850)

Notification and Posting Requirements

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a list of the district's liaison(s) and the contact information for such liaison(s), as well as specific information on homelessness, including, but not limited to, information regarding the educational rights and resources available to students experiencing homelessness, are posted on the district's website. (Education Code 48852.6)

Additionally, each district school that has a website shall post the contact information for the district liaison and the name and contact information of any employee or other person under contract with the school who assists the district liaison in completing the liaison's duties pursuant to 42 USC 11432. (Education Code 48852.6)

Exhibit 6173-E(1): Education For Homeless Children

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

**DISTRICT EXPLANATION OF DECISION
RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY, SCHOOL SELECTION, OR ENROLLMENT**

Instructions: The following form provides notice and explanation to a student's parent/guardian or an unaccompanied youth regarding the district's decision related to student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment.

Date: _____ Name of person completing form: _____
Title: _____ Phone number: _____

In accordance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11431-11435), this notification is being provided to either:

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): _____
Name of unaccompanied student: _____

School requested: _____
District's placement decision (name of school): _____

Action(s) proposed/refused by the district related to eligibility, school selection, or enrollment:

The district's determination regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment was based upon the following evidence and for the following reasons:

Other options that the district considered, if any, included the following options which were rejected for the following reasons:

Factors relevant to the district's decision and information related to the eligibility or best interest determination including the facts, witnesses, and evidence relied upon and their sources, if any:

You have the right to appeal this decision to the district Superintendent. To do so, contact the district's homeless liaison listed below within the next _____ (insert number of days) days to request a Dispute Form. You may provide written or verbal documentation to support your position, and may also seek the assistance of social services, advocates, and/or service providers in the dispute process. The Superintendent or designee will review all the evidence and will notify you of their decision within _____ (insert number of days) days.

If you are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, you may appeal to the _____ (insert county name) County Office of Education. If you are not satisfied with the county office's decision, you may then appeal to

the California Department of Education. The district's homeless liaison can assist you with this appeal.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

District Liaison: The district liaison is one of the primary contacts between families experiencing homelessness and school or district staff. The district liaison for homeless students is responsible for coordinating services to ensure that students experiencing homelessness enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically, and mediates enrollment disputes as needed.

Name of district's homeless liaison: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone number: _____

County Liaison: If you appeal the district's decision to the county office of education, the district liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the homeless liaison at the county office. The county liaison will review the materials and determine the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision within five working days of receiving the materials. The county liaison will notify you of the decision.

Name of County Office of Education homeless liaison: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone number: _____

State Coordinator: If you appeal the county office's decision to the California Department of Education, the county homeless liaison shall forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the State Homeless Coordinator. The state coordinator will review the district, county office, and parent/guardian information and will notify you of the decision within ten working days of receiving the materials.

Name of state homeless coordinator: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone number: _____

RIGHTS:

Pending the final resolution of this dispute, including the period of all appeals, the student has the right to immediately enroll in the school requested and to participate fully in school activities at that school.

Exhibit 6173-E(2): Education For Homeless Children

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DISPUTE FORM

Instructions: This form is to be completed by a parent/guardian or student when a dispute regarding enrollment has arisen. As an alternative to completing this form, the information on this form may be shared verbally with the district's liaison for homeless students.

Date submitted: _____
Student's name: _____
Name of person completing form: _____
Relation to student: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone number: _____

Name of school requested: _____

I wish to appeal the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision made by:
 District liaison District Superintendent County office of education liaison

Reason for the appeal: You may include an explanation to support your appeal in this space or provide your explanation verbally.

I have been provided with:
 A written explanation of the district's decision
 Contact information for the district's homeless liaison
 Contact information for the county office of education's homeless liaison
 Contact information for the state homeless coordinator

Policy 6173.1: Education For Foster Youth

Status: DRAFT

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The Governing Board recognizes that foster youth may face significant barriers to achieving academic success due to their family circumstances, disruption to their educational program, and their emotional, social, and other health needs that may be addressed with the provision of a safe, positive learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and that promotes students' self-esteem and academic achievement.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide foster youth with full access to the district's educational program and implement strategies necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of foster youth. Additionally, as identified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to build a foster youth's feeling of connectedness with school, including, but not limited to, strategies that promote positive discipline and conflict resolution, the development of resiliency and interpersonal skills, and the involvement of foster parents, group home administrators, and/or other caretakers in school programs and activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for foster youth are based on the students' best interests as defined in law and as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall designate a staff person as the district liaison for foster youth to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth.

The Superintendent or designee and district liaison shall ensure that all appropriate staff, including, but not limited to, each principal, school registrar, and attendance clerk, receive training on the enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth and other related rights.

To address the needs of foster youth and help ensure the maximum utilization of available funds, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local agencies and officials including, but not limited to, the county placing agency, social services, probation officers, and juvenile court officers. The Superintendent or designee shall explore the feasibility of entering into agreements with these groups to coordinate services and protect the rights of foster youth.

At least annually and in accordance with the established timelines, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the outcomes for foster youth regarding the goals and specific actions identified in the LCAP, including, but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade level, graduation rates, and suspension/expulsion rates. As necessary, evaluation data shall be used to determine and recommend revisions to the LCAP for improving or increasing services for foster youth.

Regulation 6173.1: Education For Foster Youth

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Definitions

Foster youth, foster child, or student in foster care means any of the following: (Education Code 42238.01, 42921, 48853.5)

1. A child who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 300, regardless of whether the child has been removed from the child's home by the juvenile court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 319 or 361
2. A child who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 602, regardless of whether the child has been removed from the child's home
3. A child who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 602, has been removed from the child's home by the juvenile court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 727, and is in foster care as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code 727.4(d)
4. A nonminor who is under the transition jurisdiction of a juvenile court, as described in Welfare and Institutions Code 450, and satisfies the criteria specified in Education Code 42238.01
5. A child who has been removed from the youth's home pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 309
6. A dependent child of the court of an Indian tribe, consortium of tribes, or tribal organization who is the subject of a petition filed in the tribal court pursuant to the court's jurisdiction in accordance with the tribe's law
7. A child who is the subject of a voluntary placement agreement, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code 11400(p)
8. A child who is detained in a county-operated juvenile detention facility, or a child who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 602 and has been identified by a county child welfare agency, a probation department, or an Indian tribe that entered into an agreement pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 10553.1 as being at imminent risk of removal and placement into foster care

Person holding the right to make educational decisions means a responsible adult appointed by a court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 361 or 726.

School of origin means the school that the foster youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the foster youth was last enrolled. If the school the foster youth attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which the foster youth was last enrolled, or if there is another school that the foster youth attended with which the foster youth is connected and that the foster youth attended within the preceding 15 months, the district liaison, in consultation with, and with the agreement of, the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth shall determine, in the best interests of the foster youth, the school that shall be deemed the school of origin. If a foster youth is also a student with a disability and attends a certified nonpublic, nonsectarian school, then that school shall be deemed to be the school of origin. (Education Code 48853.5)

Best interests of a foster youth means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a foster youth, consideration is given to, among other factors, the proximity to the school at the time of placement, appropriateness of the educational setting, educational stability, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress, and the foster youth's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students. (Education Code 48850, 48853; 20 USC 6311)

District Liaison

The Superintendent designates the following position as the district's liaison for foster youth: (Education Code 48853.5)

School Counselors: Arena Elementary, 707-882-2131
Point Arena High, 707-882-2134

The liaison for foster youth shall:

1. Ensure and facilitate the proper educational placement, enrollment in school, and checkout from school of students in foster care (Education Code 48853.5)
2. Ensure proper transfer of credits, records, and grades when students in foster care transfer from one school to another or from one district to another (Education Code 48645.5, 48853.5)

When a student in foster care is enrolling in a district school, the liaison 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. When a foster youth is transferring to a new school, the liaison shall provide the student's records to the new school within two business days of receiving the new school's request. (Education Code 48853.5)

3. Notify a foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker when a foster youth is undergoing any expulsion or other disciplinary proceeding including a manifestation determination for a foster youth who is a student with a disability, prior to a change in the foster youth's placement (Education Code 48853.5, 48911, 48915.5, 48918.1)
4. As needed, make appropriate referrals to ensure that students in foster care receive necessary special education services and services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973
5. As needed, ensure that students in foster care receive appropriate school-based services, such as counseling and health services, supplemental instruction, and after-school services
6. Develop protocols and procedures for creating awareness for district staff, including principals, school registrars, and attendance clerks, of the requirements for the proper enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth
7. Collaborate with the county office of education, county placing agency, county child welfare agency, county probation department, juvenile court, and other appropriate agencies to help coordinate instruction, counseling, tutoring, mentoring vocational training, and other related services for the district's foster youth
8. Monitor the educational progress of foster youth and provide reports to the Superintendent or designee and the Governing Board based on indicators identified in the district's local control and accountability plan

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor the liaison's caseload, as well as additional duties outside of the foster youth program, to ensure that adequate time and resources are provided to meet the needs of foster youth in the district.

Enrollment

A student placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home within the district shall attend programs operated by the district unless one of the following circumstances applies: (Education Code 48853, 48853.5)

1. The student has an individualized education program requiring placement in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency or in another local educational agency
2. The parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student determines that it is in the best interests of the student to be placed in another education program and submits a written statement to the district indicating that determination and an awareness of the following:
 - a. The student has a right to attend a regular public school in the least restrictive environment
 - b. The alternate education program is a special education program, if applicable
 - c. The decision to unilaterally remove the student from the district school and to place the student in an alternate education program may not be financed by the district

- d. Any attempt to seek reimbursement for the alternate education program may be at the expense of the parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student
3. At the initial placement or any subsequent change in placement, the student exercises the right to continue in the school of origin, as defined above

In any such circumstance, the following shall apply:

- a. The student may continue in the school of origin for the duration of the court's jurisdiction
- b. If the court's jurisdiction over a grade K-8 student is terminated prior to the end of a school year, the student may continue in the school of origin for the remainder of the school year
- c. If the court's jurisdiction is terminated while the student is in high school, the student may continue in the school of origin through graduation
- d. If the student is transitioning between school grade levels, the student shall be allowed to continue in the district in the same attendance area to provide the student the benefit of matriculating with the student's peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school in the district

A student who is transitioning to a middle school or high school shall be allowed to enroll in the school designated for matriculation in another school district.

The role of the liaison shall be advisory with respect to placement decisions and determination of the school of origin. (Education Code 48853.5)

The district liaison may, in consultation with and with the agreement of the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, recommend that the foster youth's right to attend the school of origin be waived and the foster youth be enrolled in any school that students living in the attendance area in which the foster youth resides are eligible to attend. All decisions shall be made in accordance with the foster youth's best interests. (Education Code 48853.5)

Prior to making any recommendation to move a foster youth from the school of origin, the liaison shall provide the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the youth with a written explanation of the basis for the recommendation and how the recommendation serves the youth's best interests. (Education Code 48853.5)

If the liaison, in consultation with the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth, agrees that the best interests of the foster youth would be served by a transfer to a school other than the school of origin, the principal or designee of the new school shall immediately enroll the foster youth, regardless of whether the foster youth: (Education Code 48853.5)

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and medical records, including, but not limited to, immunization records or other documentation

If the foster youth or a person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth disagrees with the liaison's enrollment recommendation, an appeal may be filed with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall make a determination within 30 calendar days of receipt of the appeal. Within 30 calendar days of receipt of the Superintendent's decision, the foster youth or the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster youth may appeal that decision to the Board. The Board shall consider the issue at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board's decision shall be final.

If any dispute arises regarding the request of a foster youth to remain in the school of origin, the foster youth has the right to remain in the school of origin pending resolution of the dispute. (Education Code 48853.5)

When the district offers an intersession program, priority access shall be given to students who are foster youth. If a foster student will be moving during an intersession period, the student's educational rights holder, or Indian custodian in the case of an Indian child, shall determine which school the student attends for the intersession period.

(Education Code 48853.5)

Transportation

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine how transportation will be provided, arranged, and funded in a cost-effective manner to enable a foster youth to remain in the school of origin, for the duration of the time spent in foster care, when it is in the foster youth's best interest to do so. Such transportation costs may be paid by either the child welfare agency or the district, or shared by both. (20 USC 6312)

Any fees that the district charges for home-to-school transportation and other transportation as expressly provided by law shall be waived for foster youth. (Education Code 39807.5)

Effect of Absences on Grades

The grades of a student in foster care shall not be lowered for any absence from school that is due to either of the following circumstances: (Education Code 49069.5)

1. A decision by a court or placement agency to change the student's placement, in which case the grades shall be calculated as of the date the student left school
2. A verified court appearance or related court-ordered activity

Transfer of Coursework and Credits

When a foster student transfers into a district school, the student's coursework and credits shall be transferred as specified in Education Code 51225.2 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit.

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

A foster student who transfers to a district school shall be expected to complete all courses and fulfill graduation requirements as specified in Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements, unless the student has completed the second year of high school and thereby exempted from such requirements in accordance with Education Code 51225.1.

Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

A foster youth whose residence changes pursuant to a court order or decision of a child welfare worker shall be immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities. (Education Code 48850)

Notification and Complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of foster youth shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of foster youth may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. If the district finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. A complainant not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) and shall receive a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of CDE's receipt of the appeal. If CDE finds merit in an appeal, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

Policy 6173.2: Education Of Children Of Military Families

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The Governing Board recognizes that children of military families face challenges to their academic success caused by the frequent moves or deployments of their parents/guardians in fulfillment of military service. The district shall provide such students with academic resources, services, and opportunities for extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all district students.

The Superintendent or designee may waive district policies or rules when necessary to facilitate the enrollment, placement, advancement, eligibility for extracurricular activities, or on-time graduation of children of military families, in accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children as ratified in Education Code 49700-49704.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information and/or training to administrators, other appropriate district staff, and military families regarding the provisions of the Interstate Compact and the educational rights of children of military families.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians, school liaison officers from military installations, and/or other agencies within and outside the state to facilitate the transition of children of military families into and out of the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board and the public on the educational outcomes of children of military families. Such reports may include, but are not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention rates by grade levels, and graduation rates.

Regulation 6173.2: Education Of Children Of Military Families

Status: DRAFT

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Definitions

Children of military families are school-aged children in the household of: (Education Code 49701)

1. Members who are in full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including any member of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty order pursuant to 10 USC 1209 or 1211
2. Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired, for one year after their medical discharge or retirement
3. Members of the uniformed services who have died while on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty, for one year after their death

Uniformed services means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Public Health Services. (Education Code 49071)

Enrollment and Residency

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate the enrollment of children of military families and ensure that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of their records from previous school districts and/or variations in entrance or age requirements. (Education Code 49701)

A child of a military family shall be deemed to meet district residency requirements if the parent/guardian, while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order, is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state. The Superintendent or designee shall accept electronic submission of such a student's application for enrollment, including enrollment in a specific school or program within the district, and for course registration. (Education Code 48204.3)

When a child of a military family is transferring into the district, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll the student based on unofficial education records, if official records are not yet available. Upon enrollment, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately request the student's official records from the student's previous district. The Superintendent or designee shall allow the student 30 days from the date of enrollment to obtain all required immunizations. (Education Code 49701, 56325)

If the child of a military family is a student with disabilities, the district shall take reasonable steps to promptly obtain, from the previous school in which the student was enrolled, the student's records, including the individualized education program (IEP) and supporting documents and any other records relating to the provision of special education and related services to the student. (Education Code 56325)

A child of a military family shall be allowed to continue attending the school of origin, regardless of any change of residence of the family during that school year, for the duration of the student's status as a child of a military family. (Education Code 48204.6)

To provide a child of a military family the benefit of matriculating with peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of the district, the following shall apply: (Education Code 48204.6)

1. If the student is transitioning between grade levels, the student shall be allowed to continue in the school district of origin in the same school attendance areas
2. If the student is transitioning to a middle or high school and the school designated for matriculation is in another district, the student shall be allowed to continue to the school designated for matriculation in that school district

The principal or designee of the new school shall ensure that the student is immediately enrolled even if the student has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or moneys due to the school last attended or is unable to produce clothing or records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, including, but not limited to, records or other proof of immunization history pursuant to Health and Safety Code 120325-120480, proof of residency, other documentation, or school uniforms. (Education Code 48204.6)

If the student's status changes during a school year due to the end of military service of the student's parent/guardian, the following shall apply: (Education Code 48204.6)

1. If the student is in grades K-8, the student shall be allowed to continue attending the school of origin through the duration of that academic school year
2. If the student is in high school, the student shall be allowed to continue attending the school of origin through graduation

A child of an active military duty parent/guardian shall not be prohibited from transferring out of the district, if the school district of proposed enrollment approves the application for transfer. (Education Code 46600, 48307)

When a child of a military family is transferring out of the district, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student's parents/guardians with a complete set of the student's records or, if the official student record cannot be released, an unofficial or "hand-carried" record. Upon request from the new district, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the student's record to the new district within 10 days. (Education Code 49701)

Transportation

The Superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, provide transportation to enable a child of a military family to attend the school of origin or to matriculate to a feeder school as described above, except when indicated in the IEP of a student with a disability or otherwise required by federal law. (Education Code 48204.6)

Placement

Whenever a student's parent/guardian is serving on active duty or has been discharged from military service within the last year and the student transfers to a new school as the direct result of the military transfer or discharge, the Superintendent or designee may, prior to the receipt of official transcript(s) or the arrival of the student, review the student's coursework to date, including any unofficial transcript(s), to determine the appropriate placement of the student in classes. The evaluation shall also include communication with school counselors and teachers at the former school by videoconferencing, email, and/or telephone calls. (Education Code 51251)

The Superintendent or designee shall initially honor the placement of any child of a military family in educational courses and programs based on the student's enrollment and/or assessment in the previous school. The Superintendent or designee may, to the extent permitted by Board policy, waive course or program prerequisites, preconditions, and/or application deadlines when making decisions regarding placement of children of military families and their eligibility for extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities. (Education Code 49701)

When a child of a military family transferring into the district has been identified as an individual with a disability pursuant to 20 USC 1400-1482, the Superintendent or designee shall provide comparable services based on the student's current IEP. Additionally, when the child of a military family transferring into the district is eligible for services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of the student subject to the student's existing Section 504 plan. The district may authorize subsequent evaluations of the student to ensure appropriate placement. (Education Code 49701)

Transfer of Coursework and Credits

When a child of a military family transfers into a district school, the student's coursework and credits shall be transferred as specified in Education Code 51225.2 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.3 -

Reciprocity of Academic Credit.

Absences

When a student's parent/guardian is an active duty member and is called to duty for, is on leave from, or is immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or to combat support posting, the Superintendent or designee may grant additional excused absences to the student to visit with the parent/guardian. (Education Code 49701)

Graduation Requirements

A child of a military family who transfers to a district school shall be expected to complete all courses and fulfill graduation requirements as specified in Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements, unless the student has completed the second year of high school and thereby exempted from such requirements in accordance with Education Code 51225.1.

Regulation 6173.3: Education For Juvenile Court School Students

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The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the County Superintendent of Schools and the county probation department to facilitate the transition of students from a juvenile court school into the regular schools of the district. Such collaboration may include, but not be limited to, the development of data-sharing systems, communication strategies, and other structures that aid in the enrollment, placement, and continuous educational progress of such students.

Enrollment

A former juvenile court school student transferring into a regular district school shall be immediately enrolled in the school. The Superintendent or designee shall not deny enrollment to a student solely on the basis of an arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code 48645.5)

Transfer of Coursework and Credits

When a former juvenile court school student transfers into a district school, the student's coursework and credits shall be transferred as specified in Education Code 51225.2 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit.

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

If a student completes district graduation requirements while being detained in a juvenile facility, the district shall issue the student a diploma from the school the student last attended, unless the County Superintendent issues the diploma. (Education Code 48645.5)

A former juvenile court school student who transfers to a district school shall be expected to complete all courses and fulfill graduation requirements as specified in Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements, unless the student has completed the second year of high school and thereby exempted from such requirements in accordance with Education Code 51225.1.

Policy 6173.4: Education For American Indian Students

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: 10/11/2023

The Governing Board recognizes that American Indian students may have unique cultural, language, and educational needs that may be addressed by increasing student knowledge about American Indian history, including the history and culture of local tribes, and by providing American Indian students with access to education and other services necessary for such students to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all students with culturally relevant curriculum related to local American Indian tribes and implement strategies necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of American Indian students.

In order to discuss, gain a shared understanding of, and develop curriculum for use within the district, and to identify the extent and nature of any achievement gaps between American Indian students and other district students, and strategies to address any such gaps, the district may form a California Indian Education Task Force with tribes local to the region. Participants in the task force meetings may consider issues of mutual concern, which include: (Education Code 33391)

1. Developing a thorough, shared understanding of accurate, high-quality curricular materials about the history, culture, and government of local tribes, and developing such materials for use within the district that include tribal experiences and perspectives
2. Developing a shared understanding of proper or improper instructional materials when these materials use depictions of Native Americans
3. Encouraging the adoption of the curriculum developed by the California Indian Education Task Force
4. Identifying the extent and nature of any achievement gap between American Indian students and other students, and strategies necessary to close it

If formed, the California Indian Education Task Force shall, within one year and thereafter annually, submit a report to the California Department of Education on the findings, including progress of work on Items #1-4, above. (Education Code 33391)

The Superintendent or designee shall identify American Indian students most at-risk of not meeting state academic standards and provide to such students the needed support(s), including making referrals, as appropriate, for special education services or services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or other school-based services such as counseling and health services, supplemental instruction, before- or after-school services, and summer learning programs.

Suspension, expulsion, assignment to a supervised suspension classroom, or involuntary transfer to a continuation school of an American Indian student shall be in accordance with law and as specified in Administrative Regulation 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, Administrative Regulation 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities), and Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6184 - Continuation Education.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide programs to facilitate the successful transition of American Indian students to post-secondary education and employment, which may include college and career fairs as specified in Board Policy 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services and Board Policy 6178 - Career Technical Education, apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, mentorship programs, and counseling services.

As needed, the Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development to teachers and other school staff to assist them in understanding and responding to the unique needs of American Indian students.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the outcomes of American Indian students including, but not limited to, school attendance, student achievement test results, promotion and retention by grade level, graduation rates, and suspension/expulsion rates.

Title VI Indian Education Program

With the assistance of federal Title VI funding for the education of children from federally recognized tribes, the district shall offer programs and activities to meet the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian students, as defined in 20 USC 7491. Program objectives and outcomes shall be based on state academic standards. (20 USC 7424)

In developing, implementing, and evaluating Title VI programs and activities, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with and involve parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and other community representatives. (20 USC 7424)

The district shall establish a committee that is composed of, and selected by, parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students, representatives of tribes on tribal lands located within 50 miles of any district school that serves any children of the tribes, teachers, and, if appropriate, American Indian students enrolled in secondary schools in the district. The majority of the committee shall be parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students. The committee shall participate in program development and provide written approval for the program. (20 USC 7424)

The district's Title VI program for American Indian education may include any of the following services and activities: (20 USC 7425)

1. Activities that support Native American language programs and Native American language restoration programs, which may be taught by traditional leaders
2. Culturally related activities that support the district's program
3. Early childhood and family programs that emphasize school readiness
4. Enrichment programs that focus on problem solving and cognitive skills development and directly support the attainment of state academic standards
5. Integrated educational services in combination with other programs that meet the needs of American Indian students and their families, including programs that promote parent/guardian involvement in school activities and increase student achievement
6. Career preparation activities that enable American Indian students to participate in career technical education programs, including programs for mentoring and apprenticeship
7. Activities to educate individuals so as to prevent violence, suicide, and substance abuse
8. The acquisition of equipment that is essential to achieve program goals
9. Activities that promote the incorporation of culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies into the district's educational program
10. Family literacy services
11. Activities that recognize and support the unique cultural and educational needs of American Indian students, and incorporate appropriately qualified tribal elders and seniors
12. Dropout prevention strategies for American Indian students
13. Strategies to meet the educational needs of American Indian students in correctional facilities, including such strategies that support American Indian students who are transitioning from such facilities to schools served by the district

Any federal funds received to support American Indian education programs shall be used to supplement, not supplant, state or local funds allocated for such purposes. (20 USC 7424)

Program funds may be used to support a Title I schoolwide program pursuant to 20 USC 6314 if approved by the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, provided that the schoolwide program is consistent with the purpose of American Indian education programs and the district's application identifies how the use of such funds in a schoolwide program will produce benefits to American Indian students that would not be achieved if not used in a schoolwide program. (20 USC 7424)

As needed, professional development shall be provided to teachers and other school staff to assist them in working with American Indian students and carrying out Title VI programs. (20 USC 7424)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of the information establishing the status of each student as an American Indian student eligible for assistance through the federal American Indian education program. (20 USC 7427)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically assess the progress of all American Indian students, including American Indian students who do not participate in programs funded through Title VI, in meeting program goals and objectives. Assessment results shall be provided to the Board, the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, tribes whose children are served by the district, and the community. (20 USC 7424)

Policy 6175: Migrant Education Program

Status: DRAFT

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The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive program for students who are migratory that attempts to mitigate the impact of educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, health-related problems, and other factors that may inhibit their ability to succeed in school. The district shall make use of available funds to provide supplementary services for students who are migratory.

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the regional migrant service center in outreach and identification of eligible students who are migratory and in the provision of migrant education services. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate migrant education services with other programs within the district and with other public agencies that serve migrant workers and their families.

The district shall give first priority for services to students who are migratory and have made a qualifying move within the previous one year period, and are failing or are most at risk of failing to meet state academic standards or have dropped out of school. (20 USC 6394, 6399)

The district shall provide services to eligible private school students residing within the district on an equitable basis with participating public school students. (20 USC 7881; 34 CFR 200.87)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student who is migratory is placed at the appropriate grade level upon enrollment and is provided services in accordance with an individual needs assessment and learning plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board regarding student performance on statewide assessments of core academic subjects and English language development, as appropriate, for students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the alignment of district services with the needs of students as identified in student needs assessments conducted pursuant to Education Code 54443.1. As necessary, the Board shall seek technical assistance from the migrant education regional service center and/or make changes in the services provided by the district in order to improve student achievement.

Regulation 6175: Migrant Education Program

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Eligibility

Students 3 to 21 years of age shall be eligible for the district's migrant education program if they, their parents/guardians, or their spouses are migratory agricultural workers or fishers who, in the preceding 36 months, moved into the district due to economic necessity and engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in agriculture or fishing. If such employment was not secured soon after the move, students may be considered students who are migratory if the student, the student's parents/guardians, or the student's spouse actively sought such new employment and have a recent history of moves for temporary or seasonal agricultural or fishing employment. (20 USC 6399; 34 CFR 200.81)

A student who ceases to be a student who is migratory during a school term shall be eligible for services until the end of the term. If comparable services are not available through other programs, a student who is no longer migratory may continue to receive services for one additional school year. Students who were eligible for services in secondary school may continue to be served through credit accrual programs until graduation. (20 USC 6394)

Enrollment

A student who is migratory shall be immediately enrolled in the district even if the student: (Education Code 48204.7)

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended
2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, medical records, including, but not limited to, records or other proof of immunization history, or other documentation

If a student who is migratory experiences a change in residence, the student may remain enrolled in the school of origin for the duration of the student's status as a student who is migratory. (Education Code 48204.7)

If a student's status as a student who is migratory changes during a school year, the Superintendent or designee shall allow the student to continue at the school of origin through the duration of that school year or, if the student is enrolled in a high school, through graduation. (Education Code 48204.7)

A student who is migratory and is transitioning between school grade levels shall be allowed to continue in the district of origin in the same attendance area to provide the student the benefit of matriculating with peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school districts. A student who is migratory and is transitioning to a middle school or high school designated for matriculation in another school district shall be allowed to enroll in that school. (Education Code 48204.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform a student who is migratory and the student's parent/guardian of the impact of remaining in the school of origin on the student's eligibility to receive migrant education services pursuant to Education Code 54440-54445. (Education Code 48204.7)

The Superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, provide transportation to enable a student who is migratory to attend the school of origin, unless otherwise required by federal law, or provide programs for online instruction as a substitute for physical attendance. (Education Code 48204.7)

Student Records

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records documenting the eligibility of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. However, the district shall not collect information or documents regarding the

citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members for the purpose of determining eligibility for migrant education services.

The Superintendent or designee shall acquire education and health records from the previous school districts of a student who is migratory, as appropriate.

When a student who is migratory transfers to another district, the student's records shall be provided to the receiving district upon request at no cost in order to assist that district in meeting the needs of the student. (20 USC 6398)

Program Components

The migrant education program shall include all of the following components: (Education Code 54443.1)

1. A general needs assessment summarizing the needs of the population to be served
2. A comprehensive program to meet the educational, health, and related needs of participating students which supplements the district program and includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Instructional services, including academic, remedial and compensatory, bilingual-crosscultural, and career technical instruction
 - b. Counseling and career education services
 - c. Preschool services in accordance with Education Code 54443
 - d. Other educational services that are not otherwise available in sufficient quantity or quality to eligible students who are migratory
 - e. The acquisition of instructional materials and equipment necessary to adequately provide the appropriate services
 - f. Other related services to meet the special needs of eligible students who are migratory to enable them to participate effectively in instructional services
 - g. The coordination and teaming of existing resources serving students who are migratory, such as bilingual-crosscultural education, health screening, and compensatory education
3. Individual assessment of the educational and relevant health needs of each participating student, within 30 days of enrollment, including assessments concurrently provided pursuant to compensatory education, bilingual-crosscultural education, school improvement programs, and other programs serving the student
4. A brief individual learning plan listing the services to be provided to each student, which shall be given to the parent/guardian in writing or at a parent/guardian conference, annually and when the student moves to a new district
5. Staffing and staff development plans and practices to meet the needs of students and implement the program
6. Parent/guardian and community involvement as specified in Education Code 54444.2, including, but not necessarily limited to, the establishment of a parent/guardian advisory council to actively involve parents/guardians in planning, operating, and evaluating the district's migrant education program
7. The migrant education program shall provide for the same opportunities for parent/guardian involvement that are provided to parents/guardians for federal Title I programs. (20 USC 6394)
8. Evaluations which include annual student progress and overall program effectiveness and quality control reports

Summer School and Extended School Year Program

The district shall conduct summer school program(s) for eligible students who are migratory. The summer school program shall respond to the individual needs of participating students and shall build on and be consistent with the instructional programs offered to these students during the regular school year. Coursework shall be of the same level of difficulty in each subject as that provided to students enrolled in regular classes of instruction within the district in the preceding year. (Education Code 54444.3)

Teachers in the summer school program shall have cultural training or background and understanding of the special needs of students who are migratory and possess the proper credential for the subjects and grade levels to which they are assigned. (Education Code 54444.3)

The program shall comply with the following requirements for instructional time: (Education Code 54444.3)

1. For kindergarten class, a minimum of 180 minutes per day, including recesses, for not less than 20 instructional days
2. For grades 1-8, a minimum of 200 minutes per day, including recesses and passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 20 instructional days
3. For grades 7-12, a minimum of 240 minutes per day, including passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 30 instructional days

The number of instructional days may be less than as described above if, during the summer school program, there is a holiday for which schools are required to be closed. (Education Code 37220, 54444.3).

When district facilities that are suitable for the summer climate are available, the district shall make facilities available at cost to other agencies that request facilities for the operation of migrant summer school programs, unless just cause for denial exists. When approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the district may jointly offer facilities with a neighboring district to meet the needs of the migrant summer school program for the entire area. (Education Code 54444.3)

If the district receives authorization and average daily attendance funding from the California Department of Education to provide an extended school year program to students who are migratory who, due to family movement, enroll in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1-6, on or after March 1 of the school year and depart on or before December 1 of the next school year, the Superintendent or designee shall operate the program in accordance with Education Code 41601.6

Transfer of Coursework and Credits

When a student who is migratory transfers into a district school, the student's coursework and credits shall be transferred as specified in Education Code 51225.2 and Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit.

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

A student who is migratory that transfers to a district school shall be expected to complete all courses and fulfill graduation requirements as specified in Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements, unless the student has completed the second year of high school and is thereby exempted from such requirements in accordance with Education Code 51225.1.

Parent Advisory Council

The parent advisory council shall be comprised of members who are knowledgeable of the needs of students who are migratory and shall be elected by the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. The composition of the council shall be determined by the parents/guardians at a general meeting to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited. The parents/guardians shall be informed, in a language they understand, that they have the sole authority to decide on the composition of the council. (Education Code 54444.2)

At least two-thirds of the advisory council shall consist of parents/guardians of students who are migratory.

(Education Code 54444.2)

All parent/guardian candidates for the council shall be nominated by parents/guardians. Nonparent candidates, such as teachers, administrators, other school personnel, or students, shall be nominated by the groups they represent. All other community candidates shall be nominated by the parents/guardians. (Education Code 54444.2)

The parent/guardian advisory council shall meet at least six times during the year and shall: (Education Code 54444.4)

1. Establish program goals, objectives, and priorities
2. Review annual needs and year-end assessments, program activities for each school, and individual learning plans
3. Advise on the selection, development, and reassignment of migrant education program staff
4. Participate actively in planning and negotiating program applications and service agreements
5. Perform all other responsibilities required under state and federal laws or regulations

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement a training program for advisory council members to enable them to carry out their responsibilities. The training program shall be developed in consultation with the council and shall include appropriate training materials in a language understandable to each member. (Education Code 54444.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the council, without charge, a copy of all applicable state and federal migrant education statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines, audits, monitoring reports, and evaluations. Upon request, these materials also shall be provided without charge to each member of the council. (Education Code 54444.2)

Bylaw 9250: Remuneration, Reimbursement And Other Benefits

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Compensation

Each member of the Governing Board shall be provided monthly compensation of \$ _____, less any amounts deducted for meeting absences which are not excused by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

Board members are not required to accept the monthly compensation.

On an annual basis, the Board may amend this Bylaw to increase the compensation of Board members beyond the limit delineated in Education Code 35120 in an amount not to exceed five percent based on the present monthly rate of compensation. (Education Code 35120)

A Board member who is absent from a Board meeting shall not receive the pro rata monthly compensation for that meeting unless the Board finds, via resolution, that at the time of the Board meeting the Board member was absent due to the need to perform services for the district, illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

Student Board member compensation shall be provided in accordance with Board Bylaw 9150 - Student Board Members.

Whenever a quorum of Board members serves as another legislative body which will meet simultaneously or in serial order to a Board meeting, the Board clerk or a member of the Board shall, when required by law, verbally announce the amount of any additional compensation or stipend that each member will be entitled to receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial meeting. (Government Code 54952.3)

Reimbursement of Expenses

The district shall reimburse individual Board members for actual and necessary expenses incurred when performing authorized services for the district, including services directed by the Board. The timelines and procedures for reimbursement shall be the same as those established for district personnel and at the same rate of reimbursement. (Education Code 31560, 35044; Government Code 8314)

All other expenses, including personal expenses, shall be the responsibility of individual Board members and shall not be paid or reimbursed by the district. (Government Code 8314)

Personal expenses shall include, but are not limited to, the personal portion of any trip, tips or gratuities, alcohol, entertainment, laundry, expenses of any family member who is accompanying the Board member on district-related business, personal use of an automobile, and personal losses and traffic violation fees incurred while on district business.

Any Board member with questions regarding the propriety of a particular type of expense shall seek and receive guidance from the Superintendent or designee before the expense is incurred.

Credit Cards

Board members may use district-issued credit cards while on official district business and consistent with the limits established for district personnel. Personal expenses shall not be charged on a district-issued credit card, even if the Board member intends to subsequently reimburse the district for the personal charges.

Bylaw 9320: Meetings And Notices

Status: DRAFT

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Meetings of the Governing Board are conducted for the purpose of accomplishing district business. The Board may meet in open session or closed session, as necessary, in accordance with applicable open meeting laws (Brown Act), and Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance, Board Bylaw 9321 - Closed Session, Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials, and Board Bylaw 9323 - Meeting Conduct.

A Board meeting exists whenever a majority of Board members gathers at the same time and location, including remotely or electronically, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action upon any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

In accordance with Board Bylaw 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications, a majority of the Board shall not use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries or technology, including official or personal social media accounts, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

However, the Superintendent or designee may engage in separate conversations or communications with Board members in order to answer questions or provide information regarding any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, as long as that employee or district official does not communicate the comments or position of any Board members to other Board members. (Government Code 54952.2)

Regular Meetings

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Board shall hold one regular Board meeting each month starting at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Point Arena High School Library, 270 Lake St., Point Arena, CA 95468.

At least 72 hours prior to a regular Board meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public, on the district's website, and at any location required by Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance. (Government Code 54954.2)

Consistent with Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials, whenever agenda materials relating to an open session of a regular Board meeting are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the materials available for public inspection at a public office or location designated for that purpose. The records shall be posted on the district website at the time the materials are distributed to all or a majority of the Board if distributed outside of business hours. (Government Code 54957.5)

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the presiding officer or a majority of the Board members on any topic within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board unless otherwise prohibited by law or as specified in BB 9323.2 - Actions by the Board. (Government Code 54956)

At least 24 hours before the noticed start time, written notice of a special Board meeting shall be: (Government Code 54953.8, 54953.8.3, 54956)

1. Delivered personally or by any other means to all Board members and the local media who have requested such notice in writing
2. Posted on the district's website and in a location freely accessible to the public.
3. Posted in any location required by Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance

The notice shall specify the time and location of the special Board meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered. (Education Code 35144; Government Code 54956)

Any Board member may waive the 24-hour written notice requirement prior to the time of the special Board meeting by filing a written waiver of notice with the clerk or secretary of the Board or by being present at the

meeting at the time it convenes. (Education Code 35144; Government Code 54956)

Emergency Meetings

In the case of an emergency situation for which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, the Board may hold an emergency Board meeting as long as it complies with all requirements of a special Board meeting, except the 24-hour notice and/or 24-hour posting requirements. (Government Code 54956.5)

The Board may meet in closed session during an emergency Board meeting so long as two-thirds of the members present at the meeting agree or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by unanimous vote of the members present. (Government Code 54956.5)

Except in the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give notice of the emergency Board meeting by telephone or email at least one hour before the meeting to the local media that have requested notice of special Board meetings. As applicable, all telephone numbers or email addresses provided by the media in the most recent request for notification shall be exhausted. If telephone or internet services are not functioning, the notice requirement of one hour is waived and, as soon after the emergency Board meeting as possible, the Board shall notify those media representatives of the meeting and shall describe the purpose of the meeting and any action taken by the Board. In the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give such notice at or near the time notification as is given to the other members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.5)

The minutes of the emergency Board meeting, a list of persons the Board president or designee notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the roll call vote, and any actions taken at the meeting shall be posted for at least 10 days in a public place as soon as possible after the meeting. (Government Code 54956.5)

An *emergency* means a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.5)

A *dire emergency* means a crippling disaster, mass destruction, terrorist act, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring the Board to provide one-hour notice before holding an emergency Board meeting may endanger the public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.5)

Adjourned/Continued Meetings

The Board may adjourn/continue any regular or special Board meeting to a later time and location that shall be specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum of the Board may adjourn/continue such a meeting. If no Board members are present, the secretary or the clerk may declare the Board meeting adjourned/continued to a later time and location and shall give notice in the same manner required for special Board meetings. (Government Code 54955)

Within 24 hours after the time of adjournment/continuance, a copy of the order or notice of adjournment/continuance shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the location where the Board meeting was held. (Government Code 54955)

Study Sessions, Retreats, Public Forums, and Discussion Meetings

The Board may convene a study session or public forum to study an issue in more detail or to receive information from staff or feedback from members of the public. Additionally, the Board may convene a retreat to discuss Board roles and relationships. Any such Board meeting, regardless of title or topic, shall be held as a regular or special Board meeting, as appropriate, and shall comply with all other requirements for regular or special Board meetings. (Government Code 54956)

Other Gatherings

Attendance by a majority of Board members at any of the following events is not subject to the Brown Act provided that a majority of the Board members do not discuss specific district business among themselves other than as part of the scheduled program: (Government Code 54952.2)

1. A conference or similar public gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to school board members

2. An open, publicized meeting organized by a person or organization other than the district to address a topic of local community concern
3. An open and noticed meeting of another body of the district
4. An open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency
5. A purely social or ceremonial occasion
6. An open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of the Board established pursuant to Board Bylaw 9130 - Board Committees, provided that the Board members who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers

Individual contacts or conversations between a Board member and any other person that are not part of a series of communications prohibited by the Brown Act are permitted. (Government Code 54952.2)

Location of Meetings

Unless the Board is holding a remote Board meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency or local emergency in accordance with Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance, all Board meetings shall be held within district boundaries, except to do any of the following: (Government Code 54954)

1. Comply with state or federal law or court order or attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the district is a party
2. Inspect real or personal property which cannot conveniently be brought into the district, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the property
3. Participate in meetings or discussions of multiagency significance, provided these meetings are held within one of the other agencies' boundaries, with all participating agencies giving the notice required by law
4. Meet in the closest meeting facility if the district has no meeting facility within its boundaries or if its principal office is located outside the district
5. Meet with elected or appointed state or federal officials when a local meeting would be impractical, solely to discuss legislative or regulatory issues affecting the district over which the state or federal officials have jurisdiction
6. Meet in or near a facility owned by the district but located outside the district, provided the meeting agenda is limited to items directly related to that facility
7. Visit the office of the district's legal counsel to meet in closed session on pending litigation, when doing so would reduce legal fees or costs
8. Attend conferences on nonadversarial collective bargaining techniques
9. Interview residents of another district regarding the Board's potential employment of an applicant for Superintendent of the district
10. Interview a potential employee from another district

All Board meetings, regardless of location, shall comply with the applicable notice and open meeting requirements. Additionally, no such meeting may be held in a facility that prohibits the admittance of any person on the basis of ancestry or any characteristic listed in Government Code 11135, which is inaccessible to individuals with disabilities, or where members of the public must make a payment or purchase in order to be admitted. (Government Code 54961)

If a fire, flood, earthquake, or other emergency renders the posted regular or special Board meeting location unsafe and the deadline for posting the location has passed, the meeting shall be held at a location designated by the Board president or designee, who shall so inform all news media who have requested notice of meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956 by the most rapid available means of communication. (Government Code 54954)



Bylaw 9320.1: Remote Meetings and Attendance

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Governing Board recognizes the need, when permitted by law, to hold Board meetings in which the Board members meet remotely or in which individual Board members attend and participate remotely.

Definitions

Local emergency means either of the following that impacts persons under the jurisdiction of the district or property within the boundaries of the district: (Government Code 54953.8.2)

1. A condition of extreme peril proclaimed by a city, county, or city and county pursuant to Government Code 8630
2. A local health emergency proclaimed pursuant to Health and Safety Code 101080

Remote means not being physically present at the primary in-person location of a Board meeting, and includes the terms "teleconference" and "virtual."

Remote attendance and participation means the ability to attend and participate in a Board meeting by electronic means, through either audio or visual technology, or both.

Remote Board Member means a Board member, not physically present at the Board meeting, who nonetheless seeks to attend and participating in a Board meeting.

State of Emergency means state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Government Code 8625.

Traditional Method of Remote Attendance

A remote Board member may attend and participate in a Board meeting so long as all of the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54953)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
2. The meeting is conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the Board
3. The physical location of the remote Board member is open and accessible to the public during the meeting, except during closed session, such that members of the public may observe in person the remote Board member; may hear, listen to, or watch the meeting to the same extent as the remote Board member; and may make public comment during the same portion of the agenda as other members of the public from the same location as the remote Board member
4. The location from which the remote Board member will attend the meeting is noted in the agenda and the agenda is posted at that location in advance of the meeting as statutorily required based on the type of meeting
5. At least a quorum of the Board is within district boundaries

Remote Attendance as an Accommodation

A Board member with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that precludes the Board member from attending a Board meeting in person or from attending and participating remotely in a Board meeting using the method specified in "Traditional Method of Remote Attendance" above may request to attend and participate remotely as a reasonable accommodation for the Board member's disability.

If the request is granted based on the district's process for reviewing reasonable accommodations, the remote Board member shall be permitted to attend and participate in the Board meeting as long as the following requirements are met: (Government Code 54953)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
2. The remote Board member utilizes both audio and visual technology to participate in the meeting, except no visual technology shall be required if a physical condition related to their disability results in a need to participate off camera
3. The remote Board member publicly discloses, before any action is taken, whether any individual 18 years of age or older is present at the Board member's location and the general nature of the member's relationship with each such individual

In this circumstance, the following conditions are not required: (Government Code 54953)

1. Including the location of the remote Board member in the agenda
2. Making the location of the remote Board member open and accessible to the public
3. Posting the agenda at the location of the remote Board member

Additionally, in this circumstance, the remote Board member shall be considered to be attending in-person at the physical meeting location for all purposes, including any requirement that a quorum participate from any particular location. (Government Code 54953)

These requirements and conditions may be modified as required by law or the district may offer another reasonable accommodation as appropriate.

Remote Attendance Due to Just Cause

Beginning July 1, 2026, a remote Board member may attend and participate in a Board meeting based on any of the following "just cause" reasons: (Government Code 54953.8.3)

1. A childcare or caregiving need of a Board member's child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires the Board member to attend and participate remotely
2. A contagious illness that prevents a Board member from attending in person
3. A need related to a Board member's physical or mental condition not otherwise reasonably accommodated
4. A Board member is traveling while on official business of the Board or another state or local agency
5. An immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of a Board member requires the Board member to attend and participate remotely
6. A physical or family medical emergency prevents a Board member from attending in person
7. Military service obligations that result in a Board member being unable to attend in person because the Board member is serving under official written orders for active duty, drill, annual training, or any other duty required as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization that requires the Board member to be at least 50 miles outside the boundaries of the district

The remote Board member shall notify the Board at the earliest possible opportunity, including at the start of a Board meeting, of the need to attend and participate remotely for just cause, including the general circumstances of the Board member's need to attend and participate remotely. The remote Board member need not disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is otherwise exempt under existing law. The minutes for the Board meeting shall identify the specific provision that is the basis for the just cause. (Government Code 54953, 54953.8.3)

Additionally, when a remote Board member attends and participates in a Board meeting based on just cause, all of the following conditions shall be met: (Government Code 54953, 54953.8, 54953.8.3)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall

2. The meeting is conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the Board
3. The public is able to access the meeting via a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way audio service and a live webcast, with real-time public comment being allowed via the platform or service, in addition to public comment being available in person

The platform or service may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments as long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district.

4. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service and how members of the public can offer public comment
5. The minutes of the Board meeting state that the remote Board member attended and participated remotely
6. At least a quorum of the Board participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda and which is within district boundaries and is open to the public
7. The remote Board member utilizes both audio and visual technology to participate in the meeting
8. The remote Board member publicly discloses, before any action is taken, whether any individual 18 years of age or older is present at the Board member's location and the general nature of the member's relationship with each such individual

In this circumstance, the agenda need not include the location of the remote Board member or be posted at that location, and the location of the remote Board member need not be open and accessible to the public. (Government Code 54953, 54953.8)

The Board shall give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. (Government Code 54953.8)

If the platform or service is disrupted such that the public cannot access the meeting or give real-time public comment, the Board meeting may continue but the Board may not take action on any agenda item until public access to the meeting is restored. (Government Code 54953.8)

A remote Board member may attend and participate in no more than two Board meetings per year for just cause. (Government Code 54953.8.3)

A remote Board member's attendance and participation in multiple Board meetings that begin on the same calendar day shall only count as one Board meeting for purposes of this limit.

Remote Board Meetings During a Proclaimed State of Emergency

The Board may conduct a remote Board meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency or local emergency in either of the following circumstances: (Government Code 54953.8.2)

1. For the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency
2. When the Board, pursuant to Item #1 above, has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency

In either such circumstance, the Board may hold a remote Board meeting without: (Government Code 54953.8, 54953.8.2)

1. Including the location of Board members in the agenda
2. Making the locations of Board members open and accessible to the public

3. Posting the agenda at the locations of Board members
4. Having at least a quorum of the Board members within the district boundaries

When the Board holds such a meeting, all of the following shall be followed: (Government Code 54953.8, 54953.8.2)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
2. The public is able to access the meeting via a call-in or audiovisual platform or service, with real-time observation of the meeting and public comment being allowed via the platform or service

The platform or service may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments so long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district.

3. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service

The Board may continue to conduct all Board meetings remotely throughout one or more 45-day periods as long as, prior to the beginning of each 45-day period, the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the proclaimed state of emergency or local emergency and determined that it continues to directly impact the ability of the Board to meet safely in person. (Government Code 54953.8.2)

Bylaw 9322: Agenda/Meeting Materials

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Governing Board meeting agendas shall reflect the district's vision and goals and the Board's focus on student learning and well-being.

Each agenda shall state the meeting time and location(s) and shall briefly describe each item listed in the agenda, including items to be discussed in closed session in accordance with Board Bylaw 9321 - Closed Session. (Government Code 54954.2)

For a regular meeting, the Board may consider an item not included in the posted agenda in accordance with Board Bylaw 9323.2 - Actions by the Board.

Public Comment

The agenda shall provide members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item, including items to be considered in closed session in accordance with Board Bylaw 9321 - Closed Session and items listed on the consent agenda. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

As part of every open session item, there shall be an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on that item. The time set aside for public comment on each item shall last no longer than three minutes per speaker unless extended in accordance with Board Bylaw 9323 - Meeting Conduct. No member of the public may be permitted to speak more than once on each item.

The agenda need not provide an opportunity for public comment on an item that has previously been considered at an open meeting by a committee comprised exclusively of Board members, provided that all of the following conditions were met: (Government Code 54954.3)

1. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item
2. The item has not been substantially changed since the committee considered it
3. A quorum of the committee attended and participated in the committee meeting at which the item was considered from a singular physical location that was clearly identified on the agenda, open to the public, and situated within the boundaries of the district
4. Any other applicable provisions of Government Code 54954.3

Additionally, the agenda for a regular meeting shall provide members of the public with an opportunity to address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board which are not on the agenda. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

The notice and agenda shall include information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service and how members of the public can offer public comment if required pursuant to Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance.

Disability-Related Accommodations or Modifications

The agenda shall include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request for disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, may be made by an individual who requires accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting, as well as the procedure for receiving and resolving such requests as required by law. (Government Code 54953.8, 54954.2)

Each agenda for a regular meeting shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public

inspection of documents related to an open session item, or for records of a statement threatening litigation against the district to be discussed in closed session, when such documents have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

Each agenda shall include a statement regarding the option for students and parents/guardians to request that directory information or personal information of the student or parent/guardian, as defined in Education Code 49061 and/or 49073.2, be excluded from the minutes. Additionally, the agenda shall state that the request must be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board. (Education Code 49073.2)

Agenda Preparation

The Board president and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each meeting, including whether an item requires Board action and whether an item shall be considered in open or closed session.

Any member of the public, or an individual Board member acting in that Board member's capacity as a member of the public, may request that a matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information. (Education Code 35145.5)

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether such a request is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board shall not be placed on the agenda. Additionally, if the Board president and Superintendent determine that the request is merely a request for information, then the request shall not be placed on the agenda.

A Board member may request in writing, at a meeting as part of a related open session item, or at a meeting as part of an open session item intended for this purpose that a specific matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board be placed on an upcoming Board agenda. Within thirty (30) days of receiving the request, the Board member shall be informed by the Board president if the request has been approved or denied by the Board president and Superintendent.

If the request is approved, the Board president and Superintendent shall inform the Board member of the general timeframe that the matter will be placed on an agenda, on which part of the agenda the item will appear, and whether the item requires action by the Board. If the request is denied, the Board president and Superintendent fail to provide a response to the request, or the requesting Board member disagrees with the timeframe that the matter will be placed on an agenda, on which part of the agenda the item will appear, or whether the item requires action by the Board, then the Board member may appeal the response to the request to the Board. The Board president and Superintendent shall place the appeal on the next upcoming regular meeting agenda for Board action, but only as to whether, when, and how to agendize the requested matter. If a majority of the Board agrees with the appeal, the item will be considered in accordance with the decision of the majority of the Board.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda, except as required by law. Consent items shall be items of a routine nature for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval.

Agenda Dissemination to Board Members

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and all related materials such as the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, and others; and other available supporting documents pertinent to the meeting. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may distribute to the Board additional materials related to agenda items less than 72 hours before each regular meeting, as permitted by law.

When a special meeting is called, Board members shall receive the agenda and all related materials at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. (Government Code 54956)

Board members shall review the agenda and all related materials before each regular or special meeting. Individual Board members may confer directly with the Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not, outside of a noticed meeting, directly or through intermediaries or electronic means, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Regular Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

The agenda and all related materials distributed to the Board related to a regular meeting shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. However, only those documents which are disclosable public records under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting or which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the homepage of the district website. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the website with the district's agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

If a writing which relates to an open session agenda item or which contains a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session during a regular meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the writing available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. However, if the writing is distributed to at least a majority of the Board at a time when the designated location is closed to the public, this requirement may be satisfied by posting the writing on the district website if the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54957.5)

1. An initial staff report or similar document containing an executive summary and any staff recommendations related to the agenda item is made available for public inspection at the designated location at least 72 hours before the meeting
2. The writing is immediately posted on the district's website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for the upcoming meeting
3. The district lists the website address where such writings may be accessed on all Board meeting agendas
4. A physical copy of the document is made available for public inspection at the designated location at the beginning of the next regular business hours, but not less than 24 hours before the meeting

The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 54954.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall email a copy of, or a website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests such items to be delivered by email. If the Superintendent or designee determines that it is technologically infeasible to do so, a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet shall be sent to the person who has made the request in accordance with mailing requirements specified in law. (Government Code 54954.1)

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code 54954.1)

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during an open meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the CPRA. (Government Code 54957.5)

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54954.1)

Special Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

The requirements for the dissemination of regular meeting agendas and related materials and writings to members of the public found in "Regular Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public" shall be applicable to the dissemination of special meeting agendas and related materials and writings to members of the public except that the 24-hour requirement shall apply rather than the 72-hour requirement.

Bylaw 9323: Meeting Conduct

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Meeting Procedures

All Governing Board meetings shall begin on time and shall be guided by an agenda prepared in accordance with Board bylaws and posted and distributed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (open meeting requirements) and other applicable laws.

The Board chair, who is either the Board president or the Board member chairing the meeting at the time if the Board president is absent, shall conduct Board meetings in accordance with the Brown Act to enable the Board to efficiently consider issues and carry out the will of the majority.

The Board believes that late night meetings can deter public participation, affect the Board's decision-making ability, and be a burden to staff. Regular Board meetings shall be adjourned by 7:00 p.m. unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Board. The meeting shall be extended no more than once and, if necessary, may subsequently be adjourned to a later date.

When any Board member requests the removal of an item from the consent agenda, the item shall be removed and given individual consideration for action as a separate agenda item. The Board chair shall determine where on the agenda the former consent item is placed.

Quorum and Abstentions

Except as required by law, the Board shall act by majority vote of all of the membership constituting the Board. (Education Code 35164)

Except when prohibited by law, the Board expects its members to vote on all issues before them. When a member abstains, the abstention shall not be counted for purposes of determining whether a majority of the membership of the Board has taken action.

Provided the Board typically consists of seven members and there are no more than two vacancies on the Board, the vacant position(s) shall not be counted for purposes of determining how many members of the Board constitute a majority. Additionally, whenever any provisions of the Education Code require unanimous action of all or a specific number of the members, the vacant position(s) shall not be counted for purposes of determining the total membership constituting the Board. (Education Code 35165)

Public Participation

Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda or within the Board's jurisdiction. So as not to inhibit public participation, members of the public attending a Board meeting shall not be requested to sign in, complete a questionnaire, or otherwise provide their name or other information as a condition of attending the meeting, except if a member of the public desires to observe the meeting or make public comment through the use of a third party website or online platform as required by the third party provider.

To facilitate public comment, the Board may request that members of the public who wish to give public comment provide their names or other identifying information to determine speaking order.

In order to conduct district business in an orderly and efficient manner, public comment shall occur in accordance with Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda Meeting/Materials and in compliance with the following procedures:

1. The Board shall take no action or discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.2)

2. Board members or district staff members may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by the public about items not appearing on the agenda (Government Code 54954.2)

Additionally, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, Board members or staff members may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on their own activities. (Government Code 54954.2)

In addition, the Board or a Board member may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, ask staff to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action directing staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Government Code 54954.2)

3. A member of the public wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the Board chair

An individual speaker shall be allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the Board. However, the Board chair, or a majority of the Board, may adjust the amount of time allowed for public input and/or the time allotted for each speaker. Any such adjustment shall be done equitably so as to allow a diversity of viewpoints. Additionally, the Board chair may ask members of the public with the same viewpoint to select a few individuals to address the Board on behalf of that viewpoint.

In order to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Board, any member of the public who utilizes a translator shall be provided at least twice the allotted time to address the Board, unless simultaneous translation equipment is used to allow the Board to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously. (Government Code 54954.3)

4. An individual speaker may give some or all of the speaker's time to another speaker, provided that no individual speaker is permitted to speak more than the maximum time permitted per individual speaker pursuant to Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials
5. For any public comment period with a time limit when a remote Board member is attending and participating based on just cause pursuant to Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance, the Board may not close that public comment period or the opportunity to register to provide public comment via the two-way audiovisual platform or two-way audio service until the full time for public comment has elapsed (Government Code 54953.8)

For any other public comment period when a remote Board member is attending and participating based on just cause pursuant to Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance, the Board shall allow a reasonable amount of time to permit members of the public to provide public comment and to register to do so via the two-way audiovisual platform or two-way audio service. (Government Code 54953.8)

6. The Board chair shall determine whether an individual's public comment is within the scope of the public comment period, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. If the public comment is within the scope of a different public comment period, the Board chair shall so indicate
 - b. Public criticism of the Board, individual Board members, the district, its policies, procedures, programs, services, acts, or omissions shall not be prohibited (Government Code 54954.3)
 - c. Public criticism of district employees shall not be prohibited

However, whenever a member of the public initiates specific complaints or charges against an individual employee, the Board chair shall inform the complainant of the appropriate complaint procedure.

Disruptions

The Board chair shall not permit an individual to actually disrupt a Board meeting. Actual disruption by an individual or any conduct or statements that threaten the safety of any person(s) at the meeting shall be grounds for the Board chair to terminate the privilege of addressing the Board for that meeting and remove the individual from the meeting. (Government Code 54957.95)

Prior to removal, the individual shall be warned that the individual's behavior is disrupting the meeting and that failure to cease the disruptive behavior may result in removal. If, after being warned, the individual does not promptly cease the disruptive behavior, the Board chair, or designee, may then remove the individual from the meeting. (Government Code 54957.95)

When an individual's behavior constitutes the use of force or a true threat of force, the individual shall be removed from a Board meeting without a warning. (Government Code 54957.95)

Disrupting means engaging in behavior during a Board meeting that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to, a failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by a legislative body pursuant to Section 54954.3 or any other law, or engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force. (Government Code 54957.95)

True threat of force means a threat that has sufficient indicia of intent and seriousness, that a reasonable observer would perceive it to be an actual threat to use force by the person making the threat. (Government Code 54957.95)

Additionally, the Board may order the room cleared when a group or groups of persons willfully interrupts so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting. In this case, members of the media not participating in the disturbance shall be allowed to remain, and individuals not participating in such disturbances may be allowed to remain at the discretion of the Board. When the room is ordered cleared due to such a group disturbance, further Board proceedings shall concern only matters appearing on the agenda. (Government Code 54957.9)

When such group disruptive conduct occurs, the Board may decide to recess the meeting to help restore order, remove the disruptive individual(s), or clear the room. Additionally, the Board may adjourn the meeting to another time and location specified in an order of adjournment. The Board chair may direct the Superintendent or designee to contact local law enforcement as necessary. (Government Code 54955, 54957.9, 54957.95, 54957.96)

Recording by the Public

Members of the public may record an open Board meeting using an audio or video recorder, still or motion picture camera, cell phone, or other device, provided that the noise, illumination, or obstruction of view does not persistently disrupt the meeting. The Superintendent or designee may designate locations from which members of the public may make such recordings without causing a distraction.

If the Board finds that noise, illumination, or obstruction of view related to these activities would persistently disrupt the proceedings, these activities shall be discontinued or restricted as determined by the Board. (Government Code 54953.5, 54953.6)
